



**NOTICE TO OPERATORS
2026-06**

June 29, 2026

**REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR OPERATOR COMPLIANCE WITH
PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE, SECTION 3285**

On April 11, 2025, the California Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM) issued [Notice to Operators \(NTO\) 2025-03](#) regarding Public Resources Code (PRC) section 3285 requirements for annual submittals of an inventory, map, and statement for wellheads and production facilities located outside of a health protection zone (HPZ).

On June 3, 2026, CalGEM provided general feedback to all operators via email in the form of a guidance document, titled Best Practices (June 2026 best practices document). This document flagged common errors found during CalGEM's review of 2025 submittals and reiterated key requirements from title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR) implementing PRC section 3285.

June 2026 Best Practices Document and the July 1, 2026, Submittal Deadline

CalGEM acknowledges there is some confusion about the June 2026 best practices document and concerns about the July 1, 2026, submission deadline. This Notice clarifies CalGEM's intent:

- **CalGEM will continue to accept all 2026 annual submittals through September 1, 2026.**
- CCR sections 1765.6 through 1765.9 specify requirements for annual inventories, maps, and "outside an HPZ statements." NTO 2025-03 provides guidance, a template for operator use, and reference examples.
- The June 2026 best practices document does not contain new information regarding submittal requirements. Operators are encouraged to review this document, which may help operators spot potential issues with their draft 2026 submittal documents.
- If an operator has followed the regulations, included all required content accurately and in the required format, and determined that no further action is needed, the operator can submit its 2026 inventory(ies), map(s), and outside an HPZ statement(s) by July 1, 2026. However, CalGEM will continue to accept 2026 annual submittals through September 1, 2026.
- If, upon reviewing the regulations, NTO 2025-03, and the June 2026 best practices document, an operator determines corrections to its 2026 submittal are necessary, corrections should be made before submittal.

- For operators who received a deficiency letter in June 2026 based on CalGEM's 2025 review, you may disregard the previously communicated deadline in your feedback letters. CalGEM will continue to accept submittals through September 1, 2026, that address and correct the deficiencies identified in the deficiency letter. All corrections should be incorporated into the 2026 submission so that only one submission is needed.

Pursuant to PRC section 3285, subdivision (c), CalGEM will review submittals for completeness and accuracy. Operators will receive deficiency letters for inventories, maps, and outside of HPZ statements that do not meet the regulatory requirements.

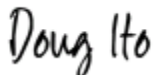
“No Changes” Determination Statement

As discussed below, in some cases operators may satisfy the annual submission requirement by submitting a statement confirming no changes have occurred since the last annual submission.

PRC section 3285, subdivision (b), provides that once an operator has made the required determination about each of their wellheads and production facilities within an HPZ, the operator can make a new determination that “there have been no changes to the location of sensitive receptors in the 3,200 feet surrounding the operator’s wellheads and production facilities.” The operator can submit a statement that no changes to the prior inventory and map are needed.

If an operator submitted a complete and accurate inventory, map, and out of HPZ statement in 2025 that requires no corrections, and the operator has verified that there have been no changes to sensitive receptors since the 2025 submission, the operator may submit a statement confirming no changes have occurred. That statement, along with the operator’s 2025 submittal documents, will be made available to the public as required by PRC section 3285, subdivision (d), as the operator’s 2026 submission.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding compliance with this notice, please contact CalGEM Headquarters using the [SB 1137 Implementation](#) email address.



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