

On September 23, 2009 Excelaron completed a phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment of the proposed project site. This study found evidence of hydrocarbon-contaminated soils from previous drilling operations.

The EIR should conduct a more thorough site assessment in order to identify and characterize the level of soil contamination.

There are environmental impacts associated with the disturbance of contaminated soils. Since Excelaron's phase 1 development plan involves grading of soils at the project site, the EIR should evaluate the impacts of grading contaminated soils.

A remediation plan should be formulated and evaluated as part of this EIR. Any contaminated soils on the project site should be cleaned up prior to the start of any grading to lessen environmental impacts.

None of us living in the Huasna Valley want to breath in hydrocarbon contaminated dust!