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Hello Water Board,

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The Department of Conservation is not doing its job of enforcing the 1,500-foot-radius. DOGGR is not enforcing the 1,500-foot-radius. When will the State of California notify neighbors living within 1,500 feet of well stimulation (or any use of acid to stimulate the inside of an oil well) near their homes? How will you notify the neighbors, since the Department of Conservation and DOGGR are negligent in their duty to notify neighbors? When and How?

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