

State of California  
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 GEOLOGIC ENERGY MANAGEMENT DIVISION

**California Environmental Quality Act  
 Notice of Exemption**

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**Project Title:** UIC Bridgeland 102023-001

**Project Applicant:** Bridgeland Resources, LLC

**Project Location:** Orange County, Brea-Olinda Oil Field; 09/03S/09W/SB;  
 33.92568970/-117.83181763

**Project Description:** The project consists of reworking an existing oil and gas production well by cleaning out well and perforating casing. Project passes through UIC Project # 070-00-011. The duration of well work spans 3-5 days. Equipment includes a rig, surface pumps, equipment movement, and various personnel traveling in and around the site throughout the project.

CalGEM has approved permits for Bridgeland Resources, LLC to rework the oil and gas well listed below, in the Brea-Olinda oil field.

API #	Well Name
0405921170	unnamed 144

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

Exemption Type		Statute (PRC)	Regulation (14 CCR)
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Statutory Exemption:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing Project ( <i>pre-CEQA approval on April 5, 1973</i> ) <input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial <input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Projects		21169	15261 (b)
		21080 (b)(1)	15268
		21080 (b)(3)	15269 (a)
		21080 (b)(4)	15269 (b) or (c)
<b>Exemption Type</b>		<b>Statute (PRC)</b>	<b>Regulation (14 CCR)</b>

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Categorical Exemption:</b>	21084		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Class 1:</b> Existing Facilities		15301	1684.1
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Class 2:</b> Replacement or Reconstruction			
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Class 3:</b> New Construction/Conversion of Small Structures		15303	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Class 4:</b> Minor Alterations to Land		15304	1684.2
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Class 7:</b> Protection of Natural Resources		15307	
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Class 8:</b> Protection of the Environment		15308	
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Class 11:</b> Accessory Structures		15311	
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Class 21:</b> Enforcement Actions to revoke a permit		15321	
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Class 30:</b> Minor Actions to Prevent, Minimize, Stabilize, Mitigate, or Eliminate a Release (Actual or Threat) of Hazardous Substances (Waste or Material)		15330	
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Class 33:</b> Small Habitat Restoration Projects		15333	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>General Exemption</b> ("common sense")		15061 (b)(3)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Not a "Project" subject to CEQA</b>		15378 (b)(2)	

**CEQA Exceptions to the Exemptions (14 CCR § 15300.2):** where project is located (e.g., sensitive environment); Cumulative Impact; Significant Effect due to Unusual Circumstances; Scenic Highways; Hazardous Waste Sites; Historical Resources.

**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 Facilities (14 CCR §§ 15301, 1684.1);** Class 1 consists of the “operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alterations” of existing structures involving “negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing previously.” The proposed project would be a maintenance and minor alteration of an existing well, in which the operator would clean out the well and perforate the casing. The purpose of the project is to continue resource development and use and capacity would not expand over historical operations. There will be no changes to the wellbore or structure of the well and the well would remain a production well with substantially the same capacity. A CalGEM engineer has confirmed that the proposed work is within the scope of the UIC project 070-00-011 and is a continuation of operations within the confines of the project.

**Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction (14 CCR § 15302);** Class 2 applies to the “replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced.” The proposed project would reconstruct the well by perforating the casing and re-installing production equipment. The project does not involve the construction of new facilities or the expansion of existing facilities. This is a rework of an existing production well that takes place on an existing wellbore and would utilize existing facilities, including roads. The purpose of the project is to continue resource development, not to expand use or capacity. The well would remain a production well with substantially the same capacity. A CalGEM engineer has confirmed that the proposed work is within the scope of the UIC project 070-00-011 and is a continuation of operations within the confines of the project.

**Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land (14 CCR §§ 15304, 1684.2);** Class 4 applies to “drilling operations that result only in minor alterations with negligible or no permanent effects to the existing condition of the land, water, air, and/or vegetation.” The proposed project would be a minor alteration of an existing well, in which the operator would clean out the well and perforate the casing. All activities would take place on an existing pad. The site can be accessed using existing roads, and no new disturbance will be needed for equipment to access the site. There are negligible or no permanent surface disturbance related activities that could potentially affect the existing condition of the land, water, air, or vegetation.

***Exceptions to Exemptions:***

CalGEM further finds that there are no exceptions to the application of the categorical exemptions (PRC § 21084; 14 CCR § 15300.2 (c)) referenced above. 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 are no significant “cumulative impacts” resulting from successive projects of the same type in the same place. Therefore, reliance on the exemption(s) is appropriate.

Consistent with the purposes of PRC § 3250 et seq and the documentation available for the preliminary review, the proposed project will benefit the environment. In addition, the work under the contracts and any resulting impacts will be temporary in duration. Therefore, the project can be considered exempt from the need for full CEQA review.

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>

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