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Whittier Hills Oil Watch
c/o Brenda Williams
8118 Davista Dr.
Whittier, CA 90602

Dear Whittier Hills Oil Watch Neighborhood Group:

This letter is written in response to the comments from members of your group made during the public comment section of our April 26, 2010 Board agenda. We also received the letter from Brenda Williams representing your group.

Thank you for sharing with us. The issue of the safety of our students is our most pressing concern. It is also the most important issue for all public schools in California as stated in the California Constitution. Please keep our Chief of Operations, Mr. Lee Bean, informed of your activities. You can reach Mr. Bean at 562/907-5917. We would like to join you in your efforts when we can. We especially appreciated what was shared by your last speaker and want to actively work to make sure that, should this project continue, strict measures are followed to mitigate any safety concerns that might arise. We are also in contact with the City Manager, Mr. Steve Helvey. He will be working with us to make sure that we get everything we need to assure student safety if this project continues.

Sincerely,

Joe Gillentine
Secretary to the Board of Education