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California Environmental Quality Act
Notice of Determination

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Lead Agency Project Title: DOI-BLM-CA-C060-2023-0012-DNA; Date Adopted: 12/23/2022
DOI-BLM-CA-C060-2019-0093-EA; Date Adopted: 7/8/2019
DOI-BLM-CA-C060-2011-0103-EA; Date Adopted: 6/15/2011

CalGEM Project Title: Berry Petroleum Company, LLC, Midway-Sunset Oil Field
(Southwestern Lease), CalGEM PFID 379714



Project Applicant: Berry Petroleum Company, LLC

Project Location: Midway-Sunset Oil Field; Section 2/Township 31S/Range 22E/MDB&M;
 35.25399600, -119.57867400

County: Kern County

Project Description: Berry Petroleum Company, LLC (Berry) proposes to drill two new oil & gas production wells in the Midway-Sunset Oil Field in Kern County. The proposed project is estimated to take a total of 47 days once work has begun. The first phase of this project would be site construction which includes: expansion of the well pads; connection to existing electrical lines; and installation of various above-ground piping to connect well sites to existing infrastructure. Wells would be drilled sequentially by one rig moving from one pad location to the next, with activity limited to the immediate area of the pad on which the drilling would occur. The final phase of the project would be to connect the wells to all required production piping and equipment. The project would take place on public lands containing Bureau of Land Management (BLM) administered subsurface minerals, for a total disturbance equal to 1.134 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), CalGEM is the CEQA Lead Agency for the proposed project, while the BLM is the NEPA Lead Agency. CalGEM has reviewed the approved Environmental Assessments (EAs)/Findings of No Significant Impacts (FONSIs) (DOI-BLM-CA-C060-2011-0103-EA and DOI-BLM-CA-C060-2019-0093-EA) and finds that they meet 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 FONSIs rather than preparing a Negative Declaration (ND) for this project.

The project activity(s) being permitted by CalGEM are within the scope of DOI-BLM-CA-C060-2011-0103-EA and DOI-BLM-CA-C060-2019-0093-EA. CalGEM, as the CEQA Lead Agency, approved permit(s) for Berry to drill the wells listed below, in the Midway-Sunset Oil Field in Kern County.

API #	Well Name	Latitude	Longitude
0403070246	Southwestern 58-60P	35.25399600	-119.57867400
0403070247	Southwestern 57-58P	35.25443400	-119.57923900

<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 **5/18/2026**. 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 Assessments (EAs), Findings of No Significant Impacts (FONSIs), 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.conservation.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 EAs, FONSIs, DR, and any supporting documents are available for review on BLM's website at: <https://eplanning.blm.gov/>

