



**NOTICE TO OPERATORS
2025-08**

July 29, 2025

2024 NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT

The California Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM) is issuing this notice to inform operators that the oil and gas, underground gas storage, and geothermal records of assessments levied for calendar year 2024 have been delivered to the State Controller. (Pub. Resources Code, § 3417; Cal. Code of Regs., tit. 14, § 1933.2.)

Oil and Gas Operators

On July 14, 2025, CalGEM published NTO 2025-07, informing operators that 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 was mailed to your agent on June 30, 2025, and posted in your WellSTAR account.

Your 2024 Notice of Assessment became 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 made a payment towards your 2024 Oil and Gas Assessment that resulted in an overpayment because of the updated rate, CalGEM will apply any overpayment to your second half assessment. If you paid your assessment in full, any overpayment may be refunded upon receipt of a completed Form 204.

If you were dissatisfied with the assessment made or the charges fixed by the Department of Conservation, challenges to such assessment and/or charges should have been made 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

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assessment may be found in Public Resource Code section 3430. The State Controller's Office may be contacted at PetandGas@sco.ca.gov.

Geothermal Operators

For geothermal operators, your 2024 Notice of 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.

If you believe an error was made on your assessment, you were to 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.)

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

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION
CALIFORNIA GEOLOGIC ENERGY MANAGEMENT DIVISION
Attention: 2023 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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