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Councilmember Monica Rodriguez, Chair
Public Safety Committee

RE: Council File No. 24-0919

On September 27, 2024, the Energy and Environment Committee considered the August 6, 2024 Board of Fire Commissioners report relative to approving a fee study and proposed amendments to adjust bond requirements for oil wells, and collect penalties for violations committed by oil well operators, and related matters. After consideration, and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to make the following recommendations:

1. INSTRUCT the City Administrative Officer and Chief Legislative Analyst in coordination with the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) and Office of Finance to:
 - Conduct a review of the LAFD fee study analysis to determine whether it is adequate and feasible.
 - Provide a recommendation on appropriate bonding levels - including consideration of a tiered system for more complex wells if possible - and discuss other alternative funding mechanisms for addressing orphaned wells.
2. REQUEST the City Attorney to provide a report on how the City Council can provide direction to both the LAFD and the Department of City Planning to require that any well that has been idle for more than one year to be terminated and ordered to be plugged and abandoned. Include any proposed draft ordinance for Council consideration as appropriate.
 - Include in this report an analysis of state law and whether or not they supersede our ability to enforce on the closure of idle wells and how effective they have been at closing idle wells.

3. REQUEST that the report be completed and returned to any committee in no more than 60 days.

This file is now transmitted to the Public Safety Committee.

Respectfully Submitted,



Eric Villanueva
Legislative Assistant

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER:</u>	<u>VOTE:</u>
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Yaroslavsky:	Yes
McOsker:	Yes
Blumenfield:	Absent
De Leon:	Yes
Raman::	Absent