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Dear Ventura County Supervisors,

Hello, I'm writing in support of efforts to amend the County's Zoning Ordinances so that your Planning Division and the public will have better oversight over new oil wells and facilities. This issue is important to not just myself, but to all Ventura County residents & the natural environment in which we are privileged to enjoy.

In Ventura County, thousands of oil wells operate under antiquated permits, and more continue to be drilled without an evaluation of environmental impacts and little to no consideration of nearby natural resources and communities. Antiquated permits present a grave risk to the environment, our climate, precious water supplies, and public health.

Why shouldn't all new wells in Ventura County be required to abide by the same modern standards? If you can't come up with a reasonable, scientific and environmentally-based answer to this question, then protections must be put in place NOW.

Oil companies must not be allowed to drill an unlimited number of wells, for an unlimited amount of time, and without an evaluation of impacts on public health and the environment.

I urge you to please vote to amend the Zoning Ordinance to ensure that new wells and facilities under antiquated permits are subject to environmental review and public notice and hearings. The future of our land depends on it.

Regards,
Preston Ryan

