EXXONMOBIL OFFSHORE OIL & TRUCKING PROPOSAL

Learn the Facts

Tanker Crash, Cuyama River. Photo by SBC Fire

- ExxonMobil is seeking approval from Santa Barbara County for a dangerous proposal to **restart three offshore oil platforms in the Santa Barbara Channel**, and then to **truck the oil along our coast** to refineries
- The three oil platforms that ExxonMobil proposes to restart - Hondo, Harmony and Heritage - have been shut down for nearly seven years since the **Refugio oil spill**
- ExxonMobil plans to send **70 tanker trucks, carrying more than 460,000 gallons of oil per day**, along the winding coastal Highway 101 and the narrow and over-crowded Route 166, for up to seven years

The Problem

- Continuing oil production offshore in Santa Barbara County will worsen the current **climate crisis**
- Restarting three offshore oil platforms will increase the immediate threat of **oil spills** and put the nearby marine ecosystem and coastline at risk
- Tanker trucks are one of the **riskiest ways to transport oil**: at least 87 tanker truck crashes have occurred in California in the last 22 years, 14 of which were in Santa Barbara County
- Most of the **County-wide accidents** have occurred along the exact route proposed for ExxonMobil's trucking plans (**Highway 101 and Route 166**)
    - 59 people injured
    - 28 people dead
    - Over 100,000 gallons of oil spilled
- Introducing more trucks along these highways poses a **serious threat to the public, wildlife, agriculture, and surrounding waterways**

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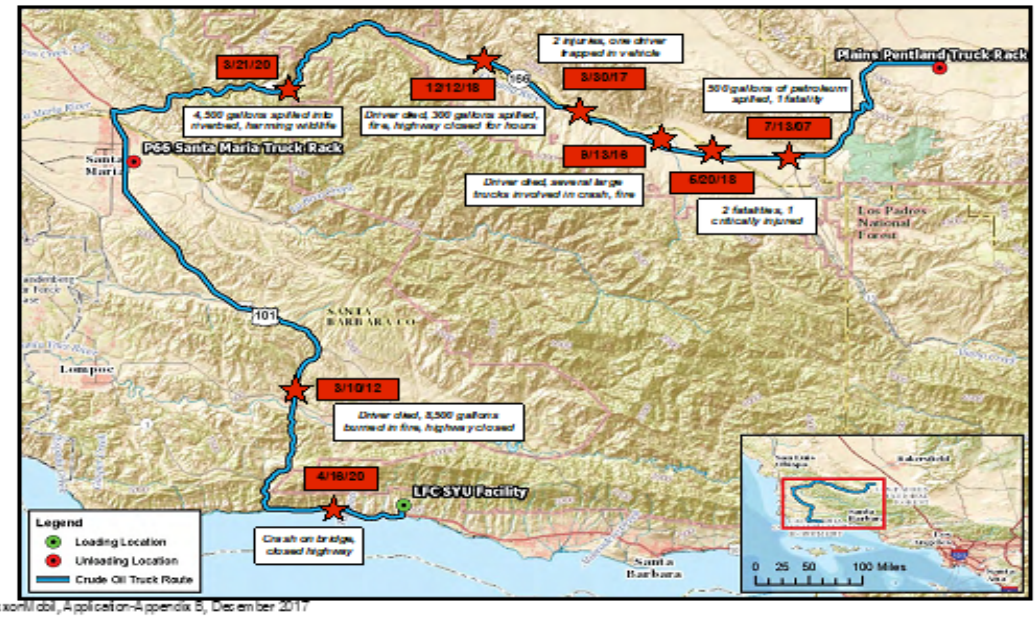
Figure 2-4 Proposed Truck Routes to Receiving Facilities



Source: : ExxonMobil, Application-Appendix B, December 2017

Oil tanker accidents have been added to this map by the Environmental Defense Center

How Can You Help

The Environmental Defense Center, our clients, and our partners have worked tirelessly to combat this project and convinced the Santa Barbara County Planning Commission to recommend denial. **The Board of Supervisors will hold a hearing on March 8, 2022**.

To help EDC convince the Supervisors to vote no on ExxonMobil, please do the following:

- Attend the hearing in person or register in advance to give public comment: https://santabarbara.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx#current
- Email the Board of Supervisors: sbcob@countyofsb.org

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