



COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Comment Form – Draft EIR

Proposed Excelaron Conditional Use Permit (DRC2009-00002)

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Comment: ATTACHED IS A LIST OF MY CONCERNS. READ EACH ONE AND YOU WILL KNOW WHY I DON'T WANT THE EXCELARON PROJECT IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD. I AM 100% AGAINST IT. IF IT SHOULD GO IN, IT WILL BE A NIGHTMARE FOR ALL OF US IN OUR BEAUTIFUL, PEACEFUL & QUIET HUASNA VALLEY.

PLEASE DO WHAT THE PEOPLE WANT AND WHAT IS RIGHT. TELL EXCELARON NO WAY. THAT YOU WILL NOT APPROVE THIS PROJECT.

Signature Barbara Stiles

*Please print. Your name and address are needed so we can send you our responses to your comments. All information provided on this form become public information and may be posted on our website, or released to interested parties if requested.

Please either deposit this sheet with a County representative at today's meeting, or fold, stamp, and mail. Insert additional sheets if needed. Comments must be received by 4:30 pm, August 5, 2011. Comments may also be faxed to (805) 788-2413 or emailed to jdmckenzie@co.slo.ca.us.

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Consider these unanswered questions when formulating your concerns and questions for County representatives:

What will prevent Excelaron from using hydraulic fracturing?

Where in the DEIR does it say, "Project traffic must use the Porter Ranch route to Hwy 166?"

How will the county legally prevent Excelaron from using Huasna Road during time of flooding of the Porter Ranch Road?

How does the preparation of an Oil Spill Prevention Plan reduce the risk of an oil spill to less than significant?

Why does the EIR only consider 12 wells when Excelaron's 60% owner recently acquired 9,051 adjacent acres of mineral rights and told its investors it plans to drill three wells there? The county must recognize that the plan is to ultimately develop a larger-scale enterprise, which might actually be economically viable and impact the entire South County region.

How can future studies and plans prepared after the EIR be used as mitigations to environmental impacts? I thought the EIR was to be a complete document to include all the plans and studies – in order for the public to evaluate the project.

Why should county taxpayers and not the project applicant pick up the cost of project monitoring? How many other items are built into this project plan that will cost the tax payers money and the county's time?

How can we trust the applicant to self-monitor on many of the mitigations – wouldn't independent monitoring be better?

The project description show 90,000 gallons of water for fire fighting, but mitigation FP.1-8 requires 240,000 gallons.

Since hydrocarbon contaminated soils have been identified at the project site, shouldn't the contaminated soils be cleaned up before Excelaron begins earthmoving?

The DEIR mentions the use of public roads to move large equipment that required a crane to navigate turns – which roads and how often will they be impacted?

How much large vehicle traffic will be unable to navigate the tight turn at the entrance to the Huasna River Bridge and thus need to travel through Arroyo Grande and along Huasna Road?

Why does the Draft EIR ignore Huasna residents concerns voiced at the scoping meeting about soil liquefaction and temperature inversion without any analysis or comment?

Since the EIR appears to be just a compilation of the applicant-funded studies, why does it ignore the background noise study and hydrology study paid for by Huasna residents?

How will 4 inches of gravel on a dirt road be adequate to support heavy oil truck traffic - especially during a wet year

Where is the proof that "ecologically friendly" soil binders control dust along the haul route? Especially when the speed limit imposed on employees is 25 mph? How much water will be used in applying the binders? Where will it come from?

Shouldn't some level of bonding be required of Excelaron to ensure that mitigations, monitoring, site cleanup, and spill remediation don't become financial burdens of the taxpayers?

Why was the pipeline alternative dismissed? If for economic reasons, where is the economic analysis

Is it 12 holes or 12 producing wells? This question has yet to be definitively answered. If it takes two weeks to make a hole and 10 holes to make a producing well – drilling may never stop. Drill rigs are constantly present at the PXP oilfield in Price Canyon.

How about the portable toilet? I was required to put in an expensive septic field at my house – why should an industrial facility be allowed to use a portable toilet for its 20-year life?

Why is the Hwy 166 turn and acceleration lane construction listed as an applicant proposal and not as a traffic mitigation?

What happened to the mitigation requirement for financial contribution to the 166/101 interchange?

The EIR states that they will haul oil to a refinery in Nipomo, Santa Maria, Oxnard or Bakersfield. Why doesn't the EIR analyze the impacts of going to Nipomo since it is still within San Luis Obispo County?

The SLO County Land Use Ordinance states "the freshwater supply will be fully protected from petroleum operations." How do the proposed mitigations of monitoring accomplish protection?

What seismic studies have been done regarding oil extraction and hot water injection right next to an active earthquake fault? The West Huasna fault experienced a 2.7 magnitude earthquake on June 20, 2011 with an epicenter less than 1 mile from the project site.

Wouldn't regular drug testing of Excelaron's employees and drivers do more to reduce the risk of accidents and oil spills than all the other mitigations put together? This was a public comment during the scoping meeting that was ignored

Why did the county deny the public a 15-day extension to examine and comment upon the 700+ page Draft EIR during summer when many people are on vacation?

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