

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Set Hearing for Quarterly Report on Energy Platform/Facility Inspections & Audits

Recommendation(s): That the Board of Supervisors set July 19 for receipt of a quarterly report on energy platform/facility inspections, audits and emergency response drills.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan: The recommendation aligns with Goal No. 2 – A Safe and Healthy Community in which to Live, Work and Visit.

Executive Summary and Discussion: On August 26, 2003, the Board of Supervisors received a report and presentation from the Energy Division, along with the U.S. Minerals Management Service, regarding offshore platform inspections. The Board directed staff to monitor the type and frequency of inspections of coastal energy facilities (offshore and onshore) by federal, state and local agencies. The Board also directed that a quarterly report be prepared, broadly distributed and set for hearing. The July 19 report will cover the period of January to March 2005.

Mandates and Service Levels: The quarterly report is not mandated by federal or state law. However, the level of service activity provided by staff is high and constant. The reportable data and information stems from adopted Board policy (mitigation to the maximum extent feasible) and staff's functional responsibility for compliance monitoring, systems safety and environmental protection.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts: Expenses incurred in analyzing the data and information and preparing the quarterly report are budgeted in Fund 0001, Program 5000, General Administration of the Energy Division, as provided for on page 300 of the FY2004-05 Budget. The costs are fully recovered.

Special Instructions: None.

Concurrence: N/A

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