

7. U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR DRAFT IMPACT STATEMENT, OIL AND GAS DEVELOPMENT IN THE SANTA BARBARA CHANNEL, OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF OFF CALIFORNIA (DES 75-35) - W 1835, W 9270.

After consideration of Calendar Item 5 attached, and upon motion duly made and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

THE COMMISSION:

1. FINDS THAT THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR OIL AND GAS DEVELOPMENT IN THE SANTA BARBARA CHANNEL OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF OFF CALIFORNIA (DES 75-35) IS INADEQUATE FOR REASONS OUTLINED IN THE DRAFT LETTER TO THE DIRECTOR, U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION AND BY REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF.
2. AUTHORIZES THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO COMMUNICATE THESE FINDINGS TO THE DIRECTOR, U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

Attachment:

Calendar Item 5 (2 pages)

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR DRAFT IMPACT STATEMENT
OIL AND GAS DEVELOPMENT IN THE SANTA BARBARA CHANNEL
OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF OFF CALIFORNIA (DES 75-35)

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Oil and Gas Development Outer Continental Shelf off California has been reviewed and analyzed by staff who found it inadequate as follows:

1. The Draft represents only a generalization as to what might be expected in the channel area as a result of offshore operations. A generalized regional report is not adequate to analyze specific locality impacts.
2. Throughout the Draft there are inferences that this Environmental Impact Statement could be the vehicle for later site-specific action without preparation of an additional EIS and full public review and discussion. It should be made clear that each development would receive its own Environmental Impact Statement.
3. The decision for the development of the Outer Continental Shelf (as differentiated from exploration and evaluation) should be made in conformity with a viable national energy policy created in partnership with affected adjacent states. Federal OCS development should be coordinated with the California State Coastal Plan to be submitted to the State Legislature for adoption in 1976.
4. The technological precautions cited in the Draft to prevent or ameliorate unfavorable environmental impacts are inadequate.

Attachment: Exhibit "A" - Draft Letter

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

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3. AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO PRESENT THE FINDINGS AT THE PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 25 AND 26, 1975 IN SANTA BARBARA.