

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
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Project Title: PAL Warren 84906012

Project Applicant: Warren E&P, Inc.

Project Location: Wilmington Oil Field

County: Los Angeles

Section: 28 and 33

Township: 04S

Range/Baseline: 13W / SB B&M

Latitude/Longitude: 33.79138184, -118.2489624

Project Description: Warren E&P, Inc. (Warren) is submitting updated Underground Injection Control (UIC) data for the North Wilmington Unit waterflood project (Fault Block II UIC #84906012) in the Wilmington Oil Field in Los Angeles County per CalGEM's request. CalGEM initiated project-by-project reviews to bring existing Project Approval Letters (PALs) into compliance with updated UIC regulations that took effect in April 2019. The most recent PAL is dated February 7, 2018. No new wells, well modifications, or surface disturbances are associated with the project. The volumes of fluids extracted and injected in connection with the project will not change from previous operations. The project consists of three active production wells and two active waterflood injection wells. 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 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.

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 the five existing, permitted wells 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 715 P Street, MS 1803, Sacramento, CA 95814; or an electronic copy of these documents may also be accessed online at the State Clearinghouse:

<https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov>

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 Geologic Energy Management Division
 CEQA Unit

Date: _____
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