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Notice of Determination

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Lead Agency Project Title: Permanent Sealing of Orphan Wells in Kern County
Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND)

Date Adopted: October 20, 2025

Project Applicant: CalGEM State Abandonment Program

Project Location: One well is not within an oil field, while the rest are in the Fruitvale (12), Mountain View (3), Edison (1), and Semitropic (1) Oil Fields. Sections 3, 19, 20, 27, 28; Townships 27S, 29S, 30S; Ranges 22E, 27E, 29E; MD.

County: Kern County

Project Description: The Permanent Sealing of Orphan Wells in Kern County Project by the California Department of Conservation Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM) State Abandonment Program involves the State of California's plugging and abandoning (permanent sealing) of 18 orphan wells, removal of tanks, aboveground pipelines, debris, and other Project-related facilities and equipment in Kern County, California. One well is not within an oil field, while the rest are in the Fruitvale (12), Mountain View (3), Edison (1), and Semitropic (1) Oil Fields. For well permanent sealing, each well would be cleaned out and then plugged with cement and inert mud to the ground surface. Then, the well casing would be cut down to approximately five to ten feet below ground level, and the site would be backfilled with soil up to ground level.

All activities would utilize existing roads and previously disturbed areas to the maximum extent feasible. Due to the locations of the well sites, the access and staging of equipment could have the potential for ground disturbance. Therefore, CalGEM is preparing this Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.) and the State CEQA Guidelines. A site stabilization and/or lease restoration plan is proposed to ensure that that area is returned to natural conditions.

The project activities being permitted by CalGEM are within the scope of the Permanent Sealing of Orphan Wells in Kern County IS/MND.

CalGEM approved permits to abandon the wells listed below in Kern County.

API #	Well Name	Latitude	Longitude
0402900895	Feeport 1	35.30383	-118.90498
0402906781	E & H Dillion 1	35.37458	-119.07072
0402906811	Red Ribbon Lease 1-2	35.37143	-119.07065
0402906814	Red Ribbon Lease 1-5	35.3714	-119.07334
0402906816	Red Ribbon Lease 1-7	35.37055	-119.07205
0402908185	Red Ribbon Lease 2-1	35.38168	-119.05843
0402908186	Red Ribbon Lease 2-2	35.38281	-119.05843
0402908187	Red Ribbon Lease 2-3	35.38229	-119.05733
0402908188	Red Ribbon Lease 2-4	35.38223	-119.05843
0402908342	Dillion 2	35.37585	-119.07053
0402908439	Dillion 3	35.37526	-119.07064
0402908440	Dillon 4	35.37399	-119.07063
0402914306	Greer 1	35.30255	-118.90642
0402946341	Fuller Acres 2	35.30275	-118.91017
0402962133	Tenneco 1	35.37251	-119.08179
0402977006	T.S.A 14X	35.28997	-118.86028
0403014846	EKHO 1	35.60258	-119.58714
0403022490	Elk Ridge 1-20	35.3969	-119.62778

This Notice of Determination (NOD) is to advise that CalGEM, as the **Lead Agency** under CEQA, approved the above project activities on 10/20/2025. Pursuant to the provisions of CEQA, CalGEM prepared an environmental document for the project, and made the following determinations:

1. **Environmental Impacts** from the project will
 - ☐ Have a significant effect on the environment
 - ☒ Not have a significant effect on the environment
2. **Environmental Document** prepared for this project, pursuant to the provisions of CEQA:
 - ☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
 - ☒ Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)
 - ☐ Negative Declaration (ND)

3. **Mitigation Measures** were
 - ☒ Made a condition of approval of the project
 - ☐ Not made a condition of approval of the project
4. **Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan** (MMRP) was
 - ☒ Adopted for this project
 - ☐ Not adopted for this project
5. **Statement of Overriding Considerations** was
 - ☐ Adopted for this project
 - ☒ Not adopted for this project
6. **Findings** were
 - ☐ Made for this project, pursuant to the provisions of CEQA (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15091)
 - ☒ Not made for this project, pursuant to the provisions of CEQA (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15091)

A copy of the IS/MND for the Permanent Sealing of Orphan Wells in Kern County Project prepared by CalGEM, the MMRP, and all other related documents can be made available to the public by contacting the CalGEM State Abandonment Program at 715 P Street, MS 1803, Sacramento, CA 95814. The notice filed with the State Clearinghouse may be accessed online at:

<https://ceganet.lci.ca.gov>.

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