



State of California  
Natural Resources Agency / Department of Conservation  
GEOLOGIC ENERGY MANAGEMENT DIVISION

## California Environmental Quality Act Notice of Exemption

**To:** Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation  
State Clearinghouse  
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**Project Title:** 819933\_HWOC\_OG

**Project Applicant:** Holmes Western Oil Corporation (H5200)

**Project Location:** Kern County, Midway-Sunset; 32/12N /23W /SB; 35.07695389/-  
119.36621857; 240.11' E and 240.20' N of SW corner of Section 32

**Project Description:** Holmes Western Oil Corporation (H5200) proposes to rework existing well Pacific 15 to cement off existing perforations and then re-perforate the section, ensuring cement gets outside the 6-5/8" casing into the 8-5/8" x 6-5/8" annulus and cement a 4-1/2" tieback string in the well. The project is expected to take 4 days. Construction related activities are not required. All equipment will be contained within existing facilities and there will be no expansion of existing former use. Temporary equipment needed for the project includes a Production Rig, Rig Pump, Cement Truck, Bins, and a Storage Tank. Vehicles needed to transport personnel, deliver supplies and materials, and transport waste will also visit the project site. Reworking the well will require the use of 321 bbls (10,112 gallons) of produced water and 52 bbls (1,638 gallons) of fresh water to mix the cement. Produced water will come from our Parkinson Production Facility, approximately 1.49miles from the well location. The produced water will be transported to the project location by vacuum truck. Fresh water will be provided by the cementing service company.

The proposed project consists of the California Department of Conservation, Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM) approving 1 permit(s) for Holmes Western Oil Corporation (H5200) to rework the well(s) listed below, in the Midway-Sunset Oil Field.

| API #      | Well Name  |
|------------|------------|
| 0402919374 | Pacific 15 |



**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) |        |
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| <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Statutory Exemption:</b>                                                                                                                                     |               |                     |        |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Ongoing Project ( <i>pre-CEQA approval on April 5, 1973</i> )                                                                                                   | 21169         | 15261 (b)           |        |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Ministerial                                                                                                                                                     | 21080 (b)(1)  | 15268               |        |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Declared Emergency                                                                                                                                              | 21080 (b)(3)  | 15269 (a)           |        |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Emergency Projects                                                                                                                                              | 21080 (b)(4)  | 15269 (b) or (c)    |        |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Categorical Exemption:</b>                                                                                                                                   | 21084         |                     |        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>Class 1:</b> Existing Facilities                                                                                                                             |               | 15301               | 1684.1 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>Class 2:</b> Replacement or Reconstruction                                                                                                                   |               | 15302               |        |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Class 3:</b> New Construction/Conversion of Small Structures                                                                                                 |               | 15303               |        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>Class 4:</b> Minor Alterations to Land                                                                                                                       |               | 15304               | 1684.2 |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Class 7:</b> Protection of Natural Resources                                                                                                                 |               | 15307               |        |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Class 8:</b> Protection of the Environment                                                                                                                   |               | 15308               |        |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Class 11:</b> Accessory Structures                                                                                                                           |               | 15311               |        |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Class 21:</b> Enforcement Actions to revoke a permit                                                                                                         |               | 15321               |        |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Class 30:</b> Minor Actions to Prevent, Minimize, Stabilize, Mitigate, or Eliminate a Release (Actual or Threat) of Hazardous Substances (Waste or Material) |               | 15330               |        |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Class 33:</b> Small Habitat Restoration Projects                                                                                                             |               | 15333               |        |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>General Exemption</b> ("common sense")                                                                                                                       |               | 15061 (b)(3)        |        |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Not a "Project" subject to CEQA</b>                                                                                                                          |               | 15378 (b)(2)        |        |
| <b>CEQA Exceptions to the Exemptions (14 CCR § 15300.2):</b> 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. Proposed work activities will be conducted on an existing well and pad. Construction related activities are not required. All equipment will be contained within existing facilities and there will be no expansion of existing former use.

**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[.]" Construction related activities are not required. All equipment will be contained within existing facilities and there will be no expansion of former use. The proposed project will replace or reconstruction existing infrastructure and/or equipment.

**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. Therefore, the proposed project "consists of drilling operations that result in only minor alterations with negligible or no permanent effects to the existing condition of the land, water, air, and/or vegetation." The rework would not expand the facility. The surrounding land use of the proposed project consists of developed oil and gas leases.

**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.

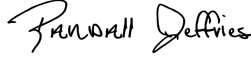
A copy of this NOE (as required by 14 CCR § 15062(a)) and all other related materials can be made available to the public by contacting the CalGEM CEQA Program, located at 715 P Street, MS 1803, Sacramento, CA 95814; by calling (916) 445-9686; or an electronic copy of these documents may be requested by contacting



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**Certified:**  **Date:** 8/4/2026  
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