



## NOTICE TO OPERATORS 2026-05

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### **PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 3282 REQUIREMENTS TAKE EFFECT JULY 1, 2026**

California Public Resources Code (PRC) section 3282 establishes new requirements that apply to all oil or gas production facilities or wells with a wellhead within a health protection zone (HPZ). HPZ is defined at PRC section 3280, subdivision (b).

Generally, section 3282 requires operator compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local permits, establishes operational requirements relating to noise, light, dust and other particulate control, requires operators to immediately suspend use of noncompliant production facilities, and requires chemical analysis and reporting for produced water transported from the field.

Section 3282 requirements **take effect on July 1, 2026**.

Key requirements are summarized below, but operators should carefully review the full text of section 3282, a copy of which can be accessed here:

[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes\\_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=PRC&sectionNum=3282](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=PRC&sectionNum=3282).

Federal, state, or local laws and permits may specify requirements that are more stringent than, less stringent than, or silent on matters addressed in the PRC section 3282 requirements. **Operators must comply with whichever requirement is the most stringent** or be subject to potential enforcement action.

#### Summary of requirements under PRC section 3282:

- Subdivision (a): Compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local permits to operate the well and facility is required.
- Subdivision (b): Specifies requirements relating to complaints about the site.
  - On the perimeter of the site, operators must clearly post information about how and whom to address complaints about noise, odor, and other concerns.
  - This posting shall include contact information for:
    - Responsible persons employed by the operator; and
    - Enforcement officials in each of the following: the city, county, or city and county, and air district, in which the facility is located.
- Subdivision (c): Unless more stringent local requirements apply, between 8:00 PM and 7:00 AM, sound levels from oil and gas production operations may not exceed ambient noise levels, as measured at the property line.

- Subdivision (d): Unless more stringent local requirements apply, it specifies lighting restrictions for an oil or gas well or production facility.
  - Operators must minimize light generated at the well or production facility to reduce light from traveling beyond property boundaries.
  - Between 8:00 PM and 7:00 AM operators must use only minimum light intensity and coverage necessary for safety and basic security.
    - There is an exception for light used in emergency circumstances.
  - Lighting shall be hooded or otherwise directed so that it shines onto only the operator's property.
  - Lighting shall not shine onto adjacent properties or into the sky.
- Subdivision (e): Unless more stringent local requirements apply, operators must deploy operational measures to control dust and particulates from migrating beyond property boundaries.
  - At minimum, operators must:
    - Limit vehicle speeds on unpaved roads to 15 miles per hour or less; and
    - Contain or cover stored sands, drilling muds, and excavated soil.
- Subdivision (f): Specifies requirements for production facilities that emit vapors in an HPZ.
  - Operators must immediately suspend the use of a production facility that is not in compliance with all applicable air district requirements relating to preventing vapor venting to the atmosphere.
  - Includes production facilities that emit vapors such as, but not limited to, tanks, vessels, separation facilities, gas processing units, and other equipment holding petroleum liquids or produced water.
  - Applies to permanent and temporary equipment.
- Subdivision (g): Specifies requirements for all produced water transported away from the oilfield where it was produced.
  - Requires a representative chemical analysis of such water.
  - The chemical analysis must be in accordance with the analytical specifications for liquid analysis detailed in Section 1724.7.2 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.
  - The chemical analysis must be filed with the California Geologic Energy Management Division:
    - Within three months of produced water being transported from the oilfield; and
    - Whenever the source of produced water is changed.
  - The source of produced water is changed if:
    - The treatment process or additives are changed;
    - A contributing source is added or removed; or
    - There is a significant change to the relative contribution of individual sources such that the last chemical analysis is not

representative of the produced water being transported from the oilfield.

- All chemical analysis documents should be uploaded into the Well Statewide Tracking and Reporting System (WellSTAR) using the document upload form "**Produced Water Chemical Analysis – PRC 3282(g)**" against the relevant facility under the "**Facility**" category. CalGEM may further develop the process for uploading and validating future uploads, and if so, will advise operators of any changes as needed.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding compliance with this notice, please contact CalGEM Headquarters at [SB1137Implementation@conservation.ca.gov](mailto:SB1137Implementation@conservation.ca.gov).

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