

Response to DEIR Excelaron/Mankins Oil Project
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I am totally disgusted & outraged by the County of San Luis Obispo still considering approving the Excelaron's Huasna Oil Project which is now 65% owned by United Hunter Oil (the players are changing all the time). The people of San Luis Obispo County and more importantly the residents of Arroyo Grande need to read up on this oil sludge project, which is only within 10 miles from the village, and how it will effect their lives in the near future if it is approved. The plan for this company is to explore thousands of acres of mineral lease rights in and around this valley, including up into the Lopez Lake area and around Twitchell Reservoir. Once they get their feet in the door with this project it is going to be much easier for them to establish more projects with the counties approval. Even in their own DEIR report some of our concerns regarding this project cannot be mitigated, which should be a huge concern to the county.

This is not only an environmental nightmare the Huasna Valley with our ground water, air, noise, fire safety & road safety, being in jeopardy but us being the closest to the Mankins/Excelaron road, it will be 24/7 vibration/noise/odor pollution ordeal that our family is not willing to deal with. The county will lose millions of dollars in tax revenues for the properties in the valley, road repairs (which are done haphazardly anyway by the county) will have to be made more often, accidents on the narrow winding roads will be amplified among many other changes to the beautiful valley.

Our family, with 4 generations, started moving here in the late nineties with us moving here in 2004. We have put thousands of dollars into improvements to our property, & had a business on the property only to find out about 3 years ago that there were these abandoned leaking wells to be opened up and up to 12 wells to be drilled directly behind us. We have paid thousands of permit fees to the county, completed all additions to their specifications, paid business taxes, completed all needed agriculture licenses for the business, Ca. water resources control board classes/fees/logbooks required to run our business here. We feel betrayed by the county by taking our monies, time, and now our family properties because they are pretty much worthless while this project is still being considered!

Please do not allow this very destructive project in San Luis Obispo County.

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