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GEOLOGIC ENERGY MANAGEMENT DIVISION

California Environmental Quality Act
Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: 213851_5201209_Carbon_UIC

Project Applicant: Carbon California Operating Company, LLC

Project Location: Ventura County, Ojai Oil Field; Section 17, Township 04N, Range 21W, Base SB; 34.43461990, -119.10237122

Project Description: Carbon California Operating Company (the Operator) is applying for an updated project approval letter (PAL) to include the well Hamp 99 in underground injection control (UIC) project No. 5201209 as an injection well. This approval is an expansion of the UIC project. The notice of intention (NOI) to convert Hamp 99 to injection was submitted and approved in March 2023. Work to convert Hamp 99 has already been completed, therefore no additional NOI or physical work would be required. The updated PAL will allow Hamp 99 to start injection and change the administrative well type of Hamp 99 from oil and gas to injection.

The proposed project consists of the California Department of Conservation, Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM) issuing one revised PAL to Carbon California Operating Company for the modification of UIC project No. 5201209, located within the Ojai Oil Field in Ventura County. The injection well that would be associated with the modified UIC project is listed below:

API #	Well Name
0411120439	Hamp 99

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 6**: Information Collection		15306	
	☐ **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):

Class 1 applies to the "operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration" of existing facilities involving "negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing previously" (14 CCR §§ 15301, 1684.1). The proposed UIC PAL expansion involves approving the Hamp 99 well for injection and changing the administrative well type of Hamp 99 from oil and gas to injection status. The conversion of Hamp 99 has already been approved, and work has been completed. The proposed activities are considered negligible, as no mechanical alterations to the wellbore will be required. The proposed project will be located within an area where existing injection activities are currently present. The State Water Resources Control Board reviewed the project for groundwater impacts and

issued a No Objection Memo on September 21, 2023. Therefore, there will be no changes to the existing use.

Exceptions to Exemptions: CalGEM further finds that there are no exceptions to the application of the categorical exemptions (PRC § 21084; 14 CCR § 15300.2) referenced above. For example, 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, and that there are no significant "cumulative impacts" resulting from successive projects of the same type in the same place. Therefore, reliance on the exemptions is appropriate.

A copy of this NOE (as required by 14 CCR § 15062(a)) and all other related materials can be made available to the public by contacting the 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 be requested by contacting CEQA@conservation.ca.gov. The notice filed with the State Clearinghouse may be accessed online at: https://ceqanet.lci.ca.gov

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