



**NOTICE TO OPERATORS  
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**SB 1137 FIRST IMPLEMENTATION REGULATIONS REPLACING  
EMERGENCY REGULATIONS**

On April 27, 2026, the Office of Administrative Law approved the Senate Bill 1137 (Gonzalez, Chapter 365, Statutes of 2022) First Implementation rulemaking that provides a regulatory framework concerning public health and safety and environmental protection limitations on oil and gas operations within health protection zones ("First Implementation Regulations"). These new regulations replace prior emergency regulations that first took effect in January 2023 ("Emergency Regulations").

**The First Implementation Regulations have been filed with the Secretary of State and take effect on July 1, 2026.**

You can find the full text of the approved First Implementation Regulations under the "SB 1137" link at: <https://www.conservation.ca.gov/index/Pages/rulemaking.aspx>

Failure to comply with applicable regulatory requirements may result in enforcement action.

The Emergency Regulations added California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections 1765 through 1765.10. The First Implementation Regulations retain the same numbering and organizational framework, and continue many requirements initially established by the Emergency Regulations.

However, **Operators should carefully review the entirety of the First Implementation Regulations** as there are changes in every section except section 1765, most notably in First Implementation Regulations sections:

- 1765.1 –
  - Aligns the definition of "education resource" to the Public Resources Code (PRC) section 3280, subdivision (c)(2) definition, dropping the previous 1/4-mile sensitive receptor limit on parks as examples of sensitive receptors; and
  - Refines the definition of a "building housing a business that is open to the public" as a sensitive receptor.
  
- 1765.3 –
  - Modifies the information to be provided when submitting a notice of intention, such as identifying a sensitive receptor within 3,200 feet rather than the nearest sensitive receptor and requiring a New Production Facility Notice (NPFN) for proposed production facilities associated with a notice of intention; and

- In specified circumstances, authorizes the California Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM) to waive informational requirements for notices of intention asserted as necessary to prevent or respond to a threat to public health, safety or the environment.
- 1765.4 –
  - Clarifies the timing of and requirements for operator notification and offer to property owners and tenants to sample and test water wells and surface water;
  - Specifies that work may not commence until CalGEM has verified required sampling and testing has been completed or is not required; and
  - Requires that operators submit to CalGEM all responses to notification and offers to sample and test.
- 1765.4.1 –
  - Enhances the informational content required in a notification to property owners and tenants within 3,200 feet, to ensure all parties are aware of PRC section 3285 offer and request requirements; and
  - Adds a requirement that the operator include an email address as a means of contact.
- 1765.5 –
  - Focuses the NPFN requirement on production facilities proposed within a health protection zone, rather than on all proposed production facilities statewide;
  - Applies to all proposed newly operated or constructed production facilities, unless excepted; and
  - Establishes a framework for determining whether a production facility is new or an alteration, repair, modification, relocation or replacement of an existing production facility, with related documentation requirements.
- 1765.5.1 –
  - Details content requirements for a NPFN;
  - Specifies that a sensitive receptor within 3,200 feet may be identified, rather than the nearest receptor to the proposed location;
  - Directs how pipeline coordinates should be determined;
  - Includes required information for proposed production facilities associated with a notice of intention or asserted to be necessary to protect public health and safety; and
  - Allows CalGEM to waive some or all informational requirements under specified circumstances.
- 1765.9 –
  - Continues the requirements that operator statements identify all buildings, including all permanent, installed, rigid-walled structures, and any site identified by CalGEM as a sensitive receptor within 3,200 feet of a wellhead or production facility location and explain for each feature identified why operator asserts the feature is not a sensitive receptor.

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

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