

State of California  
 Natural Resources Agency / Department of Conservation  
 GEOLOGIC ENERGY MANAGEMENT DIVISION

**California Environmental Quality Act  
 Notice of Exemption**

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**Project Title:** 676223\_Group\_CRPC\_UIC

**Project Applicant:** California Resources Production Corporation (CRPC)

**Project Location:** Kern County, Kern Front; Sec. 14, Twn. 28S, Rng. 27E, Base MD; Latitude: 35.4856089, Longitude: -119.0395429

**Project Description:** The primary work objective is to sidetrack six (6) existing wells. This work is designed to support continuation of oil and gas resource development in the area. The entirety of this work would be located in an area of existing disturbance and no change in the surface topography (such as drainage patterns) would result. There will be no expansion of the existing well pads, roads, staging areas, or pipelines. No new grading would occur in any undisturbed areas. No new road construction or expansions would be required for the proposed project. The proposed project consists of the California Department of Conservation, Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM) approving 6 permit(s) for California Resources Production Corporation to rework the well(s) listed below, in the Kern Front Oil Field, to address well integrity issues.

API #	Well Name
0403036885	Lehnhardt 46
0403043973	Lehnhardt 54
0403043980	Unspecified 44
0403038097	Lehnhardt 50
0403041073	Lehnhardt 56
0403047018	Unspecified 49

**Exempt Status:** As the Lead Agency, CalGEM has determined that the proposed project is exempt from full environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to the specified exemptions marked in the section below. CalGEM further finds that the proposed project would not result in a significant adverse impact to the environment, or that any of the exceptions to the application of the exemptions apply (14 CCR § 15300.2).

Exemption Type		Statute (PRC)	Regulation (14 CCR)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Statutory Exemption:</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ongoing Project ( <i>pre-CEQA approval on April 5, 1973</i> )	21169	15261 (b)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ministerial	21080 (b)(1)	15268	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Declared Emergency	21080 (b)(3)	15269 (a)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Emergency Projects	21080 (b)(4)	15269 (b) or (c)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Categorical Exemption:</b>	21084		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Class 1: Existing Facilities</b>		15301	1684.1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Class 2: Replacement or Reconstruction</b>		15302	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Class 3: New Construction/Conversion of Small Structures</b>		15303	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Class 4: Minor Alterations to Land</b>		15304	1684.2
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Class 7: Protection of Natural Resources</b>		15307	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Class 8: Protection of the Environment</b>		15308	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Class 11: Accessory Structures</b>		15311	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Class 21: Enforcement Actions to revoke a permit</b>		15321	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Class 30: Minor Actions to Prevent, Minimize, Stabilize, Mitigate, or Eliminate a Release (Actual or Threat) of Hazardous Substances (Waste or Material)</b>		15330	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Class 33: Small Habitat Restoration Projects</b>		15333	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>General Exemption ("common sense")</b>		15061 (b)(3)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Not a "Project" subject to CEQA</b>		15378 (b)(2)	
<p><u>CEQA Exceptions to the Exemptions (14 CCR § 15300.2):</u> where project is located (e.g., sensitive environment); Cumulative Impact; Significant Effect due to Unusual Circumstances; Scenic Highways; Hazardous Waste Sites; Historical Resources.</p>				

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:** The basis for CalGEM’s determination that the project is exempt from the requirements of CEQA is provided in the brief explanation below.

**Class 1, Existing Facility (14 CCR §§ 15301, 1684.1):** The “Class 1” (14 CCR §15301) exemption is applicable per the CEQA Guidelines and CalGEM’s regulations (14 CCR §1684.1) because the proposed work consists of repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of an existing previously permitted well involving no expansion of former use. The Class includes, but is not limited to: remedial, maintenance, conversion, and abandonment work on oil, gas, injection, and geothermal wells. The well would maintain its existing well type and the use of the well would remain the same as before.

**Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction (14 CCR §15302):** Class 2 applies because it consists of “replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially

