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# FAQs

## East Cat Canyon Oil Field Project Transportation Plan

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Aera Energy is redeveloping the East Cat Canyon oil field located in a rural area southeast of Santa Maria near other oil fields and ranchlands. Our goal is to produce the energy California needs while protecting human health and the environment.

### What is the plan?

Oil produced from the site will be transported by approximately 100 trucks per day to our facilities in the San Joaquin valley. The proposed route includes using local roads to Hwy 101, then driving north to Hwy. 46 East, and ending the journey on Hwy 33.

### Trucks can safely operate

The draft environmental impact report (DEIR) found there will not be a significant public safety risk from these trucks. This is due in part to Aera's Vehicle Safety Plan which will include many requirements for driver training, truck safety equipment and vehicle and driver performance monitoring.

To double-check these results, Aera retained a team of traffic safety experts with **more than 60 years of combined experience with the California Highway Patrol (CHP)** regulating commercial trucks. This expert review validated the EIR findings.

We also asked these experts for their advice on how to make the transportation plan even safer. They provided us with several safety recommendations which will be incorporated into our Vehicle Safety Plan.

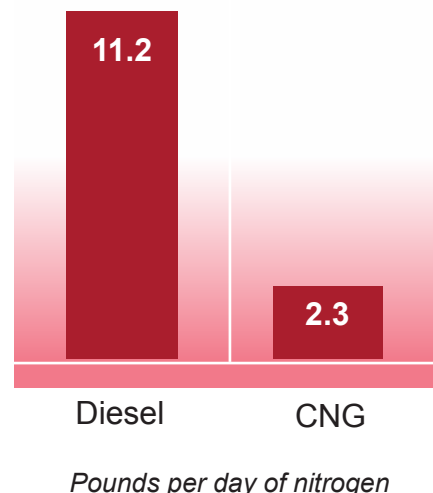
### Traffic

The EIR determined that the impact on traffic congestion on local roads, intersections and freeways would not be significant.

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### Clean, quieter trucks

Aera will be using trucks powered by compressed natural gas (CNG) engines which produce **nearly 80% less smog-forming nitrogen oxide emissions** than heavy-duty diesel trucks. According to the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District, using CNG engines also will reduce toxic emissions. CNG truck engine will also operate more quietly than diesel. In addition, Aera plans to fuel with Renewable Natural Gas, to reduce climate change impacts.



### Roadway Maintenance

The DEIR found that the impact on roadways would not be significant because Aera would be required to pay its fair share for roadway maintenance.

### Pipeline alternatives

The DEIR suggested two pipeline alternatives for oil transport, and also a route alternative for the natural gas line. We are currently analyzing these alternatives.