

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**From:** Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department  
2700 "M" Street, Suite 100  
Bakersfield, CA 93301

**Project Title:** PLO26-00052

**Project Location -- Specific:** 057-220-626

**Project Location -- City:** Unincorporated area of Kern County

**Project Location -- County:** Kern

**Description of Project:** Aera Energy is proposing to drill a new well LH4138-13 in the Lost Hills Heavy Oilfield. The well depth is less than 1,000-ft. Reference first application of the year (PLO26-00001) for all documents identified in the MMRP and not uploaded in this application

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** KERN COUNTY PLANNING AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** California Resources Corporation

**Exempt Status:** (Sections 21080(b)(1) and 15268

**Reason Why Project Is Exempt:** O&G Permit Modification are ministerial under Kern County Zoning Ordinance and are exempt under Sections 21080(b)(1) and 15268 of the State CEQA Guidelines

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Craig M. Murphy, Director

cc: Applicant