

May 1, 2014

Gina McCarthy, Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
Ariel Rios Building
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

RE: Please stop discharge of fracking chemicals into the Santa Barbara Channel

Dear Administrator McCarthy:

As a California resident deeply concerned about protecting our beautiful ocean, I urge you to halt the oil industry's discharge of fracking chemicals directly into the wildlife-rich waters of the Santa Barbara Channel.

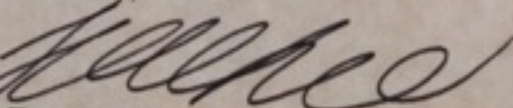
Like many Californians, I was surprised to learn that oil companies are fracking offshore wells along our state's beautiful coast. Fracking blasts toxic chemicals and water at high pressure into the earth to crack rocks and release fossil fuels. Some chemicals used in offshore fracking could cause cancer and harm wildlife – these toxins certainly don't belong in our ocean.

I cofounded Project Save Our Surf to bring the entertainment and surfing industries together in support of clean oceans. That's why I'm deeply concerned that the Environmental Protection Agency has given offshore oil rigs permission to dump fracking chemicals mixed with wastewater directly into the waters off California's coast.

The Santa Barbara Channel is home to an amazingly rich variety of marine life, including blue whales, leatherback sea turtles and other endangered animals. But each year the EPA allows oil companies to discharge more than 9 billion gallons of wastewater – including fracking chemicals – into this sensitive environment.

I join the Center for Biological Diversity and many other concerned Californians in asking you to consider the risks such chemicals pose to our wildlife – and to swimmers and surfers. Please protect our beautiful ocean by halting this dangerous practice as quickly as possible. Thank you for your attention in this important matter.

Sincerely,



Tanna Frederick