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California Environmental Quality Act

Notice of Determination

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Lead Agency Project Title: Lodi Gas Storage Project

CalGEM Project Title: UGS Lodi Gas 062023-001

Project Applicant: Lodi Gas Storage, LLC (LGS)

Project Location: Lodi Gas Field; Section 30, Township 04N, Range 01E

County: San Joaquin County

Project Description:

LGS proposes to rework one gas storage well and one observation well in the Lodi Gas Field. The project activities being permitted by the California Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM) are within the scope of the Lodi Gas Storage Project Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The reworks involve hydrostatically controlling the well, pulling the tubing, and performing a casing inspection and pressure test. Surface piping for Seifert D-1 would be constructed to tie-in the wellhead to the existing on-lease piping system. Well Loma D-5 will have an extra step where existing liner screen assembly is finished out and replaced. The final EIR discusses the continual maintenance (rework) of gas storage facilities due to safety considerations, as well as the maintenance (rework) for monitoring parameters. The rework of the wells will ensure compliance with revised regulations, Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 1726 et seq., to enhance the safety of underground gas storage (UGS) projects.

CalGEM, as the CEQA Responsible Agency, approved permits for Lodi Gas Storage, LLC to rework 2 wells, listed below, in the Lodi Gas Field in San Joaquin County.

API #	Well Name	Latitude	Longitude
API 0407720621	Loma D-5	38.20582962	-121.21060000
API 0407720613	Seifert D-1	38.21417999	-121.21489716

CalGEM, as the Responsible Agency under CEQA, conducts an environmental review limited to those project impacts, which are required to be carried out or approved by CalGEM, or which will be subject to the exercise of powers by CalGEM (Pub. Resources Code, § 21002.1; Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15096). This review includes considering the Lead Agency's environmental document(s) and determining whether the project falls within the scope of the document and whether and how to approve the project involved.

CalGEM completed its review of the proposed project activity(s) and determined that CalGEM will rely on the Lead Agency's environmental document(s), as it pertains to the proposed project activity(s).

This Notice of Determination (NOD) is to advise that CalGEM, as the **Responsible Agency** under CEQA, approved the above project activities on June 11, 2024.

1. **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)
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)

A copy of the Lodi Gas Storage Project EIR and associated documents prepared by the California Public Utilities Commission, including the Response to Comments, MMRP, and all other related documents, can be made available to the public by contacting the California Public Utilities Commission, located at: 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102; or an electronic copy of these documents may be accessed online at: <https://ia.cpuc.ca.gov/Environment/info/lodi/feir/>

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