



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

**Clerk of the Board of Supervisors**  
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**Department Name:** CEO  
**Department No.:** 12  
**For Agenda Of:** 5/4/10  
**Placement:** Departmental  
**Estimated Time:** 15 minutes on 5/11/10  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Michael F. Brown, County Executive Officer  
Director:  
Contact Info: Glenn Russell, Ph.D., Director of P&D  
Michael Dyer, Fire Chief  
**SUBJECT: Onshore Oil Facilities Update**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Other Concurrence:**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors set a hearing for May 11, 2010 to receive a report on the status of the onshore facilities inspection program, including the status of the five recommendations concerning new ordinances and staff practices adopted by the Board of Supervisors on January 15, 2008.

**Background:**

Prompted by a crude oil release spill at Greka Energy's Bell Facility in December of 2007, on December 11, 2007, the Board of Supervisors directed staff to develop options to improve the County's regulatory framework for inspection and enforcement of on-shore oil production facilities. County staff developed a set of five recommendations for consideration by the Board of Supervisors at its hearing of January 15, 2008. The Board approved the five recommendations by a 4-0 (1 recusal). The recommendations included:

1. Develop a Multiple Response Ordinance;
2. Develop a High Risk Offender Ordinance;
3. Develop a Centralized Data Base to Compile Violation History;
4. Increase Inspection and Permitting Fees for those Facilities Requiring Extraordinary Time for Inspection; and,
5. Implement Operational Efficiencies.

Additional reports regarding the progress on implementing the recommendations, and on the status of inspections and violations at onshore oil production facilities, were provided on March 11, 2008, May 13, 2008, July 8, 2008, September 23, 2008, January 13, 2009, February 10, 2009, and June 16, 2009. As of the June 16, 2009 report, all recommendations, except Recommendation 3 (Develop a Centralized Data Base to Compile Violation History) have been completed.

The purpose of this report is to report on the status of completing recommendation 3 and shift from special Board Agenda Reports to Data for Decision-making as a reporting tool on the County and Air Pollution Control District inspection and enforcement efforts.

### **Discussion:**

Since the last update to your Board on June 16, 2009, the Air Pollution Control District, County Fire and the County Petroleum Unit completed an additional phase of Recommendation #3 by combining information from the different regulatory agencies into a unified facility program list. A Centralized Database is complete and accessible on the CEOs intranet site in the Data for Decision Making application. The current system is based on the report requirements and the data that was provided by the Fire Department, P&D and APCD in Spring of 2009 and the data are being kept current. County Information Technology Department (ITD) is overseeing development of this system. The following reports derived from the system are attached to this Board Agenda Report. Others are available on the intranet site.

Attachment A - Petroleum Unit's schedule of Onshore Facility Inspection Reports

Attachment B - Fire Prevention Division's schedule of Onshore Facility Inspection Reports

Attachment C - Onshore Facility Spill Report

The focused effort over the past several years has led to improvement in the oversight and reporting of onshore oil production facilities. The current onshore facility inspection team, Petroleum Unit (Planning and Development) and County Fire, will continue to inspect, monitor, respond to, and document all petroleum operations to ensure compliance with all applicable codes in the County of Santa Barbara. The inspection team continues to coordinate with staff of the State Department of Conservation, Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources. Attachment D provides information regarding inspections by the State since the last report to the Board of Supervisors in June 2009.

### **Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

The work of Planning and Development and the Fire Department related to ongoing petroleum inspections, including preparation of this report, is included in the adopted FY 2009-2010 departmental budgets.

### **Attachments:**

Attachment A - Petroleum Unit's schedule of Onshore Facility Inspection Reports

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Attachment D - DOGGR letter dated January 6, 2010