NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

From: Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department
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Bakersfield, CA 93301

Project Title: PLO26-01392

Project Location -- Specific: 158-090-043

Project Location -- City: Unincorporated area of Kern County

Project Location -- County: Kern

Description of Project: CRC proposes installing an ancillary pipeline, ancillary electrical connections (permitted under CRC's electrical maintenance permit) and performing civil grading / site access maintenance work to allow for portable / temporary gas treatment and compression equipment to be staged and piloted at the previous Elk Hills 36R compressor site. There will be no new disturbance created as part of this project and no new air permits are required. Up to three temporary portable treatment / compression units will treat natural gas provided by CRC with odorant and compress the natural gas (CNG) such that it can then be loaded onto portable trailers to be trucked offsite for sales. The scope of work for this temporary site includes: 1) The installation of ~800 ft 4-inch steel gas line in existing pipe corridors from an existing valve on a CRC gas line to the temporary treatment / compression test area, 2) a fence around the perimeter of the location for site security, 3) minor road / access grading and basing maintenance work, and 4) addition of electrical connections for temporary equipment. The site is considered temporary because CRC has only agreed to supply gas to third party purchaser for a period < 12 months and has specified all treatment and compression equipment etc. brought onto the site must be portable and installed in a temporary manner and must be removed at the conclusion of the test period. During this test period, CRC will determine if these activities are economical. If they are, CRC will seek or modify equipment and project permit(s) necessary to make the site operational on a longer-term basis, inclusive of necessary Kern County and SJVAPCD permit(s). After the pilot program is completed (< 1 year of testing) the compressors/trucks/trailers will be removed from the site or permits allowing for ongoing operation will be secured in advance

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

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 Minor Activity Review 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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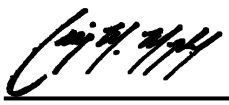

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cc: Applicant