

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the Oil Well Inspection Program by the Orphan Well Prevention Act including relevant ordinance changes, and list of oil wells across the City that are likely “orphaned” without a solvent operator to properly plug them.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Blumenfield - Hutt):

INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Fire Department, with assistance from the City Attorney, Office of Finance, and City Administrative Office (CAO), to report to Council with recommendations on updates to the City’s Oil Well Inspection Program necessitated by the state’s Orphan Well Prevention Act including relevant ordinance changes, as well as provide a list of oil wells across the City that are likely “orphaned” without a solvent operator to properly plug and abandon them with recommended next steps for developing a plan to address them.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the CAO nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: Yes.

For:  
Westside Neighborhood Council

Summary:

On April 12, 2024, your Committee considered Motion (Blumenfield - Hutt) relative to the Oil Well Inspection Program by the Orphan Well Prevention Act including relevant ordinance changes, and list of oil wells across the City that are likely “orphaned” without a solvent operator to properly plug them. The Motion attached to the Council file includes some background on the matter.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to approve the recommendation reflected above. This matter is now transmitted to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

<b><u>MEMBER</u></b>	<b><u>VOTE</u></b>
YAROSLAVSKY:	ABSENT
MCOSKER:	YES
RAMAN:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
HERNANDEZ:	YES

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