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STATEMENT OF POLICY RELATIVE TO
THE LOCATION OF ON-SHORE OIL FACILITIES

WHEREAS, the oil industry anticipates a need for on-shore sites for oil and gas handling facilities to serve off-shore and coastal shelf production, and

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County acknowledges the probable need for such on-shore facilities, and

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County recognizes that its recreational and scenic resources, as well as its residential environment, represent the highest and best use of the land in this area and recognizes its responsibility to protect and preserve them;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. This policy shall apply to all applications for construction or expansion of oil and gas handling facilities in that portion of Santa Barbara County generally bounded by Point Conception on the west, the ridge line of the Santa Ynez mountains on the north, the Ventura County line on the east, and the three mile limit line on the south.
- B. Any on-shore oil or gas handling facilities serving off-shore and coastal shelf production shall be compatible with the present and potential recreational and scenic resources and the residential environment of this area.
- C. For clarification of terms the following definitions of oil and gas handling facilities shall apply to this policy statement:
 - Class I - Marine terminals including storage and loading equipment.
 - Class II - Tank farms for storage of oil and gas production to be shipped to marine terminals or to be transported by pipe lines.
 - Class III - Oil and gas handling facilities for the general purpose of separating water and gas (to include the fractionation of propane and butane), removal of impurities, and measuring.
 - Class IV - Refining of oil and gas products.
- D. 1. The County will favor no more than one additional Class I facility to those now in existence.
2. The County will not favor any new Class II or Class III facilities within three miles of any existing facilities, not to be construed as an automatic approval of facilities where the spacing exceeds three miles.
3. Class IV installations will not be permitted.

- E. The County will favor expansion of existing facilities onto adjacent lands provided all other criteria of this policy are observed. Consolidation of facilities on existing sites or on adjacent land will be favored as an alternative to establishment of new separate sites. The expansion of any existing facility shall carry the obligation to bring the existing part in conformity with these criteria.
- F. Each application for an on-shore facility for the purpose of handling oil or gas production shall be considered on the basis of:
1. Appearance of facility from surrounding areas.
 2. Impact of such facilities on the potential development of surrounding areas from the standpoint of noise, vibration, odor, air pollution, visibility, lighting, traffic, grading, flood and erosion control, land and water pollution, public safety, land use and similar effects.
 3. Existing applicable ordinances.
- G. The criteria for establishing the fact that the facility will be compatible are as follows:

NOISE AND VIBRATION: The level of noise at the property boundaries shall not exceed the ambient value prior to development. No vibration shall be perceptible at the property boundary without instruments.

ODOR: No odors of any kind shall emanate from the installation.

AIR POLLUTION: There shall be no visible emission of smoke. Exhausts from any combustion (excepting motor vehicles) shall contain no more than -----.

VISIBILITY: The installation shall be compatible with the potential surroundings by use of any or all of the following measures where applicable:

- a) buffer strips
- b) depressions, natural or artificial
- c) screen planting and landscaping continually maintained, existing or not
- d) camouflage and/or blending colors

LIGHTING: All lights shall be shielded so as not to shine on adjacent properties. Visible gas flares will not be permitted.

TRAFFIC: The traffic provisions of Article VI of Ordinance No.661 shall prevail.

GRADING: Grading shall be kept to an absolute minimum in order to preserve the natural contours of the land.

FLOOD AND EROSION CONTROL: Controls may be required to prevent erosion and flood damage.

LAND AND WATER POLLUTION: There will be no discharge of effluent which will contaminate land or water.

PUBLIC SAFETY: The safety of people and adjacent properties must be assured.

LAND USE: Each application shall be subject to the provisions of a specific ordinance under the PM zone designation. The time limitation of the PM designation to be equal to the development terms of each lease served, not to exceed five years.