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The RR Commission's 2023 Monitoring and Enforcement Plan must now include considerations of cumulative effects of oil and gas projects, -not only those proposed for a dubious future, but those under review currently, e.g., the RGLNG and TXLNG, and Jupiter Pipeline, and all other pipelines small and large, like the one recently found to be leaking huge amounts of Methane, to which the European Space Agency called our collective attention. This industry is NOT a good transition to renewables. Renewables are more profitable, cleaner, more job-rich, and beautiful, in a region like ours which depends so heavily on Eco-tourism and fishing/shrimping industries.

Note that the NEPA has now been revised to include cumulative harms, which are more than evident in all the current fossil fuel projects envisioned for our fragile Bahia Grande area, the Ship Channel (Brownsville), along Rtes. 4 and 48, past popular fishing grounds, and the sacred site of the Garcia Pasture location for the Carrizo Comecrudo tribe. Our region has treasures unique in the world!

The Upland Lomas (about which Richard Moore recently made a film to be shown May 7 at the STEC in Laguna Vista (10 AM), Endangered Species like Ocelot and Aplomado Falcon, sea grasses, oyster beds, shrimp breeding wetlands with unique and valuable plants for protection, and various listed birds and seabirds. It is your role not to approve or monitor projects only, but to protect the common good and the public from the serious safety and transport risks. (Re: the recent massive Methane leak, worst in more than a year, and worse than 16,000 non-hybrid, non-electric cars' YEARLY exhaust, in only one hour of leakage, see both Aaron Clark and N. Malick's piece in the Bloomberg News, and similar coverage of the infamous leak in the NYTimes).

The era of fossil fools is over: oil and gas are obsolete and will only worsen the conservative estimates of the IPCC Report just issued: we have only 3 years to convert to renewables and end fossil fuel pollution. Our children deserve a livable Earth. Your role is to provide for a future which is not constantly and continuously threatened by extreme storms, heat waves (India this week was OVER 44 degrees C.! -in April!) and floods alternating with droughts, crop failures and wildfires. Fossil fuels do IRREPARABLE DAMAGE, and the vicious feedback loop of global warming will not spare even the wealthiest for long. Please do your duty and regulate, ban, and transform our risky Texas energy and atmospheric picture.