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Notice of Determination

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Lead Agency Project Title: DOI-BLM-CA-C060-2024-0054-EA; Date Adopted: 5/01/2025

CalGEM Project Title: Berry Corporation LLC, Midway Sunset Oilfield- Pike Lease (CalGEM PFID 421437)

Project Applicant: Berry Petroleum Company, LLC



Project Location: Midway Sunset Oil Field; Section 28/Township 32S/Range 24E/MDB&M;
 35.11578602, -119.410231

County: Kern County

Project Description: Berry Petroleum Company, LLC proposes to drill six oil and gas wells within the Midway-Sunset Oil Field- Pike Lease in Kern County. The proposed project, Berry Corporation LLC, Midway Sunset Oilfield- Pike Lease (CalGEM PFID 421437), involves pre-construction clearing and grading, expansion of three existing well pads, connecting to existing electrical lines, and installation of above ground piping to connect to existing infrastructure. The project is estimated to take 75 days and would take place on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) administered mineral estate and surface land ownership, with ground disturbance of approximately 0.4 acres.

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.), the CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15000 et seq.), and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the California Department of Conservation's Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM) is the CEQA lead agency for the proposed project, while the BLM is the NEPA lead agency. CalGEM has reviewed the approved Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) (DOI-BLM-CA-C060-2024-0054-EA) and finds that it meets the requirements of CEQA when combined with the actions taken by CalGEM to comply with CEQA public circulation and Tribal consultation requirements. BLM found that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment; therefore, CalGEM intends to use the FONSI rather than preparing a Negative Declaration (ND) for this project.

The project activity(s) being permitted by CalGEM is within the scope of DOI-BLM-CA-C060-2024-0054-EA. CalGEM, as the CEQA Lead Agency, approved permit(s) for Berry Petroleum Company, LLC to drill the wells listed below, in the Midway-Sunset Oil Field.

API #	Well Name	Latitude	Longitude
403070251	Pike 201	35.11844499	-119.41071500
403070250	Pike 202	35.11837500	-119.41072199
403070253	Pike 203	35.11578602	-119.41023100
403070252	Pike 204	35.11561800	-119.41014999
403070248	Pike 205	35.11429700	-119.40902300
403070249	Pike 206	35.11413900	-119.40896100

<https://www.conservation.ca.gov/calgem/Pages/Wellfinder.aspx>

This Notice of Determination (NOD) is to advise that the Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM), as the Lead Agency under CEQA, has approved the above-described project on **05/19/2026**. Pursuant to the provisions of CEQA, an environmental document was prepared by the Lead Agency for the project, and has made the following determinations:

- 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)
 - Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), in place of ND/MND
 - Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), in place of EIR
 - Joint Document: EIS/EIR FONSI/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)

California's Senate Bill 1137 (SB 1137): CalGEM has reviewed the operator's statement and all other relevant information and whether each feature identified is a sensitive receptor. CalGEM verified that the subject location of the NOIs is not within a Health Protection Zone (HPZ).

California's Senate Bill 237 (SB 237): CalGEM has reviewed the operator's statement and all other relevant information and whether the project would be eligible for Kern County's oil and gas streamlined permitting process. CalGEM verified the project location and determined that SB 237 is not applicable. CalGEM's analysis found that the project is within BLM's surface and mineral ownership, which falls outside of the scope of Kern County's Second Supplemental Recirculated Environmental Impact Report (SSREIR).

A copy of the environmental document and associated documents prepared by BLM, including the Environmental Assessment (EA), Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), Decision Record (DR), and all other related documents, can be made available to the public by contacting the CalGEM CEQA Program located at: 715 P Street, MS 1803, Sacramento, CA 95814-3530; by calling (916) 445-9686; or an electronic copy of these documents may be accessed online at the CalGEM CEQA public website: <https://www.conservacion.ca.gov/calgem/CEQA> or may be requested by contacting CEQA@conservation.ca.gov. A copy of this NOD may also be accessed online at the State Clearinghouse: <https://ceqanet.lci.ca.gov/>

The approved NEPA documents including the EA, FONSI, DR, and any supporting documents are available for review on BLM's website at: <https://eplanning.blm.gov/>



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