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Refinery heading for planned maintenance

Refining NZ will begin shutting down selected processing units on Friday 1 April for planned maintenance, commencing on Tuesday 5 April 2016.

Over the next four weeks maintenance teams will be replacing hydrocracker catalyst, decoking a furnace, carrying out other maintenance - including repairs resulting from the recent trip on the hydrocracker – and conducting statutory inspections.

The shutdown will see an extra 500 people on site carrying out maintenance 24 hours a day. The shutdown has been scheduled with the refinery's oil company customers to ensure the ongoing availability of fuel products.

Commenting, Refining Manager Peter Gubb said: "As with any of our planned maintenance, we have a well-developed Health, Safety and Environmental plan to ensure this shutdown proceeds safely."

"Residents can expect to see flaring - a carefully managed process that allows hydrocarbons to be vented safely when process units are shutting down and starting up. We will work to minimise this wherever possible, limit any smokiness that may occur and monitor SO₂ emissions to ensure there is minimal impact to the community and the environment."

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