

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

**California Environmental Quality Act
Notice of Exemption**

To:

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Project Title: 700778_HWOC_OG

Project Applicant: Holmes Western Oil Corporation (HWOC)

Project Location: Kern County, Midway-Sunset; Sec. 05, Twn. 11N, Rng. 23W, Base SB;
Latitude: 35.0717239, Longitude: -119.3531875

Project Description: HWOC proposes to sidetrack existing well Sarah Faye 119 into the same target zone its currently completed in. The project is expected to take 4 days and will be completed during the Fall season. The well type for this well will not change, it will remain as an oil & gas type. Sarah Faye 119 is not associated with a UIC project nor a UGS project. Construction related activities are not required. All equipment will be contained within existing facilities and there will be no expansion of existing former use. Temporary equipment needed for the project includes a Drilling Rig, Rig Pump, Cement Truck, Bins, Shaker, Storage Tank, Drill Pipe, and Casing. Vehicles needed to transport personnel, deliver supplies and materials, and transport waste will also visit the project site.

The proposed project will not result in disturbance or require clearing of habitat for road(s) or well pad remediation/expansion. Reworking the well will require the use of 400 bbls (16800 gallons) of produced water and 210.7 bbls (8849.4 gallons) of fresh water to mix the cement. Produced water will come from our Parkinson Production Facility, approximately 0.63 miles from the well location. The produced water will be transported to the project location by vacuum truck. Fresh water will be provided by the cementing service company.

The proposed project consists of the California Department of Conservation, Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM) approving 1 permit for Holmes Western Oil Corporation to perform sidetrack work on the well listed below, in the Midway-Sunset Oil Field.

API #	Well Name
0402907693	Sarah Faye 119

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

