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| Oil Well<br>Lease/Beverly<br>Dr/Pickering Ave<br><del>Kernview Oil</del><br><del>Company</del><br>Matrix Oil Corp<br>(not purchased by<br>Venoco) | <p>--Photocopied business cards of Silas Briones and George Takenaka, Matrix Oil.</p> <p>--Photocopy of handwritten list of events related to drilling at Honolulu Terrace site, with dates they occurred.</p> <p>--City of Whittier Ordinance 2086, Granting a Franchise to the Seaboard Oil and Gas Co., a Corporation, to Allow the Use of Certain Portions of Public Streets for the Transmission of Petroleum Products. With handwritten notes in margins. 1976. Two copies.</p> <p>--Staff Analysis, Whittier City Council, for Meeting of Jan. 7, 1975, Modification of Unclassified Use Permit U71-05. With handwritten notes in margins. Jan. 7, 1975.</p> <p>--Resolution No. 4681, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Whittier Declaring Its Intention to Conduct a Hearing to Determine Whether to Grant a Franchise to the Seaboard Oil and Gas Co., a Corporation, to Allow the Use of Certain Portions of Public Streets for the Transmission of Petroleum Products. 1976.</p> <p>--Handwritten invoices issued to Whittier Pipeline Corporation, later Matrix Oil Corporation, from 1979 to 2005.</p> <p>--Park and Recreation Commission re: Widening of Mar Vista Street Near Friends Park and Approval of Environmental Impact Statement. Mar. 23, 1976.</p> <p>--City of Whittier Agenda Report, Regular Council Meeting. Item 8 is McFarland Energy Inc. Oil and Gas Lease Assignment and Conveyance to Venoco, Inc. Apr. 23, 1995.</p> <p>--Email to David Collosi to Leon Yehuda. Subject: "Honolulu Terrace History". Message: "Please research Venoco's unclassified use permit with Planning and see if Venoco ever got a franchise with us." Reply: "Per your request here you go."</p> <p>Attachment: Honolulu Terrace-Venoco.doc, a timeline for oil production – Honolulu Terrace area. Events range from 1967-2001. Two copies.</p> <p>--Letter to the City of Whittier, Attn: Mr. N.K. Abbott from E.L. Boice, District Manager, American Petrofina Exploration Company. Feb 11, 1974.</p> <p>--Whittier City School District, Resolution No. 7071-R-6. Resolution of the Whittier City School District Requesting the Approval by the Whittier City Council of the American Petrofina Exploration Company's Drilling Application for Production of Oil. Mar. 15, 1971.</p> <p>--Economics of Unclassified Use Permit U70-08 (Application by American Petrofina Exploration Company to Drill for Oil on Honolulu Terrace Drill-Site). Undated.</p> <p>--Letter to Jerome J. O'Brien, President, Seaboard Gas and Oil Company, from N.K. Abbott, City Manager, City of Whittier. Regarding the recent failure of safety equipment and subsequent fire at Honolulu Terrace drill site. Dec. 17, 1975.</p> <p>--Stapled packet of documents dated June 6, 2005 with initials DC beneath. Includes handwritten timelines; handwritten notes; correspondence between City of Whittier employees; correspondence between Venoco, Inc. and the City of Whittier; correspondence between Seaboard Oil and Gas Co. and the City of Whittier; correspondence between McFarland Energy, Inc. and the City of Whittier; correspondence between Mitchell Energy Corporation and the City of Whittier; City Council Meeting Minutes; Partial Quitclaim Deed and Surrender of Subsurface Oil and Gas Lease from American Petrofina Exploration Company to the City of Whittier, dated 1967; Resolution No. 4302, City of Whittier, adopted 1970.</p> <p>--Memo to Leon Yehuda, City Engineer, from David Collosi, Senior Engineering Technician. Subject: Hadley Street at Alta Avenue-Water Leak. With enclosure of photos and handwritten statements. Nov. 14, 2001.</p> <p>--City of Whittier Application for Permit to Excavate/Construct. Blank application. Rev. 03/01.</p> <p>--City of Whittier Department of Public Works, job permit requirement contract. Unassigned, undated.</p> |

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| Oil & Gas Leases-<br>Water 430.02.1<br>Honolulu Terrace<br>8/71-4/74 | <p>--Letter to the City of Whittier from Mitchell Energy Corporation. Re: Change of Operator. April 17, 1974.</p> <p>--Document titled "Nonproducing Properties," with columns titled "Lessors Name," "Lease Date," "Recordation Data Official Records of Los Angeles County Book," "Page". Lease dates are all Dec. 15, 1966.</p> <p>--Ordinance No. 2047, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Whittier Modifying Certain Conditions of Approval with Reference to an Unclassified Use Permit (Case No: U-71-05 [Mod.]: Applicant: Seaboard Oil and Gas Company). Feb. 18, 1975.</p> <p>--Letter to D.J. Laughlin, Petroleum Administrator, City of Whittier, from Jack J. Yovanovich, Senior Vice President – Land, Mitchell Energy Corporation. Feb. 5, 1974.</p> <p>-- Letter to D.J. Laughlin, Petroleum Administrator, City of Whittier, from Jack J. Yovanovich, Senior Vice President – Land, Mitchell Energy Corporation. Feb. 8, 1974.</p> <p>-- Letter to Jack J. Yovanovich, Senior Vice President – Land, Mitchell Energy Corporation, from D.J. Laughlin, Petroleum Administrator, City of Whittier. Feb. 21, 1974.</p> <p>----Letter to the City of Whittier, Attn: Mr. N.K. Abbott from E.L. Boice, District Manager, American Petrofina Exploration Company. Feb 11, 1974.</p> <p>--Equipment Transferred, Grant Deed and Bill of Sale. Granting all property situate in the County of Los Angeles be transferred from American Petrofina Exploration Company to Mitchell Energy Exploration Corporation. Dec. 31, 1973.</p> <p>--Packet labeled "For Petroleum Administrator". Contains the Mitchell Energy &amp; Development Corp. Report to Stockholders, Third Quarter – Fiscal 1974, Nine Months, Ended Oct. 31, 1973.</p> <p>--Letter to Mitchell Energy &amp; Development Corp. from American Petrofina Exploration Company, re: Pipeline Right-of-way Grant. Jan. 10, 1974.</p> <p>---- Letter to D.J. Laughlin, Petroleum Administrator, City of Whittier, from Jack J. Yovanovich, Senior Vice President – Land, Mitchell Energy Corporation. Jan. 28, 1974.</p> <p>--Department of Conservation, Division of Oil and Gas, Notice of Intention to Abandon Well. Well No. Childs #1, Sec. 16, T. 2S, R. 11, W. S.B., B&amp;M. Rideout Heights Field, Los Angeles County. Undated.</p> <p>----Letter to the Superintendent of Building &amp; Safety, City of Whittier, Attn: Mr. D.M. Dick, from E.L. Boice, District Manager, American Petrofina Exploration Company. May 7, 1973.</p> <p>--Memo to Jim Laughlin, Director of Public Services, from N.K. Abbot, City Manager, Subject: American Petrofina Drill Site. Mar. 5, 1973.</p> <p>--Letter to Fred Forster, Harold L. Howard, Olson and Gregg, and American Petrofina Exploration Co., from Elvin H. Porter, Planning Director, City of Whittier. Re: Nonconforming oil production facilities. Jan. 3, 1973.</p> <p>--Letter to Jim Laughlin, Petroleum Administrator, City of Whittier, from E.L. Boice, District Manager, American Petrofina Exploration Company. With map enclosure. Nov. 9, 1972.</p> <p>--Memo to N.K. Abbot, City Manager, from Jim Laughlin, Director of Public Services, Subject: Inspection of Producing Oil Wells. Oct. 31, 1972.</p> <p>--Memo to N.K. Abbot, City Manager, from Jim Laughlin, Director of Public Services, Subject: Oil in Street – American Petrofina Drill Site. Oct. 30, 1972.</p> <p>--Ordinance No. 1924, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Whittier Granting an Unclassified Use Permit (Case No. U70-08; Applicant: American Petrofina Exploration Company). May 11, 1971. Two copies.</p> <p>--Letter to American Petrofina Exploration Company from D.J. Laughlin, Petroleum Administrator, City of Whittier. With enclosure "Ordinance No. 1983". Sept. 8, 1972.</p> |

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|             | <p>--Packet with cover page that has a memo from "Jim" to "DM," dated June 12, 1972. Contains handwritten notes, and photocopied newspaper articles. Titles of articles: "Homeowners Plan to Take Issue of Drilling to Voters"; "Group Will Seek Vote on Drilling"; "No Immediate Drilling Seen Here"; "Northwest Residents Join Fight Against Oil Drilling"; "Oil Drillers Awaiting Okay"; "Oil Drilling Site Still Heavy Issue"; "Drill for Oil, Whittier City Schools Urge"; "Council Approves Oil-Drilling Here"; "Whittier Residents Move for Oil-Ban"; "Drilling Ban Referendum"; "PROD New Group Out to Halt Oil Drilling Here"; "Oil-Drilling in Whittier Given Final Approval". Most article clippings do not include date, but the ones that do are from 1971.</p> <p>--Instruction to Mud Loggers, American Petrofina Exploration Company, Whittier #1 Well. Undated.</p> <p>--Memo to N.K. Abbot, City Manager, from Jim Laughlin, Director of Public Services, Subject: Drill Site Inspection – American Petrofina. June 12, 1972.</p> <p>--Letter to Jim Laughlin, Petroleum Administrator, City of Whittier, from E.L. Boice, District Manager, American Petrofina Exploration Company. April 26, 1972.</p> <p>--Letter to Jim Laughlin, Water Supt., from Elvin H. Porter, Planning Director. Subject: Unclassified Use Permit U71-05 (American Petrofina). July 27, 1971.</p> <p>--Letter to N.K. Abbott, City Manager, from D.J. Laughlin, Water and Street Maintenance Supt. Subject: Proposed Drill Site on Honolulu Terrace. Mar. 22, 1971.</p> <p>--Summary, Minutes Regular Session, City of Whittier. Mar. 23, 1971.</p> <p>--Memo to Elvin Porter, Planning Director, from D.J. Laughlin, Water Superintendent. Subject: Unclassified Use Permit U70-08. Dec. 22, 1970.</p> <p>--Letter to James L. Laughlin, Water &amp; Street Maintenance Supt., City of Whittier, from W.K. Barker, American Petrofina Exploration Company. Re: Abandonment of Whittier City Core Hole #1, Whittier, California. July 10, 1969.</p> <p>--Letter to James L. Laughlin, Water &amp; Street Maintenance Supt., City of Whittier, from W.K. Barker, American Petrofina Exploration Company. Re: Abandonment of Whittier City Core Hole #3, Whittier, California. July 10, 1969.</p> <p>--Letter to John J. Walsh, American Petrofina Exploration Company, from Frank R. Limber, City Clerk. May 22, 1969.</p> <p>---Letter to James L. Laughlin, Water &amp; Street Maintenance Supt., City of Whittier, from W.K. Barker, American Petrofina Exploration Company. April 15, 1969.</p> <p>--Letter to E.V. Landry, American Petrofina Exploration Company, to D.J. Laughlin, Petroleum Administrator, City of Whittier. April 15, 1969.</p> <p>--Letter to E.V. Landry, American Petrofina Exploration Company, from Frank R. Limber, City Clerk. Mar. 17, 1969.</p> <p>--Letter to E.V. Landry, American Petrofina Exploration Company, from Frank R. Limber, City Clerk. Feb. 18, 1969.</p> <p>--Letter to E.V. Landry, American Petrofina Exploration Company, from Frank R. Limber, City Clerk. Dec. 23, 1968.</p> <p>--Letter to the City of Whittier ("Lessors"), from E.L. Boice, Division Manager, American Petrofina Exploration Company. Undated.</p> <p>--City of Whittier, In Re Application of Petrofina Exploration Company, City of Whittier Permit to Drill a Geological Exploratory Core Hole, Application No. 5. April 9, 1969.</p> <p>--Letter to E.V. Landry, American Petrofina Exploration Company, from Warren T. Peace, Whittier Resident. Subject: Noise from oil drilling continuing past the 7:00 p.m. promised conclusion time. Nov. 5, 1968.</p> <p>--Letter to James L. Laughlin, Water and Street Maintenance Superintendent, City of Whittier, to E.V. Landry, Supervisor, Land Department, American Petrofina Exploration Company. Sept. 24, 1968.</p> <p>--Application for Unclassified Use Permit, City Planning Commission, City of Whittier. With maps. July 26, 1971.</p> <p>--Resolution No. P.C. 71-07. Feb. 8, 1971.</p> |

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|             | <p>--Data Sheet, Application No. U71-05, Name of applicant American Petrofina Exploration Company, Aug. 23, 1971.</p> <p>--Document titled Producing Properties, with properties listed Childs Estate Lease, Juanita O'Melia Lease, City of Whittier Reservoir Lease.</p> <p>--Letter to W.P. Blair and Mr. Martin E. Whelan Jr., from Robert Flandrick, City Attorney, Re: Unclassified Use Permit – American Petrofina Exploration Company. Mar. 30, 1971.</p> <p>--Typed packet of resident grievances with oil drilling.</p> <p>--Ordinance No. 1941, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Whittier Granting an Unclassified Use Permit (Case No. U71-05; Applicant: American Petrofina Exploration Company). Oct. 5, 1971.</p> <p>--Memo to the City Council from Elvin H. Porter, Planning Director. Subject: Unclassified Use Permit U71-05 – Exhibits submitted by applicant and opposition. Sept. 16, 1971.</p> <p>--Letter to the City Council from Elvin H. Porter, Planning Director. Subject: Unclassified Use Permit U71-05 Sept. 3, 1971.</p> <p>--Minutes, Special Meeting, Whittier City Planning Commission. Aug. 30, 1971.</p> <p>--Letter notifying residents of Special Meeting, Whittier City Planning Commission. Aug. 27, 1971.</p> |