

October 18, 2012

Mr. Saied Naaseh  
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Dear Mr. Naaseh:

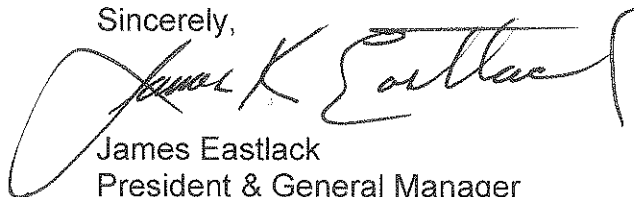
As you know, on June 8, 2012, Oxy USA Inc., wrote a letter to the Carson Planning Office asking that the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for our proposed Dominguez Hills project in Carson eliminate hydraulic fracturing as a possible completion technique. We made this request after reviewing data, which indicate that hydraulic fracturing would not work on this project given what we now know about the geology of the Dominguez Field. While we committed to not perform hydraulic fracturing as part of the project, we did suggest in the letter that the City allow future consideration of hydraulic fracturing if there is public confidence that appropriate regulations are in place to assure safety and protection of the environment.

We understand that certain members of the community are concerned about hydraulic fracturing and that they mistakenly believe we still intend to pursue hydraulic fracturing as part of this project. We apologize that our statement in the June letter raised any concern. Our intent was to recognize the ongoing efforts by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and others to better understand state-of-the-art hydraulic fracturing technologies, which enable greater access to oil and natural gas deposits.

We recognize the importance of being clear in our communications about the Dominguez Hills project. Hopefully, this letter will demonstrate that we have no expectation or interest in utilizing hydraulic fracturing as part of the Dominguez Hills project. We appreciate that you and your colleagues have complied with our request to remove any and all consideration of hydraulic fracturing from our project. We fully understand and agree that, if this project is approved in the City of Carson, it will be with the condition that Oxy will not use hydraulic fracturing.

We look forward to cooperating with you as the Draft EIR progresses.

Sincerely,



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