

DID YOU KNOW?

KERN COUNTY OIL & GAS

SUPPLEMENTAL RECIRCULATED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (SREIR)



WHAT IS THE OIL & GAS SUPPLEMENTAL RECIRCULATED EIR?

In 2015, Kern County certified a final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and adopted an Ordinance governing the permitting of oil & gas activities within the County. Several parties filed lawsuits challenging the Ordinance and EIR, but the trial court upheld them with the exception of two limited issues which were addressed in a supplemental EIR. In early 2020, the Court of Appeal determined that the county should revisit five of the seventeen areas addressed in the original EIR.

The result is an additional study of those areas (the Draft Supplemental Recirculated Environmental Impact Report or SREIR) and that is currently underway.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR CONTINUED OIL PRODUCTION IN KERN?

Unfortunately, the Court of Appeal voided the County permitting program rather than leaving the Oil and Gas Ordinance in place while the County and industry work to correct the deficiencies in the EIR. Therefore, it is vitally important that the SREIR is completed and makes its way through the public hearing process in 2021, so that Kern County can continue providing the oil and gas that California so desperately needs. The state currently imports 2/3 of our oil and gas requirements – some of that from foreign nations like Saudi Arabia. Kern Citizens for Energy advocates for producing this much-needed energy right here in Kern County.

WHAT IS UP NEXT IN THE SREIR PROCESS?

The recirculation of the draft SREIR was released by the County on October 30th for a CEQA required 45-day public comment period. During that time, the County hosted a virtual public briefing workshop to provide an overview of the draft document and take online public comments.

A public hearing has been scheduled with the Kern County Planning Commission to consider the project for recommendation for approval, conditional approval or denial to the Kern County Board of Supervisors.

Original Oil & Gas EIR Produced Unprecedented Environmental Benefits & Community Safeguards

Air Quality



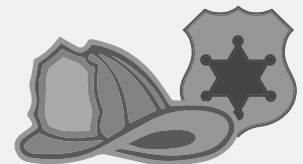
The industry is committed to tens of millions annually to go toward new air emission reductions in the Valley

Roads



The industry is required to contribute up to \$60 million in road improvements for critically needed Kern County transportation projects

Public Safety



The industry contributes millions of dollars to provide for our public safety and their resources

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