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ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

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On November 24, 2013, the Culver City Fire Department was sent to investigate a possible hazardous materials spill at 5866 Blackwater Street in Culver City. Upon arrival, fire personnel were contacted by Freeport-McMoran Oil and Gas and advised that one of their pipelines under La Cienega Boulevard was leaking processed water (brine water). The liquid had surfaced in the street and then flowed northbound in the gutter to the intersection of La Cienega Boulevard and Blackwater Street.

Representatives from the following agencies were notified and responded to the incident: Los Angeles County Health/Hazardous Materials Division, Los Angeles County Public Works, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, California Emergency Management Agency, and California Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources Center (DOGGR). It was subsequently determined that the pipeline leak was located in the jurisdiction of the City of Los Angeles and the following agencies were notified and also responded to the scene: Los Angeles Fire Department, various Public Works Bureaus and the Department of Transportation.

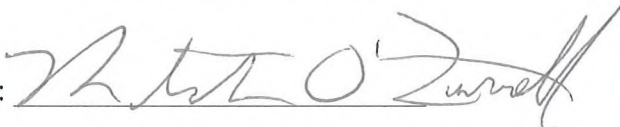
It was subsequently determined that the released liquid had been confined to the La Cienega Boulevard gutter and to an underground sewer vault, and did not enter the flood control channel. Contractors hired by Freeport-McMoRan Oil and Gas handled the cleanup under the supervision of Los Angeles County Health/Hazard Materials Division, and the unified command of the Culver City Fire Department and the Los Angeles City Fire Department.

Although no injuries were reported, the public health and environment in Los Angeles must be protected from accidental releases and improper handling, storage, transportation, and disposal of hazardous materials and wastes. This requires the coordinated efforts of inspections, emergency response, enforcement, and site mitigation oversight.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Department of Transportation, in cooperation with the Los Angeles Fire Department and the Department of Public Works, to report on the November 24, 2013 hazardous materials spill at 5866 Blackwelder Street and that such report include the following: the cause of the event; any possible links to fracking activities, details and risk associated with brine water spills; first responder training that is required by the City; the location of oil pipelines in the City and the identification of any pipelines that contain possible hazardous materials; the City's pipeline inspection requirements; and the costs to the City to respond tto this accidental release of hazardous materials.

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