

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

**California Environmental Quality Act
Notice of Exemption**

To: Office of Planning & Research
State Clearinghouse
1400 Tenth Street, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: Department of Conservation
715 P Street, MS 1803
Sacramento, CA 95814
Contact: Jan Perez, (916) 445-9686

Project Title: Contract: HVI Cat Canyon; Abandoned Bankruptcy Estate Assets; Remediate Leaking Wellheads and Pipelines in the Cat Canyon and Santa Maria Oil Fields

Project Applicant: Department of Conservation, Geologic Energy Management Division

Project Location: Multiple locations in the Cat Canyon and Santa Maria Valley Oil Field in Santa Barbara County. See Attachment 1 for specific locations.

Project Description: The proposed project is an invitation for bid for well maintenance and pipeline isolation in the Cat Canyon and Santa Maria Valley Oil Fields in northern Santa Barbara County.

The Department of Conservation (Department), California Geologic Energy Management (CalGEM) Division has determined that 141 wells connected to flowlines and pipelines are idle and have been deserted by an oil and gas operator. Additionally, 7 wells of these wells have recently leaked gas or are actively leaking gas and are idle and deserted. Per Public Resources Code, Section 3106. (a) The supervisor shall so supervise the drilling, operation, maintenance, and abandonment of wells and the operation, maintenance, and removal or abandonment of tanks and facilities attendant to oil and gas production, including pipelines. The Department, CalGEM Division intend to award one service contract to repair 7 leaking wellheads and isolate 141 wells by severing and capping the associated flowlines from the wellhead.

Exempt Status: As the Lead Agency, CalGEM has determined that the proposed project is exempt from further 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).

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.

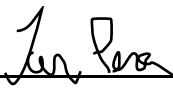
Class 1 – Existing Facility: The project is categorically exempt from CEQA under the “Class 1” (14 CCR 15301) exemption per the CEQA Guidelines because the field well maintenance and pipeline isolation are within an existing oil field and involves no expansion of use of the oil field.

Class 7 – Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources: The project is categorically exempt from CEQA under the “Class 7” (14 CCR 15307) exemption per the CEQA Guidelines because it is an action taken by regulatory agencies as authorized by state law or

local ordinance to assure the maintenance, restoration, or enhancement of a natural resource where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment.

Class 8 - Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment: The project is categorically exempt from CEQA under the "Class 8" (14 CCR 15308) exemption per the CEQA Guidelines because it is an action taken by regulatory agencies, as authorized by state or local ordinance, to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment.

A copy of this NOE (as required by 14 CCR 15062(a)) and all other related materials are available for public inspection at CalGEM's CEQA Program, located at 715 P Street, 18th floor, Sacramento, CA 95814; or an electronic copy of these documents may also be accessed online at the State Clearinghouse: <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov>;

Certified:  _____ Date: December 23, 2021
Jan Perez
Geologic Energy Management Division, CEQA Program

Attachment 1

Table 1 – Wells to be isolated from flowlines.

Well API	Well Name	Field Name	Sec, Twn, Rng, B&M	Latitude	Longitude
08320355	Fullerton 12	Cat Canyon	31, 09N, 32W, SB	34.814995	-120.290596
08322056	Fullerton 109	Cat Canyon	31, 09N, 32W, SB	34.817051	-120.2884369
08322057	Fullerton 110	Cat Canyon	31, 09N, 32W, SB	34.812241	-120.2897415
08321948	Fullerton 103	Cat Canyon	31, 09N, 32W, SB	34.816811	-120.2941818
08321821	Fullerton 14	Cat Canyon	31, 09N, 32W, SB	34.815231	-120.287735
08321888	Fullerton 15	Cat Canyon	31, 09N, 32W, SB	34.813828	-120.2886429
08320968	Goodwin Fee 7-4A	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.875702	-120.322319
08321418	Harbordt 6-14	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.866745	-120.3237457
08321419	Harbordt 7-13	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.867599	-120.3220825
08321420	Harbordt 8-14	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.866631	-120.3214188
08321421	Harbordt 9-13	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.867527	-120.3201065
08321422	Harbordt 10-14	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.866537	-120.319407
08321423	Harbordt 11-13	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.86755	-120.3180771
08321451	Harbordt 14-13	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.867466	-120.3145523
08321452	Harbordt 13-14	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.866554	-120.3159103
08321453	Harbordt 15-14	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.866608	-120.3136902
08321454	Harbordt 14-15	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.86565	-120.3147888
08321598	Harbordt 3-10A	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.870277	-120.3268356
08321677	Harbordt 1-14A	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.867069	-120.329277
08321833	Harbordt 1-11	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.869358	-120.3290176
08321834	Harbordt 2-12	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.868485	-120.3271866
08321835	Harbordt 2-14	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.866825	-120.3279495
08321836	Harbordt 4-12	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.868477	-120.3257904
08321837	Harbordt 4-14	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.866653	-120.3257446
08321068	Harbordt 13	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.867607	-120.329689
08321056	Harbordt 1-13	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.867802	-120.3291321
08321057	Harbordt 1-15	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.865837	-120.3290405
08321058	Harbordt 3-15	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.865768	-120.3269806
08321059	Harbordt 5-15	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.865868	-120.3245392
08321104	Harbordt 1-16	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.865608	-120.3290482
08321106	Harbordt 3-16	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.865223	-120.3270111
08321107	Harbordt 5-16	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.865204	-120.3239441
08321108	Harbordt 11	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.869415	-120.3295746
08321109	Harbordt 15	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.865822	-120.3299637
08320889	Harbordt 1-10	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.870331	-120.3290863
08320890	Harbordt 2-9	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.871235	-120.3279877

08320891	Harbordt 6-13	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.867607	-120.3235855
08320892	Harbordt 8-13	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.867607	-120.3210526
08320910	Harbordt 3-12	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.868488	-120.3268356
08320911	Harbordt 5-10	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.870079	-120.3249893
08320912	Harbordt 5-12	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.868565	-120.3246384
08320913	Harbordt 7-12	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.868439	-120.3224335
08320914	Harbordt 10-13	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.867611	-120.3192902
08320915	Harbordt 11-14	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.866592	-120.3176498
08320916	Harbordt 12-13	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.867352	-120.317131
08320963	Harbordt 2-11	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.869408	-120.3277664
08320965	Harbordt 4-9	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.871193	-120.3258514
08320966	Harbordt 4-11	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.869381	-120.3257141
08320967	Harbordt 6-11	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.869366	-120.3235245
08320840	Harbordt 12-15	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.865635	-120.3169937
08320782	Harbordt 1-12	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.868507	-120.3290176
08320783	Harbordt 2-13	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.867096	-120.3281937
08320784	Harbordt 4-13	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.867611	-120.3257828
08320785	Harbordt 5-14	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.866692	-120.3246918
08320786	Harbordt 6-15	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.865791	-120.3235779
08320787	Harbordt 7-14	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.866699	-120.3224869
08320788	Harbordt 8-15	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.865784	-120.3216934
08320789	Harbordt 9-14	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.866548	-120.320346
08320790	Harbordt 10-15	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.865555	-120.3191757
08320760	Harbordt 2-15	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.865734	-120.3279266
08320761	Harbordt 3-14	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.866978	-120.326561
08320538	Harbordt 95	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.865738	-120.3257904
08301355	Harbordt 77	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.867474	-120.3158722
08301356	Harbordt 78	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.865669	-120.3158951
08301357	Harbordt 87	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.867451	-120.3134003
08301359	Harbordt 90	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.866585	-120.3169708
08300643	Harbordt 89	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.866631	-120.31427
08300028	Harbordt 58	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.865757	-120.320282
08321675	Harbordt-Goodwin 1-8	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.871975	-120.3285294
08321485	Harbordt-Mortensen 15-12	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.868191	-120.3136292
08321424	Mortensen Fee 10-11	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.86932	-120.3191528
08321875	Mortensen Fee 14-5	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.874866	-120.3146362
08321878	Mortensen Fee 12-5	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.874741	-120.316597
08321879	Mortensen Fee 13-6	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.873955	-120.3158798
08321880	Mortensen Fee 14-7	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.872913	-120.3145523
08321665	Mortensen Fee 15-5A	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.87471	-120.313736
08321653	Mortensen Fee 13-11	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.869335	-120.3153305

08320762	Mortensen Fee 11-5	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.874699	-120.3180924
08320791	Mortensen Fee 13-5	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.874699	-120.3159332
08320792	Mortensen Fee 14-6	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.873791	-120.3148041
08320793	Mortensen Fee 14-8	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.87212	-120.3148422
08320794	Mortensen Fee 15-9	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.871078	-120.3136215
08320893	Mortensen Fee 11-7	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.872932	-120.3181839
08320942	Mortensen Fee 10-6	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.873856	-120.3190689
08320943	Mortensen Fee 12-6	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.873833	-120.3168869
08320944	Mortensen Fee 12-8	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.87249	-120.3164139
08320945	Mortensen Fee 13-9	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.871109	-120.3158188
08320946	Mortensen Fee 14-10	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.870247	-120.3145371
08301387	Mortensen Fee 1	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.869267	-120.3133698
08301389	Mortensen Fee 4	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.86937	-120.3202286
08301390	Mortensen Fee 10	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.873093	-120.315712
08301391	Mortensen Fee 13	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.875004	-120.3201981
08300030	Mortensen Fee 9	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.872978	-120.3133316
08321425	Mortensen-Harbordt 8-11	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.869434	-120.3210449
08321426	Mortensen-Harbordt 8-12	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.868702	-120.3210602
08321427	Mortensen-Harbordt 9-12	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.868687	-120.3201523
08321428	Mortensen-Harbordt 10-12	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.868675	-120.3192139
08321429	Mortensen-Harbordt 11-12	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.868797	-120.3180847
08321483	Mortensen-Harbordt 13-12	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.868649	-120.3158569
08321484	Mortensen-Harbordt 14-12	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.86871	-120.3147736
08301205	Union-Continental 5	Cat Canyon	04, 08N, 32W, SB	34.798668	-120.2614822
08301206	Union-Continental 6	Cat Canyon	04, 08N, 32W, SB	34.800007	-120.2611542
08321287	Bettiga B 3	Santa Maria Valley	24, 10N, 34W, SB	34.935764	-120.4024506
08320679	East Valley Farms 15-31	Santa Maria Valley	31, 10N, 33W, SB	34.906746	-120.3926468
08321075	G. T. Adam Et Al B1	Santa Maria Valley	24, 10N, 34W, SB	34.934036	-120.405159
08321327	G. T. Adam Et Al B3	Santa Maria Valley	24, 10N, 34W, SB	34.935005	-120.4092026
08321328	G. T. Adam Et Al B4	Santa Maria Valley	24, 10N, 34W, SB	34.935051	-120.4092102
08321395	G. T. Adam Et Al B5	Santa Maria Valley	24, 10N, 34W, SB	34.937977	-120.4071121
08320571	Golco Fee 11-9	Santa Maria Valley	08, 09N, 33W, SB	34.878952	-120.3653107
08320655	Golco Fee 115-9	Santa Maria Valley	08, 09N, 33W, SB	34.878948	-120.3656464
08321403	Golco Fee 314-9	Santa Maria Valley	09, 09N, 33W, SB	34.87257	-120.3645554

08320656	Golco Fee 126-9	Santa Maria Valley	09, 09N, 33W, SB	34.876453	-120.3598862
08320657	Golco Fee 136-9	Santa Maria Valley	09, 09N, 33W, SB	34.876446	-120.3599243
08320652	Golco Fee 125-9	Santa Maria Valley	09, 09N, 33W, SB	34.877464	-120.3604431
08320653	Golco Fee 22-9	Santa Maria Valley	09, 09N, 33W, SB	34.877472	-120.3603592
08320744	Golco Fee 143-9	Santa Maria Valley	09, 09N, 33W, SB	34.875309	-120.3574295
08320753	Golco Fee 141-9	Santa Maria Valley	09, 09N, 33W, SB	34.876846	-120.3570786
08300734	Golco Fee 43-9	Santa Maria Valley	09, 09N, 33W, SB	34.875038	-120.3574295
08321436	Laine 1	Santa Maria Valley	13, 10N, 34W, SB	34.938557	-120.406044
08321383	Lakeview 382-8	Santa Maria Valley	08, 09N, 33W, SB	34.878922	-120.3658142
08321335	Lakeview 75-8	Santa Maria Valley	08, 09N, 33W, SB	34.871864	-120.3665619
08322041	Lakeview 74R-8	Santa Maria Valley	08, 09N, 33W, SB	34.871868	-120.3664398
08322039	Lakeview 88-8	Santa Maria Valley	08, 09N, 33W, SB	34.86573	-120.3658295
08320230	Lakeview 86-8	Santa Maria Valley	08, 09N, 33W, SB	34.871529	-120.3660355
08320207	Lakeview 64-8	Santa Maria Valley	08, 09N, 33W, SB	34.871536	-120.3665695
08320133	Lakeview 87-8	Santa Maria Valley	08, 09N, 33W, SB	34.871525	-120.3661652
08320268	Lakeview 53-8	Santa Maria Valley	08, 09N, 33W, SB	34.875797	-120.3736877
08320007	Lakeview 76A-8	Santa Maria Valley	08, 09N, 33W, SB	34.871532	-120.3663712
08302460	Mckenzie 2	Santa Maria Valley	32, 10N, 33W, SB	34.897522	-120.382576
08321404	Moretti B-1	Santa Maria Valley	24, 10N, 34W, SB	34.935001	-120.4095535
08320693	Nodlew 1	Santa Maria Valley	09, 09N, 33W, SB	34.870728	-120.3547897
08321450	North Orcutt 2	Santa Maria Valley	11, 09N, 34W, SB	34.878059	-120.4279709
08320937	Olean 1-60	Santa Maria Valley	32, 10N, 33W, SB	34.897457	-120.3805313
08320958	Olean 2-60	Santa Maria Valley	32, 10N, 33W, SB	34.895924	-120.3804779
08320986	Olean 4-60	Santa Maria Valley	32, 10N, 33W, SB	34.895782	-120.3793793
08320989	Olean 5-60	Santa Maria Valley	32, 10N, 33W, SB	34.897713	-120.3780289
08321076	R. B. McFaddin 1	Santa Maria Valley	19, 10N, 33W, SB	34.931355	-120.3970032
08321413	R. B. McFaddin 4	Santa Maria Valley	19, 10N, 33W, SB	34.936333	-120.399147
08322072	R. B. McFaddin 5	Santa Maria Valley	19, 10N, 33W, SB	34.936325	-120.3989182

08302988	Vincent 19	Santa Maria Valley	30, 10N, 33W, SB	34.919182	-120.3976288
08302989	Vincent 20	Santa Maria Valley	30, 10N, 33W, SB	34.91914	-120.3956833

Table 2 – Wells to be repaired.

Well API	Well Name	Field Name	Sec, Twn, Rng, B&M	Latitude	Longitude
08320744	Golco Fee 143-9	Santa Maria Valley	09, 09N, 33W, SB	34.87530899	-120.3574295
08320693	Nodlew 1	Santa Maria Valley	09, 09N, 33W, SB	34.87072754	-120.3547897
08321413	R. B. McFaddin 4	Santa Maria Valley	19, 10N, 33W, SB	34.9363327	-120.399147
08322072	R. B. McFaddin 5	Santa Maria Valley	19, 10N, 33W, SB	34.93632507	-120.3989182
08301205	Union-Continental 5	Cat Canyon	04, 08N, 32W, SB	34.79866791	-120.2614822
08321287	Bettiga B 3	Santa Maria Valley	24, 10N, 34W, SB	34.93576431	-120.4024506
08321427	Mortensen-Harbordt 9-12	Cat Canyon	11, 09N, 33W, SB	34.86868668	-120.3201523