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From: Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy
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Subject: Deny Freeport McMoran Exemption Request in Price Canyon

June 10, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

My husband and I live in Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy which is within a few miles of the Freeport McMoran oil wells in Price Canyon. We get our drinking water from Golden State Water Company that pumps water from wells that share the same acquifer that Freeport McMoran uses to inject oil waste into. As I understand the situation, Freeport McMoran is in violation of the Safe Drinking Water Act and has been told to cease injection unless this acquifer receives an exemption from this act.

Hundreds of families live in the Edna Valley and all of us tap into this acquifer for drinking water. There are at least 100 water wells that are used for drinking, agricultural, and other domestic uses in this area. I understand that the application that Freeport McMoran submitted didn't show the locations of these wells nor was there a sampling of the wells.

In addition to the strong possibility that our water will be contaminated with continued injection of oil waste water, we are concerned about the strong potential for earthquakes in this area caused by the injection of steam into the oil field in order to extract the oil and the injection of oil waste water after the oil extraction. This oil field is situated very close to several fault lines which may be further compromised by the actions of Freeport McMoran's oil operation. We know that the unprecedented earthquakes in Oklahoma are directly linked to oil extraction similar to that used in Price Canyon.

We believe that in order to fully evaluate Freeport McMoran's application, it is necessary and prudent to evaluate the impact of earthquakes in this area, to evaluate the potential for subsidence in the water as it is extracted from the acquifer, and provide a full analysis of chemicals in the wastewater that is being injected back into the acquifer.

Finally, we want you to be aware that Freeport McMoran's application does not mention the company's plans to expand this oil field by up to 350 new wells and to increase the oil production by ten. Of course, that expansion also would result in the injection of ten times the amount of oil waste water back into the aquifer.

I urge you to take all of the facts of the oil field expansion into full consideration when Freeport McMoran's application is reviewed and evaluated. We are asking that the EPA deny the exemption and protect SLO's water. It is your job to keep us, the public, safe and to ensure that we have good clean drinking water now and in the future.

Sincerely,

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