

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

California Environmental Quality Act
Notice of Determination

To: Office of Planning & Research
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From: **Lead Agency**
 Department of Conservation
 Geologic Energy Management Division
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Project Title: OG Seneca 14 Wells 05142021

Project Applicant: Seneca Resources Corporation

Project Location: Midway-Sunset Oil Field

<i>County:</i>	Kern	<i>Section:</i>	07
<i>Township:</i>	11N	<i>Range/Baseline:</i>	23W SB BM
<i>Latitude/Longitude:</i>	NA		

Project Description:

Seneca Resources Corporation (Seneca) proposes to drill 14 new oil wells. The wells are within Federal mineral lease CALA033358, a developed active lease with ample existing oilfield infrastructure including access roads, powerlines, pipelines, well pads and oil wells, pumping units, heater treaters, and stock tanks. The project would occur on public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (PRC §21000, *et seq.*) and the CEQA Guidelines (14 CCR 15000, *et seq.*), and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the California Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources (Division) is the CEQA lead agency for the proposed project, while the BLM is the NEPA lead agency. The Division has reviewed BLM's approved FONSI (DOI-BLM-CA-CO60-2017-0113-EA) and finds that it meets the requirements of CEQA. BLM found that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment; therefore, the Division intends to use the FONSI rather than preparing a Negative Declaration for this project.

CalGEM has approved new drill permits to SPR for the following wells:

API #	Well Name	API#	Well Name	API#	Well Name
0403069274	IR-106	0403069286	TO-H120	0403069279	IR-107
0403069278	IR-102	0403069285	H-922	0403069275	H-127
0403069280	SI-IR-105	0403069282	H-919	0403069273	H-122
0403069276	TO-OI116	0403069283	H-920		
0403069281	SI-H118	0403069284	H-921		

Details on well locations can be found on CalGEM's website at:
<http://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 8/23/21, 8/24/21 8/25/21,8/26/21, 8/27/21 and has made the following determinations as a result of its environmental review:

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/used for this project, pursuant to the provisions of CEQA:
 - Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Finding of No Significance (FONSI), in place of ND/MND
 - Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), in place of EIR
 - Negative Declaration (ND) Joint Environmental 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 (14 CCR 15091)
 - Not made for this project, pursuant to the provisions of CEQA (14 CCR 15091)

A copy of CalGEM's environmental documents for this project, including any Response to Comments, MMRP, Statement of Overriding Considerations, Findings, and all other related documents, are available for public examination at the CalGEM/CEQA Unit, located at 801 K Street Suite 1805, Sacramento, CA 95812; or an electronic copy of these documents may be accessed online at the State Clearinghouse: <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov>.

The approved NEPA documents including Environmental Assessments, Finding of No Significant Impact, Record of Decision and any supporting documents are available for review on BLM's website at: https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/nepa/nepa_register.do

Certified:  _____ **Date:** Aug 31, 2021

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