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VENTURA COUNTY NON-COASTAL ZONING ORDINANCE

SECTION 8107-5.2

Sec. 8107-5.2 - Application

a. This Section 8107-5 shall apply to all oil and gas exploration and production operations, as provided herein. All existing oil and gas exploration and production operations, including legally existing operations lacking discretionary permits granted under this Chapter, are automatically subject to the oil development standards set forth in Section 8107-5.6 to the extent: (i) such standards would impose greater restrictions than those set forth in existing permit conditions, laws, or regulations applicable to the operation; and (ii) application of such standards would not impair any vested right of an operator under California law.

b. The oil development guidelines set forth in Section 8107-5.5 and oil development standards set forth in Section 8107-5.6 shall be utilized to develop conditions of approval for all new and modified discretionary permits authorizing oil and gas exploration and production operations.

c. Notwithstanding any provision set forth in Article 13 of this Chapter, a new conditional use permit or discretionary permit modification is required under this Chapter to authorize any new oil and gas exploration and production that includes either of the following: (1) the drilling and construction of one or more new wells if any such new well is not specifically identified by location and number in an active discretionary permit issued under this Chapter; or (2) the re-drilling or deepening of one or more existing wells if any such re-drilling or deepening is not specifically authorized in an active discretionary permit issued under this Chapter.

d. The provisions of Section 8107-5 shall apply to oil operations upon federally owned lands for which no land use permit is required by the County. No permit is required by the County for oil operations conducted on federally owned lands pursuant to the provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. § 181 et seq.).