

California Environmental Quality Act
Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: PAL SoCalGas 55403002

Project Applicant: Southern California Gas Co.

Project Location: Playa Del Rey Oil Field

County: Los Angeles

Section: 27

Township: 02S

Range/Baseline: 15W / SB B&M

Latitude/Longitude: 33.96388245, -118.43904877

Project Description: The purpose of this PAL application is to issue a new PAL to update the existing PAL requirements. No other provisions of the existing PAL will change. The purpose of the 2021 PAL is to update the COAs to meet regulatory requirements that CalGEM adopted after the existing PAL was issued in 2017. The project consists of one existing Water Disposal (WD) well. No new wells are proposed for the project. The project duration is 20 years. The project approval is intended to be valid until a new PAL is issued or until the project duration (20 years) is met.

Details on Underground Injection Control can be found on CalGEM's website at: <http://www.conservation.ca.gov/calgem/Pages/Undergroundinjectioncontrol.aspx>

Exempt Status: As the Lead Agency, the Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM) 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. The proposed project would not result in a significant adverse impact to the environment, or that any of the exceptions to the exemptions apply (14 CCR 15300.2).

Exemption Type		Statute (PRC)	Regulation (14 CCR)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Statutory Exemption:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ongoing Project (<i>pre-CEQA. Approval prior to April 5, 1973</i>)	21169	15261 (b)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ministerial	21080 (b)(1)	15268	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Declared Emergency	21080 (b)(3)	15269 (a)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Emergency Projects	21080 (b)(4)	15269 (b) or (c)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Categorical Exemption:	21084		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Class 1: Existing Facilities		15301	1684.1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Class 3: New Construction/Conversion of Small Structures		15303	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Class 4: Minor Alterations to Land		15304	1684.2
<input type="checkbox"/>	Class 6: Information Collection		15306	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Class 7: Protection of Natural Resources		15307	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Class 8: Protection of the Environment		15308	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Class 11: Accessory Structures		15311	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Class 21: Enforcement Actions to revoke a permit		15321	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Class 30: Minor Actions to Prevent, Minimize, Stabilize, Mitigate, or Eliminate a Release (Actual or Threat) of Hazardous Substances (Waste or Material)		15330	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Class 33: Small Habitat Restoration Projects		15333	
<input type="checkbox"/>	General Exemption ("common sense")		15061 (b)(3)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Not a "Project" subject to CEQA		15378 (b)(2)	

➤ **Reasons Why Project is Exempt:**

The basis for CalGEM's determination that the project is exempt from further CEQA review is briefly explained below.

15261(b) Ongoing Project: CalGEM has determined that the project is statutorily exempt under the Ongoing Project (14 CCR 15261 (b) exemption per the CEQA Guidelines because the UIC project proposed continued operation of an existing well and associated equipment. The UIC activities do not involve a greater degree of responsibility and control over the project as a whole than did approval of the existing well.

Class 1 – Existing Facility: The project is categorically exempt from CEQA under the "Class 1" (14 CCR §15301) exemption per the CEQA Guidelines and CalGEM's regulations (14 CCR §1684.1) because the project proposes continued operation of a single permitted well and does not include expansion of existing use.

Exceptions to Exemptions: CalGEM further finds that there are no exceptions to the otherwise-applicable categorical exemptions (PRC §21084; 14 CCR 15300.2(c)). There is no substantial evidence that there are any "unusual circumstances" associated with the proposed project that create a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment and that there is no significant "cumulative impacts" resulting from successive projects of the same type in the same place. Therefore, this project is not subject to CEQA.

A copy of this NOE and all other related materials are available for public inspection at CalGEM's CEQA Unit, located at 801 K Street, 14th floor, Sacramento, CA 95814; or an electronic copy of these documents may also be accessed online at the State Clearinghouse: <https://ceqanef.opr.ca.gov>

Certified: _____

Larry Kleinecke

Date: _____

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