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Notice of Determination

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Lead Agency Project Title: Kirby Hills Natural Gas Storage Facility

CalGEM Project Title: UGS Lodi Gas 122023-001

Project Applicant: Lodi Gas Storage, LLC (LGS)

Project Location: Kirby Hills Gas Field, Section 25, Township 04N, Range 01W, MD

County: Solano County

Project Description:

LGS proposes to rework two gas storage wells in the Kirby Hills Gas Field. The project activities being permitted by the California Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM) are within the scope of the Kirby Hills Natural Gas Storage Facility (IS/MND). The reworks involve using a service rig and ancillary equipment to hydrostatically deactivate each well, then remove the wellhead assembly and tubing string. A casing inspection will be performed, followed by installation of a new tubing on packer assembly. Finally, a series of pressure tests will be performed to ensure well integrity. The Lambie S-2C well will also have its sand-control liner changed.

The IS/MND discusses the continual maintenance (rework) of the gas storage facility. 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 LGS to rework 2 wells, listed below, in the Kirby Hills Gas Field in Solano County.

Well Name	API	LAT*	LONG*
Lambie S-5	0409521277	38.16624069	-121.91993713
Lambie S-2C	0409521323	38.16402054	-121.91905975

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 Kirby Hills Natural Gas Storage Facility MND 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/aspen/kirbyhills/kirbyhills.htm>

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