



A game-changing scientific study has confirmed that neighborhood drilling puts millions of Angelenos at risk. The California Council on Science and Technology (CCST) released volumes [two and three](#) of its independent scientific assessment of the impacts of hydraulic fracturing and advanced well stimulation on the state of California. The report included a [case study](#) specifically focused upon the health effects of oil and gas development on the Los Angeles Basin.

**Stand Together Against Neighborhood Drilling – Los Angeles ([STAND-LA](#))** has compiled the study's major findings to help shed light on the health risks resulting from oil and gas development in our city. The study's conclusions call into question whether allowing oil and gas development near sensitive receptors such as [homes, schools and nursing homes](#) is safe.

### **Major Findings from the CCST's Los Angeles Case Study**

**It is especially dangerous to extract oil in a densely populated urban area:**

"Close proximity of a large urban population to intensive oil development poses potential hazards not necessarily present in areas of lower population density" (201).

**A staggering number of Angelenos face the health threats of urban oil:**

There are 130 schools, 184 daycare facilities, 213 elderly homes and nearly 628,000 residents within a half-mile of an active oil well — where risks of exposure to toxic air contaminants are most significant (243).



**For those living near drill sites, the air can be poison:**

"Residents and sensitive receptors near oil and gas wells — stimulated or not — may be more exposed to toxic air contaminants emitted by oil and gas development than the general population" (219).

**Pending city ordinances to ban "fracking" would not protect residents:**

"Most of the documented air pollutant emissions of concern from oil and gas development are associated with oil and gas development in general and are not unique to the well stimulation process" (212).

**Residents are unaware of the toxins they're being exposed to because L.A. City policies do not require air monitoring at the community level:**

"Limited monitoring in close proximity to emitting facilities has been undertaken" (260).

STAND-LA supports the study's conclusions and encourages our elected officials to take strong, immediate steps to ensure city look to ensure Angelenos are protected from oil and gas development.

**"Living within a mile of an oil drilling site means around the clock operations—lights, noise, trucks, fumes and 24 hour action,"** said Ashley Hernandez, who lives across the street from a drill site in Wilmington operated by Warren Resources. **"We deserve to have our health, and we should not feel like prisoners in our homes due to the negative impacts of these dangerous operations."**

If you would like to learn more about the study or affected community members, please contact Jackie Pomeroy at [jpomeroy@wearerally.com](mailto:jpomeroy@wearerally.com).

Sincerely,

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**Stand Together Against Neighborhood Drilling – Los Angeles (STAND-LA)** is an environmental justice coalition of community groups that seek to end neighborhood drilling to protect the health and safety of Angelenos on the frontlines of urban oil extraction.

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