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The EPA said it has reached settlements with Exxon Mobil and Colorado-based PDC Energy to reduce emissions from the companies' chemical plants.

Exxon Mobil will spent \$300 million to install new pollution control and monitoring systems at eight of its Gulf Coast chemical plants as part of a settlement with EPA and the Department of Justice, the agencies said.

The settlement comes after the federal government accused the Exxon of failing to certify that new flaring equipment at the chemical plants met environmental standards. The new installations at Exxon's plants in Texas and Louisiana and will reduce volatile organic compounds emissions by more than 7,000 tons a year and other toxic air pollutants by more than 1,500 tons annually, the EPA said.

As part of the settlement, Exxon will also pay a civil penalty of \$2.5 million, according to the EPA, and also pay \$1 million to plant trees in Baytown, Texas, home to one of its largest refineries.

Separately, energy company PDC will spend an estimated \$19.7 million to upgrade its emissions prevention and monitoring systems at its sites, the EPA said. That settlement includes a \$2.5 million civil penalty.

The work by PDC is scheduled to end by June 30, 2019, and will reduce VOC emissions by an estimated 1,600 tons a year.

WHAT'S NEXT: Public comment on both settlements are open for the next 30 days.

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