

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: The City must perform a proper Environmental Review of the West Pico Drill Site ("Site") especially of all of the unapproved and illegal projects (over 20) that were allowed to go forward and stay without proper approvals, applications and oversight. We do not even know if the projects were properly constructed. The Categorical Exemption should be rejected because it is improper. The oil spill is a wake up call for a thorough and proper review of this Site by the City. The City and its council members are risking the life, health and safety of the residents of the nearby neighborhoods by not conducting a review of this Site and by not making the owners of the Site and/or wells follow construction and environmental regulations and laws. Oil leaks and fumes from sites like this cause cancer and make people sick who live nearby. There already have been reports of fumes coming from this Site by neighboring businesses and residents. There is also a great risk of fire and explosion. The Site and projects within, many of which were illegally built without proper applications and approvals, should not be in a residential area where risk to life, safety and health is likely. The City Council and the City in failing to conduct a proper Environmental Review of this Site is being grossly negligent and committing a dereliction of duty. The City must follow the California Environmental Quality Act and its own guidelines that say drilling, re-drilling or conversion of oil wells cannot be granted Categorical Exemption from Environmental Review. The illegal approval of By-Right Oil Drilling in the Site case should be reversed because not doing so will hurt the residents of nearby neighborhoods and it will signal a go ahead to other oil companies that that they can do anything without applying for review or approvals.

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of this area who lives a stone's throw away from the oil drilling site: shut it down! This thing is killing us.