



Media Advisory

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**Committee to Hold Hearing In Goleta
Battling long-term Environmental hazards from Oil production in
the Santa Barbara Channel**

(SACRAMENTO)— The Assembly Committee on Environmental Safety & Toxic Materials is conducting an oversight hearing on State and local Agency response to the long term environmental hazards from oil and gas production along the California coast. The hearing will be held on Thursday, September 30, 2010, in Goleta.

The hearing will focus on the adequacy of state and local regulation of oil production facilities with a special emphasis on the experience in the Santa Barbara Channel and beaches. Some of the areas to be addresses include:

The aging platforms and undersea pipeline systems in the Santa Barbara Channel area in State waters and on State lands;

The old oil production piers located above the wave breaking zone of the state tidelands and the legacy sealed old wells along the seabed and near-shore tidelands waters; and

Orphaned oil-works (pipelines, motors, encased sumps, well housings, metal straps, bulwarks and pier pilings) on state tidelands, recreational beaches and coastal headlands.

The public is invited at attend and testify.

**WHO: Assemblymember Pedro Nava, Chairman
 Assembly Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials**

Witnesses include:

Goleta City Councilman Roger S. Aceves

Paul Thayer
Executive Director, California **State Lands Commission**

Derek Chernor
Acting Director California **Department of Conservation**



WHAT: Assembly Committee Hearing on the long term environmental hazards resulting from oil and gas production along the California coast.

WHERE: City of Goleta
City Council Chamber
City Hall
130 Cremona Drive, Suite B
Goleta, CA

WHEN: September 30, 2010, from 2:30 PM to 5:30 PM