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“Protecting Water Resources” Report Published

SANTA MARIA – How will water resources be protected at Aera’s East Cat Canyon Oil Field project? Aera Energy today announced the publication of a report that provides answers to that question.

“Our goal is to be responsive to people’s questions and concerns, and the issue of protecting water is one we hear about a lot,” said Rick Rust, Aera Energy’s Santa Barbara representative. “We hope this report - **“Protecting Water Resources”** - will help provide the information that people need about this important topic.”

The report includes a comprehensive view of the regulatory, geologic and operational systems that have been established to protect water supplies. It also provides details on plans to conserve fresh water at the project, and how no fresh water will be used for oil production.

“There’s a lot of detail in the report, but what it boils down to is that government regulations, company best practices, and the natural geologic barriers at the site all work together to protect the region’s precious water supplies,” said Rust.

The report is available online at AeraEastCatCanyon.com via the “Get the Facts” tab. A printed version of is available upon request by e-mailing AeraEastCatCanyon@AeraEnergy.com, or by calling 805 361-8800.

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