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**Response to the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the proposed Excelaron (Huasna Oil Field) project.**

The proposed drilling and re-drilling of this project's wells is said to be a 24/7 operation – I feel strongly that the county require a mitigation measure in the EIR limiting drilling activity and any other activity that generates sudden load and unusual noise to those hours considered normal construction hours. (7am – dusk for example)

The logic: If I was building a home or a shed – I would be limited to normal daylight hours for construction – as to not disturb neighbors. Why would oil drilling be any different given the impact on the neighborhood with sudden-noise, vibrations, light, etc. If not required, the community of Huasna will hear the noise from this drilling all day and all night.

Further, I feel the county should require in the EIR advanced notification to the community when drilling activity is going to take place, a schedule if you will, that specifies a limited and narrow window when drilling can occur. If Excelaron misses that window then they wait for the next window to open.

The logic: The noise and impact of drilling in this valley will disturb residents both day and night. Some people sensitive to noise may choose to leave during those days drilling occurs, scheduling vacation or time away to avoid the disturbance. Offering a schedule allows those people to pre-plan for the impactful event.

Imagine for a moment that you're a light-sleeper and that your busy work and family schedule allows you only 5-6 hours sleep per night. And without notice, every night, for 2 straight weeks – you're awakened by sudden noises of oil drilling. Now imagine that you work a night shift and those 5-6 hours sleep are during the daylight hours. A schedule for these events would allow families to plan their sleep behavior, and make adjustments to their lives. Limited drilling to construction hours and requiring a schedule are reasonable requirements.

**Seems to me SAD, that any taxpaying resident in our county would have to make these adjustment to their lives in support of an oil drilling operation!**

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