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GEOLOGIC ENERGY MANAGEMENT DIVISION

California Environmental Quality Act
Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: 745303_Group_Chevron_UIC

Project Applicant: Chevron U.S.A. Inc. (C5640)

Project Location: Kern, Midway-Sunset; 22/31S/22E/MD; 35.21442413/-119.59128571; Fr SE cor 1871Nly 539Wly

Project Description: Chevron proposes to rework (Salvage Perforate) 19 existing wells in the existing and heavily developed Midway- Sunset Oil field to continue oil and gas resource development. Due to the proximity of wells to each other in an already disturbed, densely developed and active Midway-Sunset Oilfield they are grouped in this application. All perforations will be within the existing completion zone. Water used during the rework operations will be metered, reclaimed produced water, approximately 750 barrels, each well. The work will not increase the depth of any well. The project is in unincorporated Kern County, is not within City limits and does not extend beyond the designated oil field boundary. The wells are located on a relatively flat, open area and 100% disturbed in a densely developed, existing oil field. No change to the surface is included in the proposed work.

The proposed project consists of the California Department of Conservation, Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM) approving 19 permit(s) for Chevron U.S.A. Inc. (C5640) to rework the 19 well(s) listed below, in the Midway-Sunset Oil Field.

API #	Well Name
0403013177	G-6425
0403001000	G-6424
0403002278	G-6328
0403002276	G-6128
0403012382	G-7417
0403012368	G-7103
0403014505	G-7506
0403035664	G-7215
0403001399	G-7614
0403012372	G-7205
0403035656	G-7517
0403007668	G-7314
0403001750	G-7320
0402988553	G-7104
0403001751	G-7408
0403021728	G-7414R
0403012370	G-7111
0402988556	G-7517
0402988561	G-7516

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

Exemption Type		Statute (PRC)	Regulation (14 CCR)	
☐	**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. All perforations will be within the existing completion zone. Water used during the rework operations will be metered, reclaimed produced water, approximately 750 barrels, each well. The work will not increase the depth of any well. Additionally, a CalGEM engineer has confirmed that the proposed work would be a continuation of operations within UIC Project 46400049, 46400190, and 46400249, as permitted by the 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." The project locations are located on a relatively flat, open area and 100% disturbed in a densely developed, existing oil field. The proposed work will be conducted on existing wells and facilities. No new construction or addition of infrastructure is proposed. Additionally, a CalGEM engineer has confirmed that the proposed work would be a continuation of operations within UIC Project 46400049, as permitted by the 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. The project locations are located on a relatively flat, open area and 100% disturbed in a densely developed, existing oil field. No change to the surface is included in the proposed work. The rework will not expand the facilities. The current existing land use (and surrounding land use) of the proposed project is an active oil field consisting of oil and gas wells.

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.opr.ca.gov

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