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Setting the Record Straight on the Inglewood Oil Field

Prompted by the release of a state report on hydraulic fracking in California, Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas issued a [letter](#) to the California Council on Science and Technology noting his concern that the report may have not taken into consideration the extensive amount of environmental review and monitoring that has been done, and is required on an ongoing basis, to ensure that the Inglewood Oil Field, one of the largest urban oil fields in the nation, continues to operate in a manner that protects the health, safety and wellbeing of residents.

“I want to make it very clear to the residents of my district,” said the Supervisor. “There is no hydraulic fracking happening in the Inglewood Oil Field and there are currently no plans to so. The Inglewood Oil Field is unique precisely because of the extensive regulations, monitoring and continuing research that makes the public’s health and safety the first priority.”

One of the main concerns highlighted in the council’s report addresses ground water issues. At the Inglewood Oil Field, the ground water is monitored on a quarterly basis and no contamination has been identified. In fact, the majority of

the wells are dry and it has been determined by experts that the wells underneath the field are not being tapped for water supply.

Additional information, such as a comprehensive peer-reviewed community health assessment, a study of the impacts of hydraulic fracking, as well as a multi-year long air quality monitoring study of the perimeter of the oil field, has been completed and finds no significant health or environmental impacts that could be correlated with drilling activities. These documents, and other required reports can be reviewed at <http://planning.lacounty.gov/baldwinhills>.

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