



NOTICE TO OPERATORS 2025-07

July 14, 2025

NOTICE OF ASSESSMENTS

The California Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM) is issuing this notice to inform operators that the oil and gas, underground gas storage, and geothermal annual notice of assessments for calendar year 2024 (2024 Assessment) have been published and mailed to your agent on file.

The Department of Conservation will deliver the 2024 Assessment Record of Assessments and Charges for oil and gas operators and underground gas storage and the Assessment Roll for geothermal operators to the California State Controller's Office by the first Monday in July of 2025.

Oil and Gas Operators

CalGEM identified an error in the assessment rate applied to the 2024 Oil and Gas Assessment notice mailed to your agent on June 12, 2025, and posted in your WellSTAR account. A revised 2024 Oil and Gas Assessment notice has been mailed to your agent on June 30, 2025, and posted in your WellSTAR account.

When the updated 2024 Oil and Gas Assessment notice of assessment was entered into WellSTAR, the agent of record received an email notification with the subject line: "You have received a new correspondence in WellSTAR," on July 1, 2025

To view your 2024 Oil and Gas Assessment notice please Log-in to WellSTAR and navigate to your Organization Detail > Summary > Documents. The notice of annual assessment can be found within the document tab.

If you feel there has been an error with the assessment made or the charges fixed by the Department of Conservation, you may challenge such assessment and/or charges by applying to the California State Controller's Office at any time before the first Monday in July of 2025 to have the assessment corrected. (Pub. Resources Code, §3417.) Other important information about your rights to protest this assessment may be found in Public Resource Code section 3430. The State Controller's Office may be contacted at PetandGas@sco.ca.gov.

Your 2024 Notice of Assessment is due and payable on the first of July of 2025.

- For assessments of more than ten dollars (\$10) but less than five hundred dollars (\$500), the charges for the assessment provided must be paid on or before August 15th, 2025, or shall be deemed delinquent.
- For assessments of five hundred dollars (\$500) or more, the first half of the assessed amount provided must be paid on or before August 15th, 2025, or shall otherwise

be deemed delinquent; and the second half of the assessed amount provided must be paid on or before February 1st, 2026, or shall otherwise be deemed delinquent.

- If you failed to timely file your annual production report, a penalty was added to your charge pursuant to Public Resources Code section 3420. (Pub. Resources Code, §§ 3406, 3408, and 3420.)

Underground Gas Storage Operators

Your 2024 Notice of Assessment has been mailed to your agent. If you feel there has been an error with the assessment made or the charges fixed by the Department of Conservation, you may challenge such assessment and/or charges by applying to the California State Controller's Office at any time before the first Monday in July of 2025 to have the assessment corrected. (Pub. Resources Code, §3417.) Other important information about your rights to protest this assessment may be found in Public Resource Code section 3430. The State Controller's Office may be contacted at PetandGas@sco.ca.gov.

Your assessment is due and payable on the first of July of 2025.

- For assessments of more than ten dollars (\$10) but less than five hundred dollars (\$500), the charges for the assessment provided must be paid on or before August 15th, 2025, or shall be deemed delinquent.
- For assessments of five hundred dollars (\$500) or more, the first half of the assessed amount provided must be paid on or before August 15th, 2025, or shall otherwise be deemed delinquent; and the second half of the assessed amount provided must be paid on or before February 1st, 2026, or shall otherwise be deemed delinquent.
- If you failed to timely file your annual report a penalty was added to your charge pursuant to Public Resources Code section 3420. (Pub. Resources Code, §§ 3406, 3408, and 3420.)

Geothermal Operators

Your 2024 Notice of Assessment has been mailed to your agent. Your assessment is due and payable on the first of July of 2025.

- The first half of the assessed amount must be paid on or before August 15, 2025, or shall otherwise be deemed delinquent; the second half of the assessed amount must be paid on or before February 1, 2026, or shall otherwise be deemed delinquent. (Cal. Code of Regs., tit. 14, § 1933.4.)

If you believe an error has been made, you must notify CalGEM on or before July 1, 2025. (Cal. Code of Regs., tit. 14, § 1993.2.). CalGEM may be contacted through Operational Management Unit at CalGEMSupport@conservation.ca.gov.

Late Penalties for All Operators

Any operator who fails to timely pay their assessment will have a penalty of ten percent (10%), plus interest at one and one-half percent (1.5%) per month, or fraction thereof, computed from the delinquent date of the assessment until and including the date of the payment upon their assessment. (Pub. Resources Code, § 3420; Cal. Code of Regs. tit. 14, § 1933.4.)

Payments may be remitted to the DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION, and delivered, via first class mail, to:

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION
CALIFORNIA GEOLOGIC ENERGY MANAGEMENT DIVISION
Attention: 2024 ASSESSMENT
715 P Street, MS 18-03
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814

Alternatively, payment may be submitted to CalGEM online, via electronic funds transfer. If you are already familiar with the procedure, payments may be submitted at:

<https://www.govone.com/PAYCAL/Home/SelectAgency>

For a more detailed explanation of the electronic funds transfer procedure, please navigate to **Notice to Operators (NTO) 2021-08** at:

https://www.conservation.ca.gov/calgem/for_operators/Pages/NoticetoOperator.aspx

If you have any questions or concerns regarding compliance with this notice, please contact CalGEM's Operational Management Unit at CalGEMSupport@conservation.ca.gov.



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