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Dear Santa Barbara County Supervisors,

- I am concerned about the impacts to health, clean air, drinking water, farmland, and climate from the 1,370 idle and orphaned oil and gas wells in Santa Barbara County.
- Our County is not taking adequate steps to investigate, monitor, and regulate idle and orphaned oil and gas wells.
- I request that the Board of Supervisors direct staff to investigate the status and regulation of idle and orphaned wells and provide an annual report at a public hearing, to include:
  1. An inventory of the number and status of oil wells in the County including active, idle, orphaned, and abandoned wells, and the length of time wells have been sitting idle.
  2. All fluid and methane leaks, seeps, noncompliance, violations, and other problems from idle and orphaned wells.
  3. All interagency coordination and actions taken by County Planning and Development, Air Pollution Control District ("APCD"), County Fire, CalGEM, and State Water Board.
  4. All County, APCD, state, and federal ordinances, regulations, inspections, and enforcement programs that regulate idle wells.
  5. All readily available local and State information regarding problems with idle, orphaned, and abandoned oil and gas wells in in the County.
  6. An investigation as to whether bonding is adequate to cover well capping and drill site restoration

Sincerely,  
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