# **ATTORNEY GENERAL BECERRA SLAMS TRUMP ADMINISTRATION PLAN TO SELL 7 OIL AND GAS LEASES IN KERN COUNTY**

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SACRAMENTO, Calif., Sept. 25 -- The California Attorney General issued the following press release:

California Attorney General Xavier Becerra and the California Air Resources Board (CARB) today submitted comments slamming the U.S. Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) draft Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact evaluating the impacts of selling seven ***oil*** and gas leases totaling more than 4,000 acres in ***Kern*** County. More than 95 percent of federal drilling in California already occurs in ***Kern*** County, often in close proximity to California's most vulnerable communities. In its analysis, BLM relies on a flawed programmatic environmental review finalized in December 2019 that opened more than one million acres of public lands in Central California to ***oil*** and gas drilling to avoid conducting a detailed environmental analysis of the seven leases. Attorney General Becerra, Governor Newsom, and state agencies are currently challenging the programmatic environmental review in court.

"The Trump Administration is once again ignoring environmental and public health risks as it recklessly promotes ***oil*** and gas development using a flawed environmental analysis," said Attorney General Becerra. "But that doesn't mean they get to ignore science or break the law. BLM must conduct the required environmental analysis before it moves another inch forward with this misguided proposal."

"California isn't going to back down from defending our environment and protected land from attacks by this Administration," said Governor Gavin Newsom. "Climate change is real, and California will not stand idly by as the President tries to drive this country off a climate cliff."

\*The rest of the document can be viewed at:

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