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Dear Ventura County Supervisors,


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.

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.

All new wells in Ventura County should abide by the same modern standards. 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.

In addition, according to the US Geological Survey, "Fracking consumes a massive amount of water. Anywhere between 1.5 million and 16 million gallons of water may be used to frack a single well". With water such a scarce resource in our County, why would we want to use it in such an unnecessary and harmful way?

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.

Regards,
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