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California Environmental Quality Act
Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: 579029_CRPC_OG_UIC

Project Applicant: California Resources Production Corporation

Project Location: Orange County, Huntington Beach; 04/ 06S/ 11W/ SB; 33.67504501/ -118.02589417

Project Description:

CRC proposes to rework 392 CJ78 by installing an expandable casing liner in the well, replacing the injection equipment, testing the well, and returning it to injection in the Huntington Beach oil field. The proposed project is within an existing well cellar. This rework is to repair an injection well with known casing damage after a failed mechanical integrity test. The well will return to injection as a waterflood well (already approved within project) following the rework activities. The rework does not change the well type. The well is an injector within the UIC project 320-00-6014. The rework is not an expansion, and it is a continuation as the injection well is already approved within the project.

Temporary equipment such as pumps and return bins may be needed. No permanent facilities will be constructed. No expansion of associated facilities will be required. Various mobile temporary equipment will be used including, but not limited to, drilling rig, workover rig, etc., and vehicles to transport personnel and materials to/from the site. There will not be new ground surface disturbance associated with this project. Any waste materials will be properly disposed of in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.

The proposed project is located onshore on a privately owned multi-well area which overlie minerals owned by the California State Lands Commission and leased by California Resources Production Corporation (CRPC) solely for the purpose of oil and gas exploration and production.

API #	Well Name
0405902870	State Prc 392 CJ-78

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)	
☐ **Statutory Exemption:**			
☐ Ongoing Project (*pre-CEQA approval on April 5, 1973*)	21169	15261 (b)	
☐ Ministerial	21080 (b)(1)	15268	
☐ Declared Emergency	21080 (b)(3)	15269 (a)	
☐ Emergency Projects	21080 (b)(4)	15269 (b) or (c)	
☐ **Categorical Exemption:**	21084		
☑ **Class 1**: Existing Facilities		15301	1684.1
☑ **Class 2**: Replacement or Reconstruction		15302	
☐ **Class 3**: New Construction/Conversion of Small Structures		15303	
☑ **Class 4:** Minor Alterations to Land		15304	1684.2
☐ **Class 7**: Protection of Natural Resources		15307	
☐ **Class 8**: Protection of the Environment		15308	
☐ **Class 11:** Accessory Structures		15311	
☐ **Class 21**: Enforcement Actions to revoke a permit		15321	
☐ **Class 30**: Minor Actions to Prevent, Minimize, Stabilize, Mitigate, or Eliminate a Release (Actual or Threat) of Hazardous Substances (Waste or Material)		15330	
☐ **Class 33**: Small Habitat Restoration Projects		15333	
☐ **General Exemption** ("common sense")		15061 (b)(3)	
☐ **Not a "Project" subject to CEQA**		15378 (b)(2)	

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.

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 Facilities (14 CCR §§ 15301, 1684.1): The project is categorically exempt from CEQA under the "Class 1" (14 CCR § 15301) exemption per the CEQA Guidelines because the proposed project is a repair or minor alteration of existing facilities and will not involve an expansion of use of the oil field and therefore is exempt from the need for full CEQA review. Additionally, in accordance with 14 CCR § 1684.1 the Class 1 exemption consists of operation repair, maintenance, minor alternation of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing previously. The proposed work involves altering the existing casing and/or wellhead of an existing well to restore productivity and address a known integrity issue. Additionally, a CalGEM engineer has confirmed that the proposed work would be a continuation of operations within UIC Project 32006014, as permitted by the project approval letter (PAL).

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 the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced." Examples of Class 2 include, but are not limited to, "Replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity." The proposed project is the rework of an existing wellbore which is needed to install a casing liner in a well with known casing damage. The rework will be on the same site and would have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the well did before the rework. Additionally, a CalGEM engineer has confirmed that the proposed work would be a continuation of operations within UIC Project 32006014, as permitted by the project approval letter (PAL).

Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land (14 CCR §§ 15304, 1684.2): Class 4 exemption applies. The proposed project would be conducted entirely on an existing pad with enough space to contain all equipment. The project would not disturb any undisturbed areas. The proposed project is located within an industrial area and existing well cellar. Therefore, the proposed project "consists of drilling operations that result in only minor alterations with negligible or no permanent effects to the existing condition of the land, water, air, and/or vegetation." The rework would not expand the facility.

Exceptions to Exemptions: CalGEM further finds that there are no exceptions to the application of the categorical exemptions (PRC § 21084; 14 CCR § 15300.2 (c)) referenced above. There is no substantial evidence that there are any "unusual circumstances" associated with the proposed project that create a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment. The approved project is within a Health Protection Zone (HPZ) as defined by Public Resources Code (PRC) section 3280(b). The HPZ does not present an unusual circumstance because SB 1137 (PRC § 3280 et seq.) requires all oil or gas production facilities or wells with a wellhead within an HPZ to comply with specified health, safety, and environmental requirements. In addition, CalGEM further finds that there are no significant "cumulative impacts" resulting from successive projects of the same type in the same place. Therefore, reliance on the exemption(s) is appropriate."

A copy of this Notice of Exemption (as required by 14 CCR § 15062(a)) and all other related materials are available for public inspection at CalGEM CEQA Program,

located at 715 P Street, MS 1803, Sacramento, CA 95814; by calling (916) 445-9686; or an electronic copy of these documents may also be accessed online at the State Clearinghouse: https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov.

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