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Dear Operators:

As the California oil and gas industry evolves, the expectations and responsibilities of the Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources (Division) have grown. Our *Renewal Plan* guides us as we change past practices to usher in a new era, and with it, a new, modern data management system to strengthen and improve California oil and gas production.

Project WellSTAR will allow us to modernize information management by streamlining operations, simplifying processes, and providing a better way for operators and the Division to collaborate, collect and analyze data.

WellSTAR is based on a best-in-class solution currently used by 22 fellow states. Built by the Ground Water Protection Council, the Risk-Based Data Management System (RBDMS) will serve as the nexus to combine our current, manually-intensive procedures with our existing systems and databases, which currently operate in siloes.

The development and deployment of WellSTAR will run through 2019 with various releases, each bringing incremental functionality to internal and external users. We are leveraging the experiences of states currently using RBDMS with our own expertise to implement a system that is good for California.

We acknowledge change is often hard, and the Division values your partnership as together we embark on this project. Your feedback is more than welcome; it is essential to the success of WellSTAR. I encourage you to take full advantage of the resources the Division has produced to inform operators about WellSTAR and to attend one of our upcoming information sessions:

- Sacramento: January 31<sup>st</sup> 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. (Broadcasted – information will be provided on the broadcast upon your RSVP)  
Division of Oil, Gas & Geothermal Resources Headquarters  
801 K Street  
22<sup>nd</sup> Floor, John Muir Room  
Sacramento, CA 95814
- Long Beach: February 2<sup>nd</sup> 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
Hilton Long Beach  
Atlantic Room  
701 West Ocean Boulevard  
Long Beach, CA 90831

- Bakersfield: February 8<sup>th</sup> 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
Four Points by Sheraton  
The Ballroom  
5101 California Avenue  
Bakersfield, CA 93309

These workshops will provide important information on project timelines and how the WellSTAR will impact you as an operator. Anyone in your organization who interfaces with the Division is invited to learn more.

Please RSVP your attendance with your preferred location and date at [wellstar@conservation.ca.gov](mailto:wellstar@conservation.ca.gov).

For additional information regarding this project and other division-wide initiatives, please visit our web page. [http://www.conservation.ca.gov/dog/for\\_operators/Pages/OilGas-ForOperators.aspx](http://www.conservation.ca.gov/dog/for_operators/Pages/OilGas-ForOperators.aspx)

For questions or comments, please contact Jeff Newton at (916) 323-2890 or [Jeff.Newton@conservation.ca.gov](mailto:Jeff.Newton@conservation.ca.gov).

We value your collaboration and look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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