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**To:** ClerkoftheBoard  
**Subject:** Agenda Item Re: Idle Wells throughout Ventura County

To: Chair Long and Ventura County Board of Supervisors:

It is of course preposterous that anyone would want to apply the same standards of safety and environmental and health review of idle oil and gas wells that were drilled many decades earlier when the safety had health impacts of those wells weren't anywhere nearly as studied and known as they are today. Indeed, ALL current gas and/or oil operations throughout the County should be held to the all the current, modern safety, health and environmental standards regardless of when those wells were first initiated, i.e., when the first CUPs were granted for them. One need not be a scientist or expert in the field to completely appreciate that what we know today regarding issues of public health and safety surrounding the impacts of oil and gas production is light-years apart from the more limited knowledge known ten, twenty or forty years ago. Accordingly ALL older, idle wells must

be held to the same current standards and be as accountable as any newly

drilled well is today. Our health, safety and environment will depend on that.

Sincerely,

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