

**Fact Sheet & Sample Action Letter  
In opposition  
Of the Kern County Zoning Ordinance Title 19, Oil & Gas Permitting**

*The Oil & Gas Industry has requested amendments to the Title 19 of the Kern County Zoning Ordinance, to increase oil and gas exploration and extraction. This amendment would permit more than a possible 67,00 new oil and gas wells in Kern County in the next 20 years. After being recently approved by the Kern County Planning Commission, it is now going before the KC Board of Supervisors for final approval on 3-8-2021. even though there were many objections, including a petition against it signed by 7,000 people,*

**REFERENCES:**

State Bills:

AB32: [https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/sites/default/files/classic/cc/scopingplan/scoping\\_plan\\_2017.pdf](https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/sites/default/files/classic/cc/scopingplan/scoping_plan_2017.pdf)

SB246: <https://opr.ca.gov/planning/icarp/>

Kern County:

Info prior to the BOS hearing: <https://kernplanning.com/final-environmental-impact-report-revisions-kern-county-zoning-ordinance-2015-c-focused-oil-gas-local-permitting/>

Scroll down to Chapters 1-11, Table of Contents, Chapter 4.3, Air Quality: <https://kernplanning.com/SREIR2020-oil-gas-zoning-revisions/>

Scroll down to Final EIR, Volume 7, Volume 5, Chapter 12, Consolidated. THEN scroll down this document to Exhibit C: Statement of Overriding Considerations:  
[https://psbweb.co.kern.ca.us/planning/pdfs/eirs/oil\\_gas\\_seir/oil\\_gas\\_seir\\_SOC.pdf](https://psbweb.co.kern.ca.us/planning/pdfs/eirs/oil_gas_seir/oil_gas_seir_SOC.pdf)

State of CA:

Here's a really good pamphlet on AB 32, Climate Change Scoping Plan, and SB 246,  
AB 32: <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/ab-32-climate-change-scoping-plan>

SB 246: <https://opr.ca.gov/planning/icarp/>.

Analysis:

<https://opr.ca.gov/docs/june08-ceqa.pdf>

<https://opr.ca.gov/planning/icarp/>

**ACTION PLAN:**

Write

Governor Newsom: <https://govapps.gov.ca.gov/gov40mail/>

Zack Scrivner: [district2@kerncounty.com](mailto:district2@kerncounty.com)

and

For all of the Board of Supervisors send in your comments by Fri. March 5, at 5:00 p.m.  
[publiccomment@kerncounty.com](mailto:publiccomment@kerncounty.com)

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION to help with your message:

-As a Kern County Resident ask that they vote against the *proposed Title 19 zoning ordinance amendment, to increase oil and gas production* for Kern County that is before the Board of Supervisors.

-The ordinance will establish an over-the-counter permitting system of permits that will result in making it easier get approval to drill more than a possible 67,000 new oil and gas wells in the next 20 years. Kern already has about 78,000 wells.

-Instead of focusing on building more wells, which has a negative environmental impact on Kern County and the world, suggest passing a plan that works on transitioning to a future of fewer wells and cleaner forms of energy *such as solar or wind, easily obtainable in the West Kern Oil Fields*.

-Oil production has a potential negative impact on air and water quality. This causes many types of health problems in people and animals. Say we need less, not more.

-*This amendment is in direct conflict the California Global Warming Solutions Act, AB 32, of 2006 and the Integrated Climate Adaptation & Resilience Program, SB 246 of 2015. We must REDUCE the extraction of oil and gas in California in order to meet the goals as set in AB32 to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 40%, below 1990 levels.*

-*The Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) included with this proposed amendment only covers criteria pollutants as described in the CAAQS. There is little mention of the secondary effects of greenhouse gas emissions which will be add to the already alarming increase in global warming. The EIR inadequately considers greenhouse gas emissions.*

-*Your Statement of Overriding Considerations is inadequate due to the omission of secondary effects from the use and combustion of oil and gas resources. This will greatly increase the effects of climate change and become a significant impact to our state and our nation. Your statement that "Climate change impacts are inherently global and cumulative, and not Project specific", is unacceptable. The impacts of increasing climate change is more important than the short term negative effects of transitioning to cleaner fuel usage.*

-In the proposed plan, wells will receive a broad review of all types of drilling. Ask that every individual drilling project being examined on its own merit, so that the local conditions of the well will be considered before it receives approval.