

August 1, 2014

Paul D. McCarthy  
Section Head - Impact Analysis  
County of Los Angeles Department of Regional Planning  
320 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: EIR for The Termo Company's SEACUP Application for North Aliso Canyon Project

Dear Mr. McCarthy,

At the April 1, 2014 meeting of the Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council representatives from The Termo Company presented to the Board and stakeholders an overview of their proposal to expand their oil drilling efforts in the Aliso Canyon area just north of Porter Ranch. The Board appointed an ad hoc committee to focus on the proposed project and to gather information for the Board and stakeholders.

The Termo Company proposes to install 12 new oil wells over three well pads that encompass two pastures and an orchard. The proposed project also includes the widening of access roads, the pruning of 131 oak trees, and the removal of one oak tree. In total the permanent impacts could span across 5.3 acres. And if approved the project could include the use of hydraulic fracturing ("fracking") and other well-stimulating methods to enhance the oil drilling efforts. For this proposed project The Termo Company has filed for a Significant Ecological Area Conditional Use Permit ("SEACUP") with the County of Los Angeles Department of Regional Planning.

The SEACUP application process will be conducted concurrently along with an Environmental Assessment Process wherein an initial study will determine if the proposed project will warrant a Negative Declaration (no significant environmental impacts), a Mitigated Negative Declaration (potential significant environmental impacts to be reduced or eliminated through project revisions and mitigated measures), or an Environmental Impact Report ("EIR").

At the July 8, 2014 meeting of the Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council the Board unanimously passed a motion to send this letter urging the County of Los Angeles Department of Regional Planning to conduct an Environmental Impact Report on The Termo Company's proposed project. Any and all details regarding this project's potential impacts to the environment, as well as the health and welfare of Porter Ranch stakeholders, must be fully determined through said EIR.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this most important matter.

Sincerely,

Eric Nam  
Secretary