

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: Department of Conservation (Lead Agency)
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State Clearinghouse #: 2022050215

Lead Agency Project Title: Poso Creek Phase III Underground Injection Control Project 566-09-021

Project Activity Title: E&B UIC 56609021 ID 134963

Permit Applicant: E&B Natural Resources Corporation

Project Location: Poso Creek Oil Field

County: Kern Section: 32

Township: 27S Range/Baseline: 27E/ B&M

Latitude/Longitude: 35.528019, -119.082713

Project Description:

E&B Natural Resources Management Corporation (E&B) has applied to the Department of Conservation, Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM) to amend two existing Class II Underground Injection Control (UIC) Project Approval Letter (PAL) to merge their steam flood and cyclic steam production activities at the Poso Creek Oil Field. The proposed Project consists of 62 new wells, on the proposed sites within three surface lease areas (federal and private lands), for a total disturbance equal to 60 acres as part of the third phase of expansion of existing operations in the Poso Creek Oil Field (Phase III). The proposed project area under Phase III would be geographically contiguous to previously approved project areas (Phase I approved in 2013 and Phase II approved in 2018). All previously approved injection activity under Phase I and Phase II expansion will be covered by the amended PAL.

Details on well locations are online at: <https://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 October 5, 2022. Pursuant to the provisions of CEQA, an environmental document was prepared by the Lead Agency for the project, and has made the following determinations:

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)

This is to certify that the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and record of Project approval, including any Response to Comments, MMRP, Statement of Overriding Considerations, Findings, and all other related documents, are available for review to the public on CalGEM's website: (<https://www.conservation.ca.gov/calgem/CEQA/Pages/CEQANotices.aspx>).

A copy of these documents may be examined online at the State Clearinghouse:
<https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/>

Certified: Ray Mullins
Geologic Energy Management Division

Date: 10/5/2022