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SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

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TO: Air Pollution Control District Board

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SUBJECT: Status Update on Oil and Gas Operations

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file a presentation on the status of oil and gas operations in Santa Barbara County.

SUMMARY:

This report provides an annual update on the status of onshore and offshore oil and gas operations in Santa Barbara County, including recent facility activity, inspection, and enforcement data. The update also highlights coordination with partner agencies and upcoming changes driven by state methane reduction and health protection regulations.

BACKGROUND:

On May 24, 2022 the District participated in a Planning and Development (P&D) presentation to the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors related to the 2021 Idle Oil Wells in Santa Barbara County Grand Jury report. In response, several Supervisors requested that a regular oil and gas update be brought to the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District Board of Directors. Since then, regular oil and gas status updates have been presented to your Board on August 17, 2023 and March 20, 2025. This is the third oil and gas status update, and the District will continue with annual reports to your Board at each March Board meeting.

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DISCUSSION:

The District regulates stationary sources of air pollution within Santa Barbara County, including onshore and offshore oil and gas sources, under the authority of the federal Clean Air Act and the California Health and Safety Code. The District issues permits to oil and gas operators that specify limits on the air pollutants they may emit from the facility, and then performs inspections to ensure operators comply with the specified emission limits.

Oil and gas operations permitted by the District include:

- Active, idle, and orphan wells
- Oil and gas plants
- An asphalt refinery
- Oil and gas pump stations
- A natural gas storage facility
- Natural gas odorant and metering stations

The District's interactive Permitted Facilities Map, available on the District's website (<https://map.ourair.org/>), shows the locations of oil and gas facilities and other air pollution sources permitted by the District.

Onshore Operations

Onshore oil and gas operations are generally located in northern Santa Barbara County and concentrated in the Santa Maria Valley, Orcutt Hill, Cat Canyon, Los Alamos, and Cuyama areas. Attachment A provides a map showing the locations of onshore oil wells, as well as state-designated oilfield boundaries in Santa Barbara County. Attachment B includes the status of onshore oil and gas facilities that are undergoing recent/upcoming changes. There are 18 facilities listed in this attachment with changes including transfers, decommissioning, new projects, etc.

There are two significant pipeline systems within Santa Barbara County: one owned by Pacific Pipeline Company and one owned by Phillips 66. The pipeline owned by Pacific Pipeline Company was formerly owned and operated by Plains All-American Pipeline and consists of CA-324 (formerly Line 901) along the Gaviota coast, and CA-325 (formerly Line 903), running from Gaviota to Kern County. This pipeline is currently out of service, but until its rupture and closure in May 2015, it provided crude oil transportation for six offshore platforms. The second pipeline system, owned by Phillips 66, consists of Line 300 and its associated feeder lines which originate at the Lompoc Oil and Gas Plant and transported oil to the Phillips 66 Santa Maria Refinery in San Luis Obispo County. This pipeline system is currently idle but previously carried crude oil from Platform Irene, the Lompoc Field, and other onshore sources to the Phillips 66 Santa Maria Refinery until it closed in January 2023. The District does not have direct regulatory authority over these pipelines, but does regulate the pumps, tanks, fugitive components, emission control systems, diesel generators and other equipment at the associated pump stations and gate valves.

Offshore Platforms

There are 16 offshore oil and gas platforms located in the State Tidelands and Outer Continental Shelf adjacent to Santa Barbara County. The District directly regulates all 16 platforms, based on delegated authority from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA).

Attachment C provides a map showing the locations of these offshore platforms and the related onshore facilities, as well as the major pipeline systems. Attachment D includes the status of these 16 platforms. Of note, only five of the 16 platforms are currently operational. Three platforms are in various stages of restart in anticipation of a method to get oil to the market, and one platform is idle while awaiting a method to get oil to the market. The seven remaining platforms are in various stages of being decommissioned. Of the seven platforms that are being decommissioned, two platforms - Hogan and Houchin – have been granted variances by the District’s Hearing Board for relief from fugitive hydrocarbon component emission limits, operational limits, and leak and repair requirements until December 31, 2027.

Permit Program

The District’s oil and gas permitting program ensures oil and gas facilities are designed, constructed, and operated in compliance with local, state, and federal rules and regulations. All new facilities and modifications at existing facilities are subject to New Source Review (NSR) permitting, with requirements including best available control technology (BACT), air quality impact analysis (AQIA) and health risk assessment (HRA) modeling, and emission offsets triggered at different emissions thresholds. In general, the larger the project, the more rigorous the NSR permitting requirements. The pollutants of concern for oil and gas operations include fugitive reactive organic compound (ROC) and methane (GHG) emissions from equipment such as tanks, loading racks, valves, and flanges, and criteria pollutant emissions (NO_x, CO, SO_x, PM/PM₁₀) from fuel burning equipment such as engines, boilers, and steam generators. The District currently has 183 permitted oil and gas facilities with 398 active permits.

Inspections

District compliance staff perform inspections of new oil and gas sources after initial operations have commenced and then conduct routine inspections at each source on a regular basis thereafter. Major oil and gas sources (i.e., those that have the potential to emit 100 tons per year or more of any pollutant) are routinely inspected two to four times per year. The remaining small and medium oil and gas sources are routinely inspected once per year, once every two years, or once every three years. The inspection frequency for the small and medium sources is determined by considering the compliance history of the source, District priorities and workload, and staffing levels.

During inspections, District staff evaluate all oil and gas equipment that have a potential to emit air pollution including oil and gas wells, fugitive components such as valves and flanges, tanks, loading racks, steam generators, engines and boilers. District staff also use the following equipment for these inspections:

- FLIR GFX 320 Infrared Camera: Detects the presence of fugitive hydrocarbons, but does not quantify emissions.
- Toxic Vapor Analyzer (TVA) 2020: Detects and quantifies fugitive hydrocarbons from equipment such as tanks, valves and flanges, etc.
- Jerome J605 Hydrogen Sulfide (H₂S) Analyzer: Measures H₂S in the ambient air.
- Personal H₂S Monitor: Alerts the individual that there is 10 ppm (low level warning) or 15 ppm (high level warning) H₂S in the ambient air.
- H₂S Colorimetric Tube and Pump: Quantifies H₂S in a gas stream.

In limited situations, such as public nuisance and/or hazardous releases, the District may also use additional equipment to evaluate the community air quality impacts. The District has a

specialized trailer-mounted system called the AirPointer that measures particulate matter (PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀), hydrogen sulfide (H₂S), benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylene (BTEX), ozone, and meteorological conditions (wind, temperature). The system can be deployed quickly to a secure location with power and has the ability to store and transmit data in real-time. More information is available at: www.ourair.org/portable-monitors/. Summa canister sampling may also be utilized to determine the concentration of specific pollutants in the ambient air.

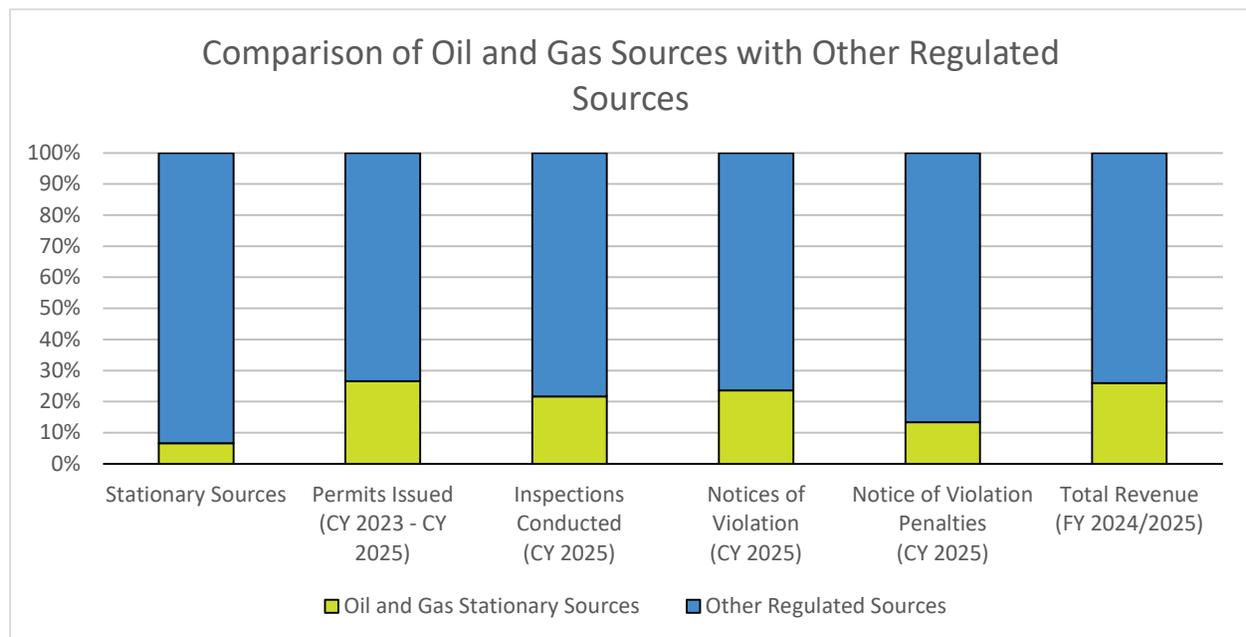
Enforcement

The District issues Notices of Violation (NOVs) for failing to comply with permit conditions, and/or local, state, and federal rules and regulations. The primary purpose of a NOV is to initiate corrective action by a stationary source to reduce air pollution and comply with the applicable requirements. To provide an incentive for continuing compliance, NOVs may result in monetary penalties. If an NOV is not immediately rectified, District staff follow up with the source to ensure compliance is achieved. When compliance is not achieved in a timely manner, the District pursues actions that require a company to take specific actions and include variances, compliance agreements, orders for abatement, and civil/criminal prosecution.

Compliance Statistics

Summaries of the District’s oil and gas stationary source inspections, NOVs issued, methane leak violations found, amount of monetary penalties collected, and the number of active and idle wells by company are found in Attachment E. In 2025, the District conducted 126 inspections, issued 67 NOVs, and collected \$148,730 in NOV penalties for oil and gas operations in Santa Barbara County.

As identified in the following chart, oil and gas operations currently make up 7% of the District’s regulated stationary sources. Between 2023 and 2025, 27% of the permits issued by the District were for oil and gas sources. In 2025, oil and gas operations accounted for 22% of all of the compliance inspections the District conducted, 24% of the NOVs issued, and 13% of the NOV penalties received. Lastly, in fiscal year (FY) 2024/2025, the revenue from oil and gas sources was 26% of the total operating revenue received by the District.



Over the last decade, the District has seen decreases in oil and gas production in Santa Barbara County, due in part to the 2015 Plains All-American Pipeline rupture, the 2023 Phillips 66 Santa Maria Refinery closure, the California Asphalt Production Santa Maria Asphalt Refinery shutdown, bankruptcies, and relinquished oil leases. With the associated onshore and offshore oil and gas well plugging and abandoning efforts, the District has already experienced a change in workload from 182 oil and gas inspections conducted in 2019, that went to 126 inspections in 2025. The District has also experienced reduced revenue from fees associated with annual emissions, source testing, monitoring, and reimbursable labor collected from the affected oil industry, and we expect to see further changes in the future.

The District and your Board have taken actions to address this forecasted budget deficit. In FY 2023-24, the District conducted a Cost-Recovery and Fee Analysis Study (Fee Study) to determine the cost-recovery percentage achieved by the District for our stationary source programs. The results of the Fee Study showed that in FY 2023-24 the District was recovering only 47% of its costs to implement mandated fee-based programs. In January 2024 your Board unanimously adopted the Cost-Recovery Policy to ensure our agency achieves an 85% cost-recovery for the regulatory program activities. This was followed with Board action at your May 2024 meeting to revise the District's fee rule, Rule 210, to secure better cost-recovery from the District's stationary source program and align permit fees with individual program costs.

Interagency Coordination

The District coordinates with multiple agencies while regulating oil and gas operations, including:

- Santa Barbara County P&D Energy Minerals and Compliance Division
- Santa Barbara County Fire Department
- Santa Barbara County Public Health Environmental Health Services
- California Air Resources Board (CARB)
- California Department of Conservation, Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM)
- California Coastal Commission
- California Environmental Protection Agency
- Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
- US EPA
- Federal Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE)
- Federal Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)

The District also participates in the Santa Barbara County Systems Safety & Reliability Review Committee (SSRRC), which was established by the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors in 1986 to identify and require correction of possible design and operational hazards for oil and gas projects prior to construction and startup and for project modifications. SSRRC member agencies include Santa Barbara County P&D, Santa Barbara County Fire Department, and the District. The SSRRC meets on a monthly basis and conducts Safety, Inspection, Maintenance and Quality Assurance Program (SIMQAP) audits at oil and gas facilities several times a year. More information is available at: www.countyofsb.org/1696/Systems-Safety-Reliability-Review-Commit.

Santa Barbara County Plans to Phaseout Oil & Gas Operations

In October 2025, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors authorized and directed County staff to develop an ordinance prohibiting the drilling of new oil and gas wells, and to begin preparing a Request for Proposals for an amortization study to determine an appropriate period to phase out existing oil and gas facilities/operations. These changes would apply to onshore oil and gas operations in Santa Barbara County and would not affect offshore operations. For the first phase of the project - the prohibition on new oil and gas well drilling - the District does not anticipate workload or revenue impacts due to the historically low number of new oil wells drilled. In the last 10 years, the District issued 1,000 permits for new projects, of which only 15 were for new oil and gas wells. The permit fees for those permits totaled about \$82,500, representing far less than 1% of the District's revenue during that period.

The second step of the project - phasing out existing oil and gas facility operations – is expected to take effect in approximately 20 to 30 years, depending on the results of the amortization study. The District's Long-Range Fiscal Strategy is reviewed every five years to ensure the District has sufficient resources to accomplish its mission and mandates into the foreseeable future. Any future changes to oil and gas revenue will be identified and addressed through that review process.

California Assembly Bill (AB) 1647 – Petroleum Refineries: Air Monitoring Systems

Petroleum refineries are among the largest stationary sources of air pollution in California. In recent years, community concerns over emissions from refineries and the potential for community exposure to air contaminants, both from routine facility operations and potential releases due to upset conditions or emergency situations, has increased. Assembly Bill (AB) 1647, Petroleum Refineries: Air Monitoring Systems, passed in 2017, contains requirements for fence-line air monitoring and community air monitoring for refineries operating in California by January 2020. District Rule 364 was developed to address and implement these requirements for refineries in Santa Barbara County. At present, the Santa Maria Asphalt Refinery is the only refinery located in Santa Barbara County.

Efforts to Address Methane Emissions

Since 1979, the District has enforced Rule 331, Fugitive Emissions Inspection and Maintenance, which regulates fugitive leaks at onshore and offshore oil and gas facilities. In addition, the District also implements the CARB Greenhouse Gas Emission Standards for Crude Oil and Natural Gas Facilities Regulation (Oil and Gas Methane Regulation). The Oil and Gas Methane Regulation was adopted in 2017 and is designed to reduce methane emissions from oil and gas production, processing, storage, and transmission stations, which account for four percent of methane emissions in California.

In 2023, the CARB Board adopted amendments to the Oil and Gas Methane Regulation which became effective on April 1, 2024. These amendments better aligned the regulation with US EPA requirements, made improvements based on implementation experience, and included administrative changes to make it easier for regulated sources to understand and adhere to the regulation.

On August 15, 2024, CARB held a public workshop to discuss potential amendments to the Oil and Gas Methane Regulation to implement US EPA's Emissions Guidelines. The District participated in this effort by attending agency meetings and providing feedback to CARB during

the rulemaking process in April 2025. No further updates have been provided by CARB since then. More information is available at: ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/oil-and-natural-gas-production-processing-and-storage/workshops-meetings.

On a statewide level, CalGEM and CARB are jointly leading the Methane Task Force, with the goal of identifying and responding to methane leaks from oil infrastructure near communities, as well as addressing the impact methane has on climate change. The Task Force convenes on a regular basis to share updates on statewide efforts aimed at addressing methane leaks from oil and gas infrastructure, and to elevate opportunities for public and local agency engagement. More information is available at: www.conservation.ca.gov/calgem/Pages/Methane-Task-Force.aspx.

Lastly, as part of the California Satellite Methane Project, CARB is utilizing satellite-based methane plume imagers to quickly detect and identify high-emitting methane sources throughout the State. CARB uses this data to work with regional and local agencies and industry so they can repair methane leaks more quickly. More information is available at: ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/california-satellite-methane-project.

California Senate Bill 1137 – Health Protection Zones for Oil and Gas Facilities

California Senate Bill 1137 (SB 1137), Establishment of Health Protection Zones, Oil and Gas Production Wells and Production Facilities, was signed into law by Governor Newsom in September of 2022. SB 1137 establishes health protection zones around sensitive receptors located within 3,200 feet of oil and gas production wells and production facilities, bans the development of new oil and gas wells in the health protection zone, and requires operators of existing oil and gas wells in the health protection zone to develop and submit a leak detection and response plan.

Under SB 1137, CARB is responsible for developing a statewide regulation that implements the Leak Detection and Response Plans which includes performance standards for the continuously operating emission detection system that operators of oil and gas facilities will be required to install within health protection zones. CARB staff are currently in the preliminary development phase of the rulemaking process. The District is participating in an Air District Advisory Group to provide feedback and insight to CARB during the formation of their proposal.

CARB and CalGEM held two public workshops on March 19, 2025 and March 20, 2025 to discuss joint rulemaking activities related to SB 1137. CARB anticipates finalizing this rulemaking in 2027, with a target effective date in 2028. More information is available at: ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/senate-bill-1137-establishment-health-protection-zones-oil-and-gas-production.

Orphan Oil and Gas Operations

CalGEM recently completed the permanent closure of 3 more oil and gas wells that were orphaned through the HVI Cat Canyon bankruptcy process, bringing the total to 174 of 210 wells. The remaining wells are being addressed in subsequent phases of the project, since they will require more complex remedial work. The District works closely with CalGEM to ensure compliance with all District regulatory requirements.

CalGEM also created an Orphaned Well Prioritization Map, available here: <https://maps.conservation.ca.gov/calgem/orphanwells/>. This interactive map shows the locations of wells included in the California State Well Plugging and Sealing Project, managed by CalGEM. Once CalGEM determines that a well is orphaned – meaning no responsible operator remains – the State is able to proceed with State plugging and sealing. According to the Orphaned Well Prioritization Map, as of November 2025, there are 371 orphaned wells in Santa Barbara County. The status of these 371 wells are as follows:

- 1 well in Phase I - The highest priority wells for plugging and sealing due to risk factors such as leaks, age, or location.
- 11 well in Phase II – The second-highest priority wells for plugging and sealing.
- 188 wells that are not assigned a Phase – These wells have received a Plug & Seal (P&S) order from CalGEM but have not yet been assigned to a Phase.
- 171 wells that have been plugged by the State – These wells have been permanently closed and sealed by the State.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The costs for the efforts and activities described above are included in the budget approved by your Board. The District's Long-Range Fiscal Strategy is reviewed every five years to ensure the District has necessary resources to accomplish its mission and mandates into the foreseeable future. Any future changes to oil and gas revenue will be captured and addressed through that review.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Map of Existing Onshore Oil & Gas Wells & State-designated Oil Field Boundaries
- B. Status of Onshore Oil and Gas Facilities with Recent/Upcoming Changes
- C. Map Showing Offshore Production Facilities and Pipeline Transportation Infrastructure
- D. Status of Offshore Oil and Gas Platforms
- E. Oil and Gas Compliance Statistics, 2025

ATTACHMENT A

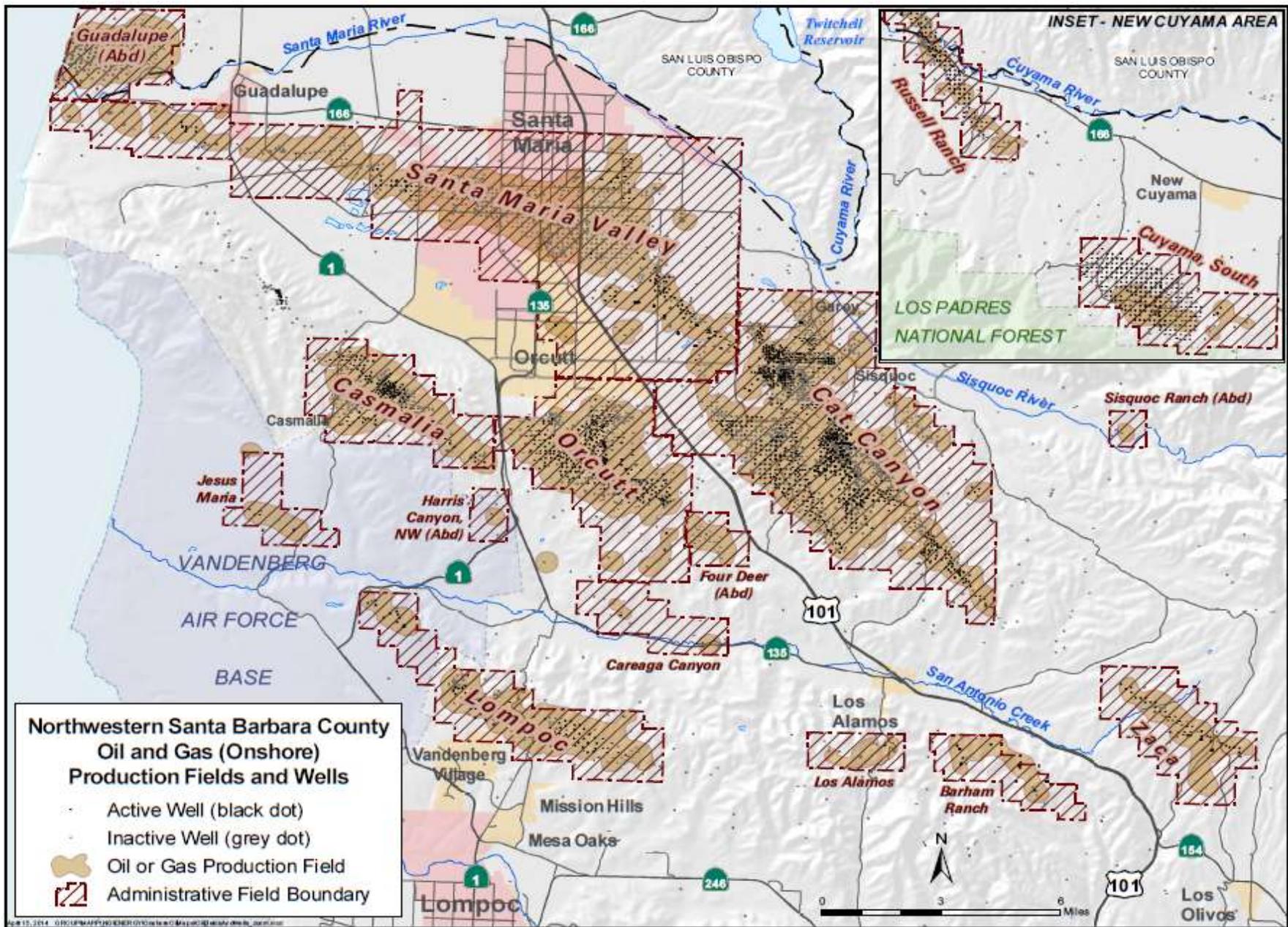
Map of Existing Onshore Oil & Gas Wells &
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ATTACHMENT B

Status of Onshore Oil & Gas Facilities
with Recent/Upcoming Changes

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Status of Onshore Oil and Gas Facilities with Recent/Upcoming Changes

	Facility	Company	Status	Details
1	3 Onshore Oil and Gas Leases	PRE Resources	Idle	Ceased oil and gas production in 2022 due to no sales contracts.
2	4 Pipeline / Pump Station Facilities	Phillips 66 Pipeline	Idle	Idle due to Phillips 66 Santa Maria Refinery closure in January 2023.
3	22 Onshore Oil and Gas Leases	Cat Canyon Resources	Idle	Ceased oil and gas production in June 2024 for financial reasons.
4	26 Onshore Oil and Gas Leases	HVI Cat Canyon, Inc. Orphaned Oil Leases	Plugging and Abandoning	CalGEM plugged and abandoned 174 of the 210 wells that were orphaned through the bankruptcy process. CalGEM is planning to plug and abandon the remaining wells as part of their state abandonment efforts.
5	Careaga Lease	Newbridge Acquisition Holdings, LLC.	Microturbine Project	District permit issued in February 2026 for two microturbines for onsite electrical power generation.
6	Carpinteria Gas Plant	Chevron U.S.A., Inc.	Decommissioning	Undergoing decommissioning. Emission Reduction Credits in process.
7	Casmalia Field NW	Santa Maria Energy, LLC.	Plugged and Abandoned	Facility has been decommissioned and wells were plugged and abandoned.
8	Davis Lease	Pacific Coast Energy Acquisitions, LLC.	Microturbine Project	District permit application received in July 2025 for one microturbine for onsite electrical power generation.
9	Hidden Canyon	West Bay Exploration Company	Plugged and Abandoned	Drilled exploratory test well, but never produced. Plugged and abandoned in 2025.
10	Lompoc Oil and Gas Plant	Freeport-McMoRan Oil & Gas, LLC.	Non-Operational	Non-operational since December 2022 due to Phillips 66 Santa Maria Refinery closure in January 2023 and the associated shut-in status of Platform Irene.
11	Lompoc Oil Fields	Sentinel Peak Resources	Trucking Application	Application for new truck loading rack and related trucking operations approved by SBC P&D in April 2024 and currently in appeal process.
12	Orcutt Hill	Pacific Coast Energy Company LP	Pipeline Application	Application for bi-directional pipeline between Orcutt Hill leases submitted to SBC P&D is currently incomplete.
13	Pt Arguello Pipeline Decommissioning	Freeport-McMoRan Oil & Gas, LLC.	Pipeline Decommissioning Application	Application for decommissioning the onshore and offshore pipeline (within 3 nautical miles) submitted to SBC P&D and deemed complete. Environmental review is in process.
14	Santa Maria Asphalt Refinery	CAP Resolution Partners	Preparing to Restart	CAP Resolution Partners, LLC. purchased the refinery through the bankruptcy process in October 2025 and are currently preparing the facility to restart operations.
15	Santa Ynez Unit Oil and Gas Plant (Las Flores Canyon and POPCO)	Sable Offshore Corp.	Initial Restart Operations	Facility began initial restart operations in April 2025, in anticipation of a method to get oil to market.
16	Tunnel Lease	Asphalta, LLC.	Microturbine Project	Application for one microturbine for onsite electrical power generation and hot water heat recovery submitted to SBC P&D and currently incomplete.
17	Waite Bradley/Brookings Lease	BE Conway Energy, Inc.	Plugged and Abandoned	Facility has been decommissioned and wells were plugged and abandoned in June 2023.
18	Wheat Lease	Off Broadway Mineral	Plugged and Abandoned	Facility has been decommissioned and wells were plugged and abandoned in 2023.

ATTACHMENT C

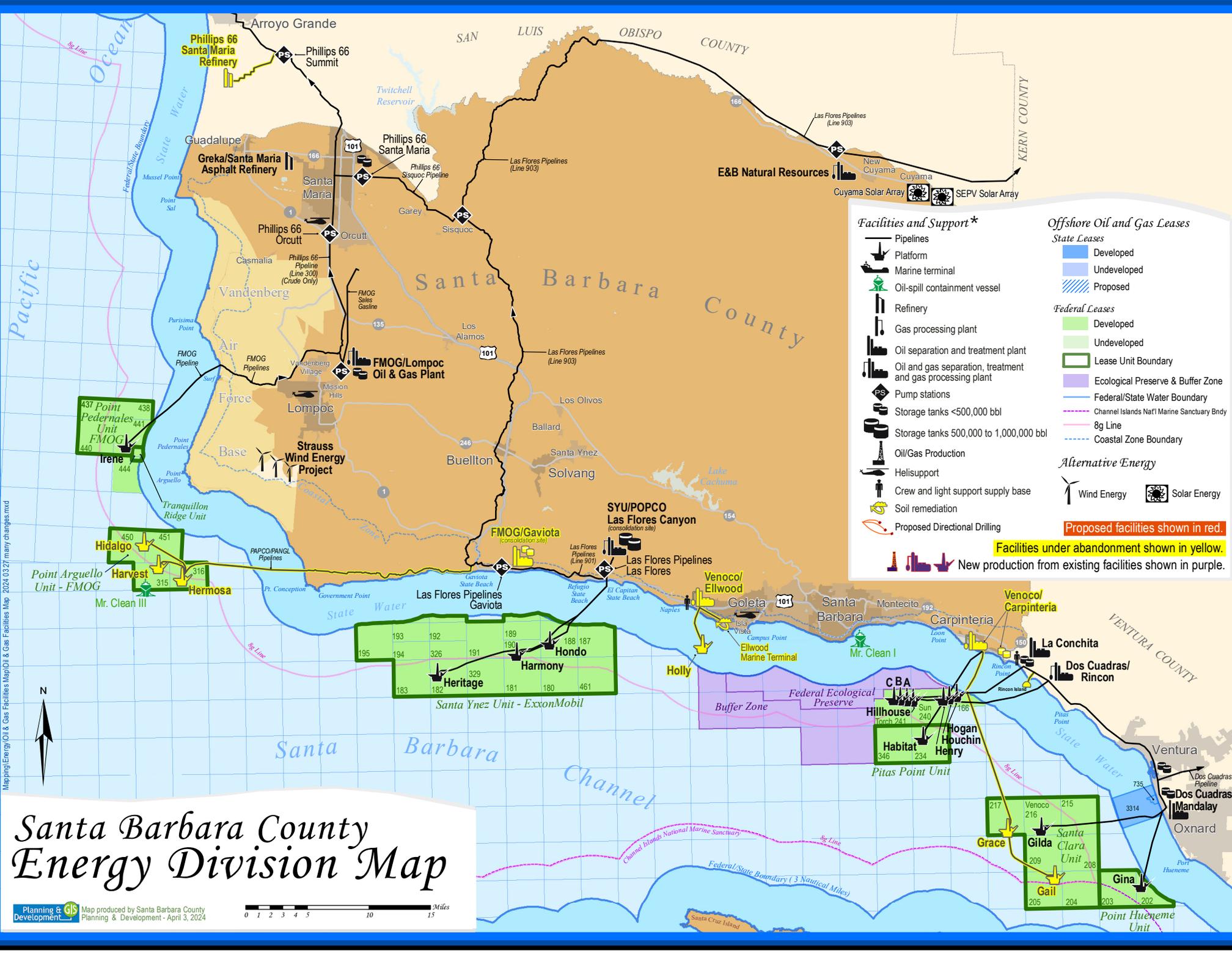
Map Showing Offshore Production Facilities and Pipeline Transportation Infrastructure

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Facilities and Support*

- Pipelines
- Platform
- Marine terminal
- Oil-spill containment vessel
- Refinery
- Gas processing plant
- Oil separation and treatment plant
- Oil and gas separation, treatment and gas processing plant
- Pump stations
- Storage tanks <500,000 bbl
- Storage tanks 500,000 to 1,000,000 bbl
- Oil/Gas Production
- Helisupport
- Crew and light support supply base
- Soil remediation
- Proposed Directional Drilling

Offshore Oil and Gas Leases

State Leases

- Developed
- Undeveloped
- Proposed

Federal Leases

- Developed
- Undeveloped
- Lease Unit Boundary
- Ecological Preserve & Buffer Zone
- Federal/State Water Boundary
- Channel Islands Nat'l Marine Sanctuary Bndy
- 8g Line
- Coastal Zone Boundary

Alternative Energy

- Wind Energy
- Solar Energy

Proposed facilities shown in red.

Facilities under abandonment shown in yellow.

New production from existing facilities shown in purple.

Santa Barbara County Energy Division Map



ATTACHMENT D

Status of Offshore Oil and Gas Platforms

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	Facility	Company	Status	Details
1	Platform A	DCOR, LLC.	Operational	
2	Platform B	DCOR, LLC.	Operational	
3	Platform C	DCOR, LLC.	Operational	
4	Platform Habitat	DCOR, LLC.	Plugging and Abandoning	Well abandonment activities began in 2025 and are still underway. Emission Reduction Credits processed.
5	Platform Harmony	Sable Offshore Corp.	Initial Restart Operations	Facility began initial restart operations in April 2025, in anticipation of a method to get oil to market.
6	Platform Harvest	Freeport-McMoRan Oil & Gas, LLC.	Plugged and Abandoned	Plugged and Abandoned; conductors have been removed. Platform decommissioning will follow Environmental Review. Emission Reduction Credits in process.
7	Platform Henry	DCOR, LLC.	Operational	
8	Platform Heritage	Sable Offshore Corp.	Initial Restart Operations	Facility began initial restart operations in January 2026, in anticipation of a method to get oil to market.
9	Platform Hermosa	Freeport-McMoRan Oil & Gas, LLC.	Plugged and Abandoned	Plugged and Abandoned; conductors have been removed. Platform decommissioning will follow Environmental Review. Emission Reduction Credits in process.
10	Platform Hidalgo	Freeport-McMoRan Oil & Gas, LLC.	Plugged and Abandoned	Plugged and Abandoned; conductors have been removed. Platform decommissioning will follow Environmental Review. Emission Reduction Credits in process.
11	Platform Hillhouse	DCOR, LLC.	Operational	
12	Platform Hogan	Pacific Operators Offshore, LLC. Oil Leases Relinquished to the Federal Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement	Plugging and Abandoning	Plugging and abandoning work is underway.
13	Platform Holly	California State Lands Commission	Plugged and Abandoned	Plugged and Abandoned; conductors have been removed. Platform decommissioning will follow Environmental Review. Notice of Preparation scoping meetings were held in Goleta in February 2026. Emission Reduction Credits in process.
14	Platform Hondo	Sable Offshore Corp.	Preparing to Restart	Facility is preparing to restart operations, in anticipation of a method to get oil to market.
15	Platform Houchin	Pacific Operators Offshore, LLC. Oil Leases Relinquished to the Federal Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement	Preparing for Plugging and Abandonment	Undergoing modifications, repairs and maintenance to prepare for future plugging and abandoning activities. Plugging and abandoning operations will commence when the platform is physically capable and after Platform Hogan is completed.
16	Platform Irene	Freeport-McMoRan Oil & Gas, LLC.	Plugging and Abandoning / Idle	Shut-in since December 2022 due to Phillips 66 Santa Maria Refinery closure in January 2023. Plugging and abandoning some of the wells. At this time there is no plan to completely plug and abandon all of the wells. Restart of remaining wells is awaiting method to get oil to market.

ATTACHMENT E

Oil and Gas Compliance Statistics
2025

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Oil and Gas Compliance Statistics 2025

Company	Oil & Gas Stationary Sources ¹	Inspections	Notices of Violation	Methane Leak Violations ²	Notice of Violation Penalties Received ³	Active Oil & Gas Wells ⁴	Idle Oil & Gas Wells ⁴
1 Asphalta, LLC.	1	1	0	0	\$600	27	8
2 BE Conway Energy, Inc.	6	0	0	0	\$0	53	7
3 California Resources Production Corp.	1	0	0	0	\$0	0	23
4 California State Lands Commission	1	0	0	0	\$0	0	20
5 CAP Resolution Partners, LLC. ⁵	1	1	2	0	\$91,400	N/A	N/A
6 Cat Canyon Resources, LLC.	4	4	27	1	\$0	229	396
7 Chevron Phillips Chemical Company LP	1	0	0	0	\$0	N/A	N/A
8 Chevron U.S.A., Inc.	1	1	0	0	\$0	0	3
9 County of Santa Barbara - Public Works	1	0	1	0	\$0	N/A	N/A
10 DCOR, LLC.	2	22	2	2	\$13,370	202	1
11 E&B Natural Resources Management Corp.	2	4	1	0	\$0	98	215
12 Elysium Russell, LLC.	1	1	0	0	\$0	22	52
13 Freeport-McMoRan Oil & Gas, LLC.	2	10	1	0	\$10,120	0	17
14 Globe Oil Exploration LTD	1	1	0	0	\$0	2	0
15 HDT, Inc.	1	1	2	0	\$0	3	3
16 HVI Cat Canyon, Inc. ⁶	8	6	0	0	\$0	0	42
17 Krummrich Engineering Corp.	1	0	2	0	\$620	1	3
18 Newbridge Acquisition Holdings, LLC.	1	1	2	1	\$0	80	24
19 Newbridge Resources, LLC.	1	0	0	0	\$0	9	0
20 NGO Transportation, LLC.	1	0	0	0	\$0	N/A	N/A
21 Off Broadway Mineral	1	0	0	0	\$0	0	2
22 Pacific Coast Energy Acquisitions, LLC.	7	18	13	15	\$6,650	6	32
23 Pacific Coast Energy Company LP	1	16	2	2	\$3,510	170	63
24 Pacific Offshore Pipeline Company	1	1	0	0	\$0	N/A	N/A
25 Pacific Operators Offshore, LLC. ⁷	1	8	1	0	\$0	0	55
26 Pacific Pipeline Company	8	1	0	0	\$0	N/A	N/A
27 Petroleum Solids Control, Inc.	1	0	0	0	\$0	N/A	N/A
28 Phillips 66 Pipeline, LLC.	4	0	4	0	\$0	N/A	N/A
29 PRE Resources, Inc.	3	0	0	0	\$0	0	9
30 Purisima Hills, LLC.	1	0	0	0	\$13,100	28	4
31 Sable Offshore Corp.	1	16	7	2	\$0	0	90
32 Santa Maria Energy, LLC.	1	0	0	0	\$0	0	13
33 Sentinel Peak Resources California, LLC.	1	7	0	0	\$0	61	26
34 Sierra Resources, Inc.	1	0	0	0	\$0	3	0
35 Soladino Energy Partners	1	0	0	0	\$0	53	13
36 Southern California Gas Company	9	6	0	0	\$9,360	23	0
37 Temblor Petroleum Company, LLC.	1	0	0	0	\$0	0	2
38 Texican Energy Corp.	1	0	0	0	\$0	0	0
39 West Bay Exploration Company	1	0	0	0	\$0	0	0
Totals	83	126	67	23	\$148,730	1,070	1,123

Notes

1. "Stationary Source" means any building, structure, facility, or installation which emits or may emit any affected pollutant directly or as a fugitive emission. See District Rule 102 definition: www.ourair.org/wp-content/uploads/rule102.pdf.
2. Methane leak violations means leaks detected in violation of District Rule 331: www.ourair.org/wp-content/uploads/rule331.pdf or District Rule 325: <https://www.ourair.org/wp-content/uploads/rule325.pdf>.
3. Oil and gas penalties received in 2025 were for 52 NOVs that were issued between October 2017 and September 2025.
4. Onshore oil and gas well totals and well status information is for District-permitted sources listed in the California Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM) Well Statewide Tracking and Reporting System (WellSTAR) database, available here: <https://wellstar-public.conservation.ca.gov/General/PublicDownloads/Index>. Offshore oil and gas well totals and well status information is from District permits.
5. Penalties were paid by CAP Resolution Partners, LLC. for NOVs issued to California Asphalt Production, Inc. in order to transfer the facility.
6. Orphaned oil and gas leases through the bankruptcy process.
7. Oil leases were relinquished to the Federal Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement.