**NOTICE TO OPERATORS**

2024-05

# June 14, 2024

**NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT OIL AND GAS PRODUCED FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023**

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 assessment for calendar year 2023 (“2023 Assessment”), has been published and mailed to your agent on file.

As a reminder, the Department of Conservation will deliver the 2023 Assessment Roll to the California State Controller's Office by the first Monday in July of 2024. If you are an underground gas storage or oil and gas operator and dissatisfied 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 2024 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.

If you are a geothermal operator and believe an error has been made, you must notify CalGEM on or before July 1, 2024. (Cal. Code of Regs., tit. 14, § 1993.2.). CalGEM may be contacted through Operational Management Unit at CalGEMSupport@conservation.ca.gov.

**Oil and Gas Operators**

The 2023 Oil and Gas Assessment Notice has also been posted to your WellSTAR account. When the 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”.

To view your annual notice of assessment 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.

**Oil and Gas and Underground Gas Storage Assessment**

For oil and gas and underground gas storage operators, your 2023 Notice of Assessment is due and payable on the first of July of 2024.

* 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, 2024, 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, 2024, or shall otherwise be deemed delinquent; and the second half of the assessed amount provided must be paid on or before February 1st, 2025 or shall otherwise be deemed delinquent.
* If you are an oil and gas or underground gas storage operator and failed to timely file your annual production report, a penalty assessment was added to your charge pursuant to Public Resources Code section 3420. (Pub. Resources Code, §§ 3406, 3408, and 3420.)

**Geothermal Assessment**

For geothermal operators, your 2023 Notice of Assessment is due and payable on the first of July of 2024.

* The first half of the assessed amount must be paid on or before August 15, 2024, or shall otherwise be deemed delinquent; the second half of the assessed amount must be paid on or before February 1, 2025 or shall otherwise be deemed delinquent. (Cal. Code of Regs., tit. 14, § 1933.4.)

**Assessment Payments**

Any late payment(s) of any assessed amount, for oil and gas, underground gas storage, and geothermal operators, deemed delinquent will have applied to it 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. (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: 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.

Sincerely,



\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Doug Ito

State Oil and Gas Supervisor