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Inglewood Oil Field Selected for Oil and Gas Extraction Air Quality Monitoring

As part of the state's ongoing commitment to clean the air in communities most impacted by pollution, on September 7, 2018 the California Air Resources Board (CARB) [announced the selection of four communities](#) for a new program to monitor air quality near oil and gas extraction facilities. The four selected communities are located in the historic oil regions of the south San Joaquin Valley and Los Angeles County:

- Baldwin Hills, Inglewood Oil Field, Los Angeles County
- Lost Hills, Lost Hills Oil Field, Kern County
- McKittrick and Derby Acres, McKittrick Oil Field and Midway-Sunset Oil Field, Kern County
- South Los Angeles, Las Cienegas Oil Field, Los Angeles County

"The City of Culver City appreciates being chosen to participate in CARB's air quality monitoring program for the Inglewood Oil Field. We've long been concerned about the negative impacts of oil drilling in our community. These mobile monitoring units will collect data to help inform us about next steps in transitioning this area into a future land use," said Culver City Mayor Thomas Small.

It is well known that short- and long-term exposure to air pollutants can contribute to negative health outcomes, including asthma, cardiovascular disease, and in some cases, cancer. Limited information exists, however, on how oil and gas extraction facilities affect air quality in neighboring communities.

The Study of Neighborhood Air near Petroleum Sources (SNAPS) program was established to help fill the gap using a focused community-level approach. The selected communities will host mobile air monitoring units to identify and measure

pollutants of concern over several months to help inform efforts to protect public health from environmental hazards.

“Many Californians live in communities near oil and gas facilities – but we know very little about the impact of these facilities on their neighbors’ health,” said CARB Chair Mary D. Nichols. “We need up-to-date information to assess whether existing standards and regulations are effective, and to lay the groundwork for any needed improvements.”

Discussions on the SNAPS program started in November 2017 when CARB began holding public workshops, community meetings and tours of neighborhoods near oil and gas facilities. The process resulted in 56 candidate communities that were evaluated using eight metrics including CalEnviroScreen score, air pollution levels, density of oil and gas wells and community engagement, among others.

These communities are diverse in size and population, reflecting many other oil and gas communities around the state. The study involves a 3-4 month monitoring campaign in each area including air monitoring trailer installation and community meetings to gather ideas, hear concerns, foster ongoing feedback, communicate results and discuss solutions. This process is anticipated to begin in 2019 for the Inglewood Oil Field

“CARB recently adopted more stringent regulations requiring enhanced inspection of oil and gas operations including pump jacks. The rules require the use of technologies including chemical sniffers to better pinpoint and repair any leaks that are identified,” said Executive Officer Richard W. Corey. “The SNAPS program will complement the regulation to better ensure oil and gas operations that impact nearby communities are identified and addressed.”

The City of Culver City will provide updates about the monitoring on the [City's Inglewood Oil Field Website](#). For further questions or comments about the SNAPS program, [please email the SNAPS program](#) or call Carolyn Lozo at (916) 445-1104. Or, you may contact the City of Culver City as follows: [email Heather Baker, Assistant City Attorney](#) or [email Melanie Doran Traxler, Inglewood Oil Field Project Manager](#).

About Culver City

[Culver City](#) is a five-square-mile, urban community of 39,000 residents surrounded mostly by the City of Los Angeles but also shares a border with unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. It is centrally located on the Westside near Santa Monica, Beverly Hills, and Los Angeles International Airport. Culver City is particularly known for its well-run public school system, "small town" charm, growing high-tech and creative economies, and a dynamic downtown that is regionally known as a destination for restaurants, live theatre, and art galleries.

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