

# **Periodic Review Assessment in the Communities Surrounding the Inglewood Oil Field**

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# Background

- LA County Board of Supervisors requested community health assessment
- Phase 1: April 2011
  - Mortality (LA County Public Health)
  - Low-birth-weight births (LA County Public Health)
  - Birth defects (CA Birth Defects Monitoring Program)
  - Cancer incidence (USC Cancer Surveillance Program)
- Phase 2: April 2012
  - Community survey (LA County Public Health), postponed to allow better assessment of the effects of drilling on residents

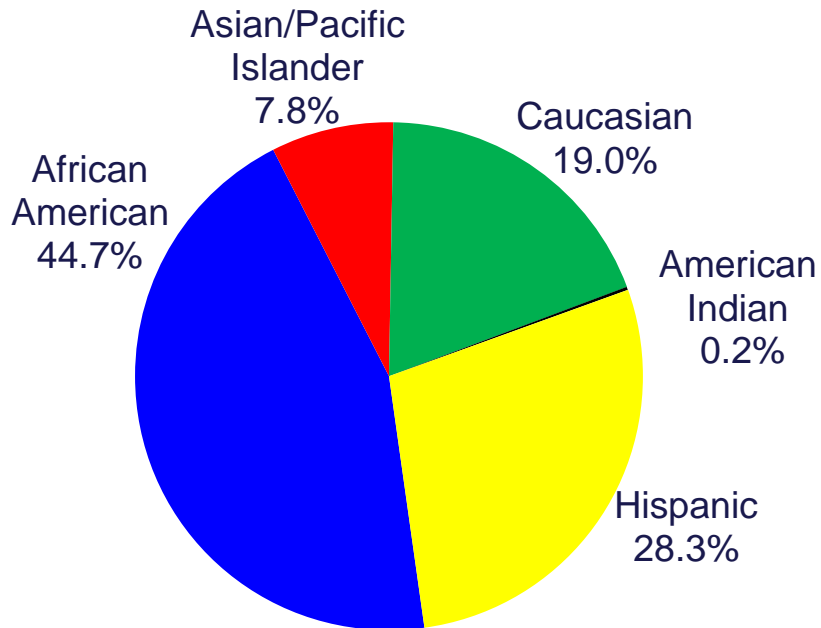


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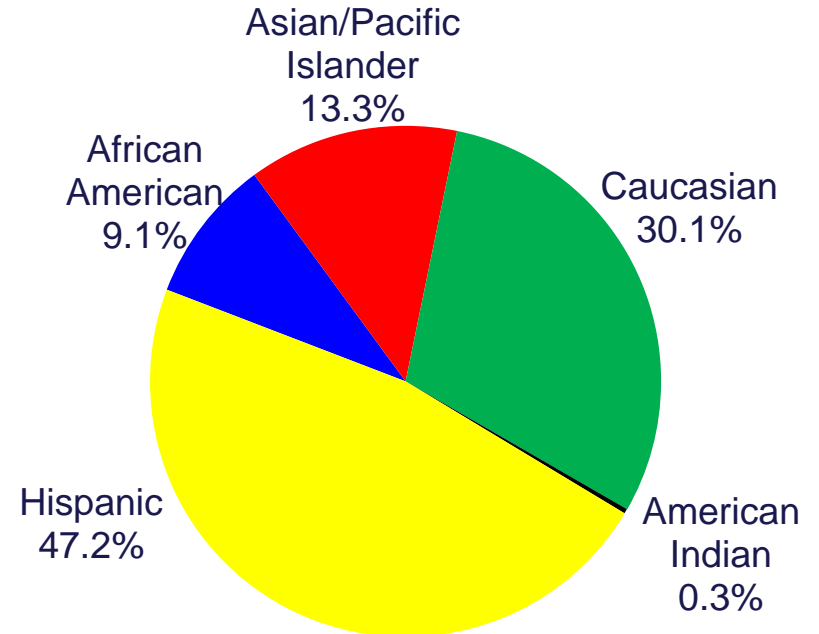
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# Race/Ethnicity of the Populations

## Inglewood Oil Field Communities



## Los Angeles County



# Methods

- Mortality

- Compared rates for census tracts surrounding the oil field to LA County for overall mortality, top ten leading causes of death and premature death, plus asthma
- Death certificate data from 2000-2007, adjusted for race/ethnicity

- Low Birth Weight Births

- Compared rates of low-birth-weight births for census tracts surrounding the oil field to LA County
- Low birth weight defined as < 5.5 lbs (2500 g)
- Birth certificate data from 2000-2007, adjusted for race/ethnicity



# Methods

- Birth Defects

- California Birth Defects Monitoring Program analyzed all birth defects occurring 1990-2002

- Cancer Incidence

- USC Cancer Surveillance Program analyzed 5 blood-related cancers (Some blood-related cancers have been linked to petroleum products)
- Analysis by race/ethnicity to examine potential disparities
- Time period divided into 1972-1999 and 2000-2005 to explore most recent trends





# Methods

- Community Survey
  - Compared responses to LA County Health Survey (LACHS)
  - Telephone interview of 1,020 adults living near IOF
  - Survey conducted in English and Spanish
  - Snapshot of current health conditions and quality of life concerns identified in the health working group
    - Health conditions (asthma, respiratory illness, etc.)
    - Odors, noise, traffic, etc.



# Limitations to These Analyses

- Cannot confirm whether oil drilling activities are associated with these health outcomes
- Do not take into account important determinants of health such as:
  - Behavioral risk factors (smoking, physical activity, etc.)
  - Social factors (education, income, access to care, etc.)
  - Environmental exposures (traffic-related pollution, etc.)
- Cannot establish causal relationships between emissions and specific health outcomes





# Future Plans

- During periodic review consider analyzing health data that has been collected
- Respond to noise complaints concerning oil field operations
- Air emissions monitoring and odor complaints (AQMD)
- Air Quality Monitoring Study (consulting group)



# Resources

Toxics Epidemiology Program

<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/TEA>

(213) 738-3220

LA County Department of Regional Planning

Baldwin Hills Community Standards District

Documents / Reports

<http://planning.lacounty.gov/baldwinhills/documents>

