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Sir:

Yesterday I read the article in the Santa Maria Times regarding the "drilling for oil in Armasa". I am mortified and angry:

All one has to do is check with the records in Santa Maria to see the devastation the oil companies created. (I list only two).

(ex:) 15 years ago black oil was underground on Solomon Rd., a community of beautiful homes and families were made to move — Solomon Rd. stood empty for years. The landscape looks horrendous with oil storage tanks covering areas of the city (and they are known to leak).

(ex:) In the last five years new homes (San Diego St.) were "bought off" by the oil company because oil was discovered underground of the homes. There are only 4 or 5 families now living on this street. No taxes are paid to the County and after a class-action suit the families were compensated by double the cost of the homes they, too, stand empty.

Spilling for oil by "greedy" people you will see the same conditions as Santa Maria in 15 plus years — it is the responsibility of whomever (you?) to protect the Community, not the oil companies.

Needless to say, I hope the tests fail (over)

and the land remains virgin.

Thank - you for your time,

Gloria Tyler
546 Palms Secos
Parrys Grand

Note: Even though homes will not
be built on this property,
the oil still manages to
seep into the ground —
which, of course, you already
know !!!

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