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**In the Matter of:**

) Docket 04-SIT-1

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**Investigating the Causes of  
Petroleum Infrastructure Development  
Constraints**) **NOTICE OF COMMITTEE WORKSHOP**  
) **RE: Petroleum Infrastructure**  
) **Best Permitting Practices**

**NOTICE OF SITING COMMITTEE WORKSHOP ON  
PETROLEUM INFRASTRUCTURE BEST PERMITTING PRACTICES**

The California Energy Commission's<sup>1</sup> Siting Committee will hold its second workshop pursuant to an Order Instituting Informational (OII) Proceeding to examine the state's petroleum infrastructure. The purpose of the OII adopted by the Energy Commission on May 19, 2004, is to evaluate constraints on the state's petroleum refining, importing, storage, and pipeline systems, and determine the extent to which improvements in permitting would facilitate infrastructure expansion and increase the state's supply of transportation fuels.

The workshop will be held:

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2005****9:00 a.m.**

**BANNING'S LANDING COMMUNITY CENTER,  
100 East Water Street  
Wilmington, CA 90744-6519  
(Wheelchair Accessible)**

Interested persons may participate in the workshop via conference call.  
Call in Number **877-448-8783**. Pass Code **700000**

**Purpose of the Workshop**

The purpose of the workshop is to review best practices used by local, regional, and state agencies for permitting petroleum infrastructure. In early 2004, the Energy Commission staff met with industry representatives, local, regional, state, and federal agencies, and members of environmental and union groups to discuss issues related to the permitting of petroleum infrastructure projects. Based on those earlier meetings, the Siting Committee determined additional information was needed to better understand

<sup>1</sup> Note: California Energy Commission's formal name is State of California Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission.

in California. The Siting Committee is particularly interested in hearing from industry, agencies, and members of the public on which processes and practices are productive, and which may need improvement.

**The workshop agenda will be posted no later than January 18, 2005, on the Energy Commission's website:** [http://www.energy.ca.gov/petroleum\\_constraints](http://www.energy.ca.gov/petroleum_constraints). Any person wishing to present a PowerPoint or overhead projection presentation at the workshop should provide a copy of the presentation to Richard Buell at [rbuell@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:rbuell@energy.state.ca.us) by **January 24, 2005**.

## Background

Californians pay higher prices than the national average for gasoline and diesel fuel and this trend will likely continue. The Energy Commission and the California Air Resources Board are pursuing long-term efforts to reduce petroleum demand and develop alternative fuels. These long-term plans are outlined in the joint agency report, *Reducing California's Petroleum Dependence*, published in August 2003. In the near-term, however, demand for petroleum fuels is expected to increase, and infrastructure constraints that have led to supply disruptions and higher prices will continue unless strategic improvements are made to the state's fuel supply infrastructure.

The Energy Commission has conducted a number of studies over the past three years regarding the supply and demand for transportation fuels and the state's petroleum infrastructure.<sup>2</sup> This substantial body of work has shown that the state's facilities to import petroleum and petroleum products are at or near capacity. The purpose of this OII proceeding and workshop is to further evaluate constraints on the state's petroleum refining, importing, storage, and pipeline systems, and examine the extent to which improvements in permitting and related issues would help expand this infrastructure and increase the state's supply of transportation fuels.

Notices and documents for these proceedings are posted to the Energy Commission website [http://www.energy.ca.gov/petroleum\\_constraints](http://www.energy.ca.gov/petroleum_constraints). When new information is posted, an e-mail will be sent to those people or entities on the Energy Commission's energy policy e-mail list server. We encourage those who are interested in receiving these notices to sign up for the list server through the website <http://www.energy.ca.gov/listservers/index.html>.

## Comments

Written comments are encouraged and should be submitted by 5:00 p.m., on **February 10, 2005**. Please include the docket number 04-SIT-1 and indicate "Causes of Petroleum Infrastructure Development Constraints" in the subject line or initial paragraph of your comments. Those submitting written comments by electronic mail should provide them in either Microsoft Word format or Adobe Acrobat Portable Document Format, and must also submit one paper copy to the Energy Commission's Dockets Unit. E-mail comments should be sent to [docket@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:docket@energy.state.ca.us). Those

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<sup>2</sup> The complete library of reports on this subject can be found at the Energy Commission's website [[www.energy.ca.gov/reports/reports\\_600.html](http://www.energy.ca.gov/reports/reports_600.html)].

submitting written comments by hard copy only must provide an original plus 12 paper copies to the Energy Commission's Dockets Unit.

Please send or deliver materials to the following address:

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Attn: Dockets 04-SIT-1  
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Alternatively, participants may provide an original and 12 copies at the beginning of the workshop. All written materials relating to this notice will be filed with the Dockets Unit and will become part of the public record in this proceeding.

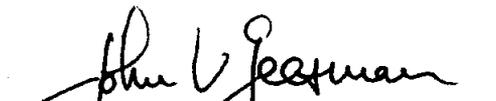
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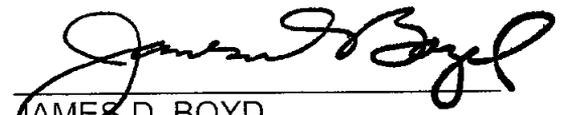
The Energy Commission's Public Adviser, Margret J. Kim, provides assistance to the public in participating in Energy Commission activities. If you would like information on how to participate in this workshop, please contact the Public Adviser's Office by phone at (916) 654-4489 or toll free at (800) 822-6228, by FAX at (916) 654-4493, or by e-mail at [pao@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:pao@energy.state.ca.us). If you have a disability and require assistance to participate in this workshop, please contact Lou Quiroz at (916) 654-5146 at least five days in advance.

Technical questions should be directed to Rick Buell, Project Manager for the Petroleum Infrastructure Environmental Performance Review, at (916) 653-1614 or by email at [Rbuell@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:Rbuell@energy.state.ca.us). News media inquiries should be directed to Claudia Chandler, Assistant Executive Director, at (916) 654-4989.

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