



California
**Department of
Conservation**

California Geologic Energy Management Division *

WellSTAR “CEQA Information” Step

For projects located in Unincorporated Kern County

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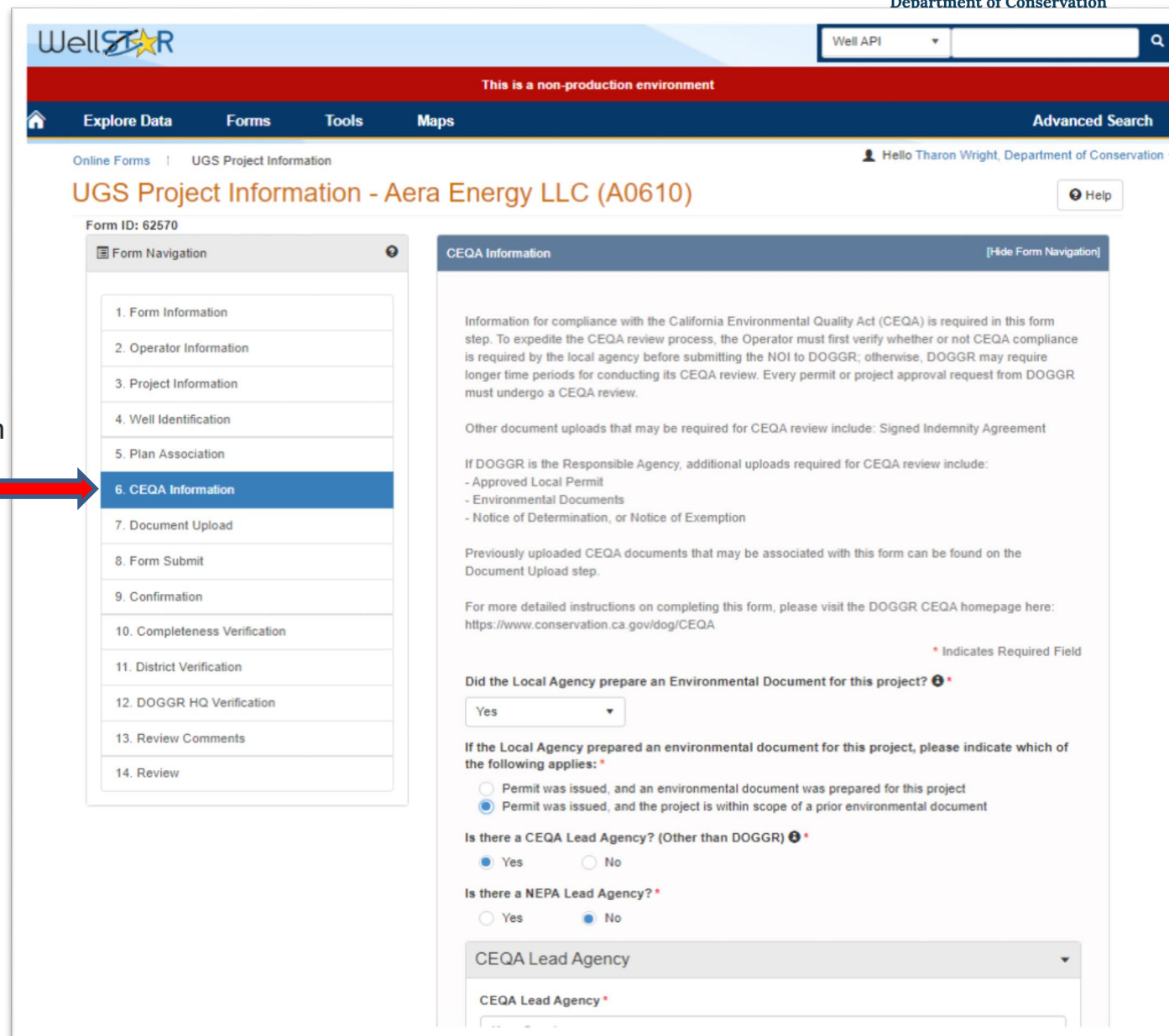
Go to CEQA Information Step

In WellSTAR, the term ‘step’ may also be referred to as ‘section.’

In WellSTAR, the term ‘form’ is the screenshot that is being viewed.

➤The “CEQA Information” step # in WellSTAR varies with the type of CalGEM Program for which a permit or PAL approval is being requested, but the form and process is consistent throughout each CalGEM Program in WellSTAR (see chart below).

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Well Management (NOI)	#10
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UGS Project Information - Aera Energy LLC (A0610)

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CEQA Information [Hide Form Navigation]

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If DOGGR is the Responsible Agency, additional uploads required for CEQA review include:

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* Indicates Required Field

Did the Local Agency prepare an Environmental Document for this project? *

Yes

If the Local Agency prepared an environmental document for this project, please indicate which of the following applies: *

☐ Permit was issued, and an environmental document was prepared for this project

☒ Permit was issued, and the project is within scope of a prior environmental document

Is there a CEQA Lead Agency? (Other than DOGGR) *

☒ Yes ☐ No

Is there a NEPA Lead Agency? *

☐ Yes ☒ No

CEQA Lead Agency

CEQA Lead Agency *

Did the Local Agency prepare an Environment Document for this project?

Go to first question of the form

If your project is located in Unincorporated Kern County on PRIVATE LAND only (surface rights are privately-owned)

--- Select **YES**

If your project is located in Unincorporated Kern County and spans across both FEDERAL LAND and PRIVATE LAND

--- Select **YES**

If your project is located in Unincorporated Kern County on FEDERAL LAND (surface rights are federally-owned)

--- Select **NO**

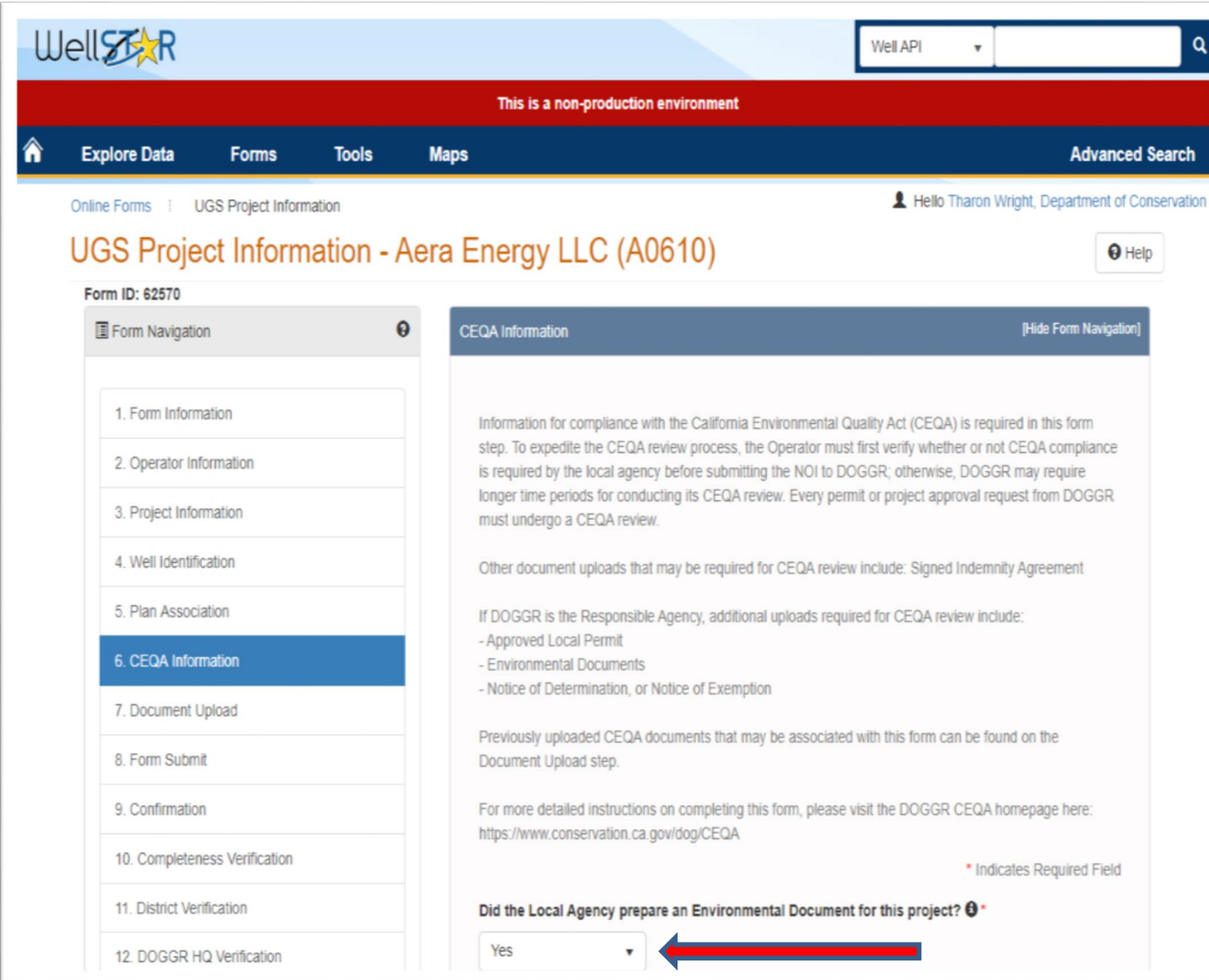
➤ **Note:** IF THE PROJECT IS LOCATED ON FEDERAL LAND ONLY, THIS PRESENTATION DOES NOT APPLY!

Kern Co. only permits oil & gas activities if the surface rights are privately-owned, regardless of who owns the mineral rights.

If you need further assistance in filling out this form:

 Use the "Help" button on the top right of this form; or

Contact the CalGEM District where the proposed project is located.



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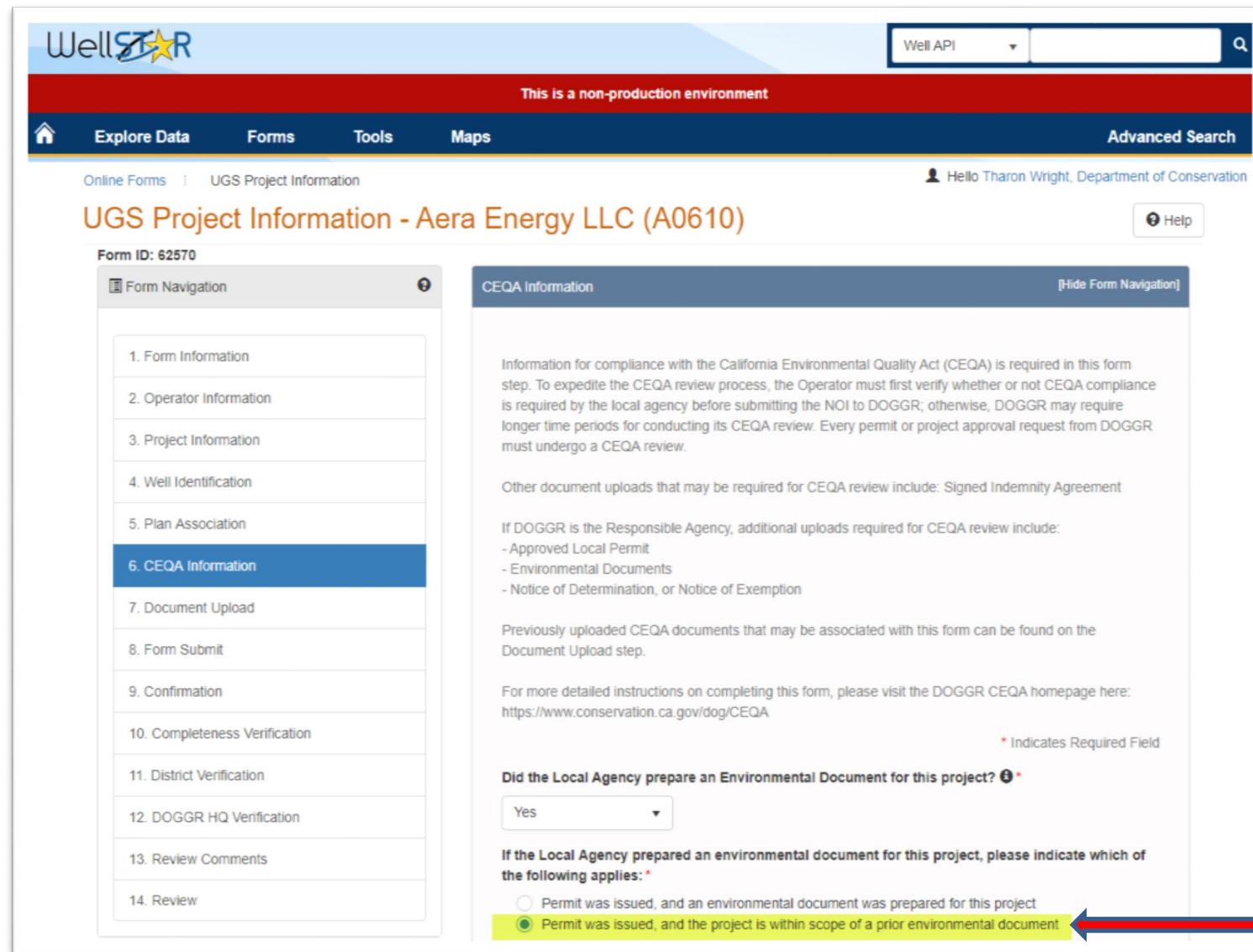
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Yes

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-- Select **“Permit was issued, and the project is within scope of a prior environmental document”**

- **Note:** Kern County may not issue a job card (permit) for your activity (e.g. abandonment) ...
... but that’s okay, still select this box.



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-- Select **YES**

Notice that a “CEQA Lead Agency” box appears when ‘Yes’ is selected.

Click on the arrow to the right to expand or minimize the box.

Fill out the fields in the box.

Data to enter for proposed projects in Unincorporated Kern County is provided in the following slide

Is there a CEQA Lead Agency? (Other than DOGGR) ⓘ *

☒ Yes ☐ No

CEQA Lead Agency ▶

Is there a CEQA Lead Agency (other than CalGEM)?



CEQA Lead Agency: Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department

CEQA Lead Agency Contact: Lorelei H. Oviatt, Director

CEQA Lead Agency Address: 2700 M Street, Ste. 100

City: Bakersfield; **State:** CA; **Zip:** 933301-2323

Phone Number: 661-862-8600

Email Address: planning@kern.ca.us

Project Title: “Revisions to the Kern County Zoning Ordinance – 2015 C, focused on Oil and Gas Local Permitting”; and “Supplemental EIR for Approved Amendments”

Project Scope: <https://kernplanning.com/final-environmental-impact-report-revisions-kern-county-zoning-ordinance-2015-c-focused-oil-gas-local-permitting>

The originally approved project consists of an amendment to Title 19 Kern County Zoning Ordinance (July 2012) to include new site development standards for all oil & gas exploration, extraction, operations, and production activities in Unincorporated Kern Co. The pages below verify the proposed project is within the scope of the identified prior environmental document(s) :

- **For O&G** (w/in Tier 1 or 2): pgs. #3-12 - #3-16, #3-21 - #3-25, #3-30, #3-32 - #3-38 and #3-41 - #3-43;
- **For UIC:** pgs. #3-2, #3-21, #3-36, #3-37, #3-41, #3-44, #3-45, and #3-47;
- **For UGS:** pgs. #3-15 and #3-58;
- **For WST:** pgs. #3-49 and #3-50

NOD: https://psbweb.co.kern.ca.us/planning/pdfs/eirs/oil_gas/oil_gas_NOD_final.pdf

MMRP: https://psbweb.co.kern.ca.us/planning/pdfs/eirs/oil_gas/oil_gas_MMRP_final.pdf

Date EIR Certified: 11/9/15; and 10/24/18

State Clearinghouse #: 2013081079

CEQA Notice Type: Notice of Determination

CEQA Lead Agency

CEQA Lead Agency *

CEQA Lead Agency Contact *

CEQA Lead Agency Address *

Address Line 2

City * State * Zip Code *

Phone Number * Phone Number Extension (Ext)

Email Address *

CEQA Documentation ⓘ

☐ Negative Declaration ☐ Supplemental

☐ Mitigated Negative Declaration ☐ Addendum

☐ Environmental Impact Report ☐ Substitute Document

☐ Subsequent

Project Title

Project Scope ⓘ *

Date EIR Certified or ND/MND Adopted *

State Clearinghouse Number

CEQA Notice Type *

Is there a NEPA Lead Agency?



IF YOUR PROJECT IS ON PRIVATE LAND ONLY,
-- Select **NO**

IF YOUR PROJECT SPANS BOTH PRIVATE AND FEDERAL LAND,
-- Select **YES**, and fill in the **NEPA Lead agency** box.

Click on the arrow to the right to expand or minimize the box.

The red asterisks* indicate required fields.

Please remember to upload the NEPA documents in the
“**Document Upload**” step.

Is there a NEPA Lead Agency? *

☒ Yes ☐ No

NEPA Lead Agency

NEPA Lead Agency *

NEPA Lead Agency Contact

NEPA Lead Agency Address *

Address Line 2

City *State *Zip Code *

Phone Number *Phone Number Extension (Ext.)

Email Address *

NEPA Documentation *

☐ Categorical Exclusion ☐ Sundry Notice

☐ Environmental Assessment/FONSI/DNA ☐ Environmental Impact Statement

Project Title

NEPA Project Number

Date of Decision Record/Record of Decision

Publication Date

Federal Register Notice Number

Please Indicate the Surface Ownership

Please Indicate the Mineral Ownership



Indicate surface and mineral ownership

If **YES** was selected for the **Is there a NEPA Lead Agency?** question
-- Select the applicable Surface or Mineral ownership.

Please indicate the surface ownership ⓘ *

☒ Private ☐ State ☐ Federal ☐ Tribal

Please indicate the mineral ownership ⓘ *

☒ Private ☐ State ☐ Federal ☐ Tribal

If **'State'** or **'Federal'** was selected for either Surface or Mineral ownership
-- Fill in the name of the agency who owns the rights.

- **Note:** Surface ownership helps CalGEM determine the CEQA Agency Role (Lead Agency or Responsible Agency) for its CEQA reviews, while Mineral ownership does not.

For example, if the surface ownership is privately-owned, a local agency (such as Kern Co.) would issue a permit for that activity and CalGEM becomes the Responsible Agency, relying on the Kern Co. EIR for its CEQA review. If the surface ownership is federally-owned, then CalGEM would be the CEQA lead agency for its CEQA review.

Please indicate the surface ownership ⓘ *

☐ Private ☒ State ☐ Federal ☐ Tribal

Agency Name *

Please indicate the mineral ownership ⓘ *

☐ Private ☒ State ☐ Federal ☐ Tribal

Agency Name *

CEQA Project Description & Save



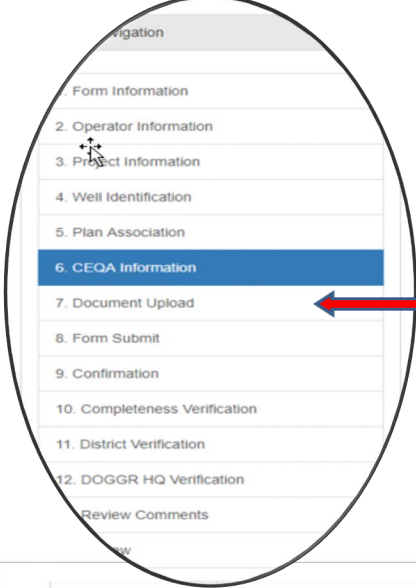
In the “CEQA Project Description”

-- provide a description of the proposed project **ACTIVITY** (abandon, rework, UIC, WST, etc.) **that you are requesting CalGEM to approve** (via a permit or PAL)

➤ **Note:** This is not the same as the brief project description that was provided in the “**Project Scope**,” which was from the prior Kern County EIR (this is the document CalGEM relies on during our Responsible Agency CEQA review)

Guidance and **example project descriptions** are available on the [CalGEM CEQA website](https://www.conservation.ca.gov/calgem/CEQA) (<https://www.conservation.ca.gov/calgem/CEQA>), under **CEQA Guidance for Operators** “[Project Description](#)”

Remember to Save your form when you are done!
This can and should be done repeatedly throughout your session, so as not to lose any data.



Any documents that needs to be uploaded should be done in the “**Document Upload**” step.

This includes, but not limited to: local permits; CEQA & NEPA environmental documents and notices; MMRPs; and WST toxicity data

CEQA Project Description *

Please enter a CEQA Project description in the box below. You may also upload it as an attachment on the Document Upload Step, but please indicate that in the textbox below. Please include:

- Project Proposal
- Project Location
- Environmental Setting
- Local Agency Requirements
- If this project description applies to multiple wells, please include a list of all wells (include API # and Well Name/Designation, if known).
- Additional guidance on how to write a CEQA Project Description can be found on the DOGGR CEQA homepage

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