

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

California Environmental Quality Act
Notice of Determination

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State Clearinghouse #: SCH# 2013081079

Lead Agency Project Title: Revisions to the Kern County Zoning Ordinance – 2015 (C), Focus on Oil and Gas Local Permitting

Project Activity Title: New Well Application

Permit Applicant: Aera Energy LLC

Project Location: South Belridge Oilfield

County: Kern Section: 7
Township: 28S Range/Baseline: 21E /MD B&M
Latitude/Longitude: 35.503956/-119.760467

Project Description:

The originally approved project consists of an amendment to Title 19 Kern County Zoning Ordinance (July 2012), with focus on Chapter 19.98 (Oil and Gas Production), to include new site development standards for all oil and gas exploration, extraction, operations, and production activities in unincorporated Kern County. The Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM), as the CEQA responsible agency, will be issuing a permit for the proposed project activity, which consists of the following:

The Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM) has approved permits for Aera Energy LLC to drill the oil and gas wells listed below, in the South Belridge oilfield of Kern County.

API #	Well Name	API#	Well Name
0403067331	Emily Hopkins 16C2-7	0403067343	Emily Hopkins 58N2-20
0403067332	Emily Hopkins 15A2-7	0403067337	Emily Hopkins 72L2-29
0403067333	Emily Hopkins 54J2-34	0403067338	Emily Hopkins 47D-20
0403067334	Emily Hopkins 82E2-33	0403067339	Emily Hopkins 78G2-33
0403067335	Emily Hopkins 11C2-34	0403067340	Emily Hopkins 58P2-28
0403067336	88J2-34	0403067344	Emily Hopkins 28E2-34
0403067341	Emily Hopkins 15F-7	0403067345	Emily Hopkins 13C2-34
0403067342	Emily Hopkins 16S-7	0403067346	Emily Hopkins 17P2-20

Details on well locations are online at: <https://maps.conservation.ca.gov/doggr/wellfinder/#close>

This Notice of Determination (NOD) is to advise that CalGEM, as the **Responsible Agency** under CEQA, has approved the above project activity on 1/10/2020

Pursuant to the provisions of CEQA, an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was prepared and certified by the Lead Agency, Kern County Planning and Community Development Department, for the project "*Revisions to the Kern County Zoning Ordinance – 2015 (C), Focus on Oil and Gas Local Permitting*" (SCH# 2013081079). The EIR for the project was approved on November 9, 2015 and became effective on December 9, 2015. During the review and approval process for this project activity, CalGEM considered the environmental impacts of the project, as shown in the EIR prepared by the Lead Agency, and accepts the following determinations made by the Lead Agency:

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 (14 CCR 15091)
 - Not made for this project, pursuant to the provisions of CEQA (14 CCR 15091)

A copy of the EIR prepared by Kern County Planning and Community Development Department for the project "*Revisions to the Kern County Zoning Ordinance – 2015 (C), Focus on Oil and Gas Local Permitting*" (SCH# 2013081079), including the Response To Comments, MMRP, Statement of Overriding Considerations, Findings, and all other related documents, are available for public examination at the Planning and Community Development Department, located at: 2700 "M" Street, Suite 100, Bakersfield, CA 93301; or an electronic copy of these documents may be accessed online at: <http://pcd.kerndsa.com/oil-gas-zoning-amendment>

For any **additional environmental impacts** identified by CalGEM that are beyond those already identified by the Lead Agency, CalGEM has prepared additional documents as part of its Responsible Agency review and approval process for this project activity, as follows:

No Additional Impacts **MMRP** **Findings** **Statement of Override**

A copy of these documents may be examined online at the State Clearinghouse: <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/>; and/or at the Division's www.conservation.ca.gov/calgem/CEQA

Certified: _____


Geologic Energy Management Division

Date: 1/10/2020 _____