

# BEFORE THE LAST DROP

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Highlights of the new APEN/CBE report on refinery closure community impacts

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LESSONS FROM THE PHILLIPS 66  
LOS ANGELES REFINERY CLOSURE

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COMMUNITIES  
BETTER  
ENVIRONMENT

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# ENERGY SECTOR DECOMMISSIONING REQUIREMENTS

Infrastructure type	Planning requirement - federal	Planning requirement - state	Financial assurance - federal	Financial assurance* - state
<b>Nuclear EGUs</b>	yes	n/a**	yes	some
<b>Fossil EGUs</b>	no	some	no	yes
<b>Hydroelectric</b>	yes	n/a	yes	n/a
<b>Wind and Solar</b>	yes	most	yes	most
<b>Well drilling</b>	yes	no	yes	yes
<b>Coal mining</b>	yes	n/a	yes	n/a
<b>Oil refining</b>	no	no	no	no

\*Includes financial coverage by ratepayers

\*\*n/a signifies limits on state-level jurisdiction

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# RECOMMENDATIONS



Full ARO disclosure: require an advance decommissioning plan and cost estimate



Develop default technology standards for refinery site remediation



Require financial assurance