



NOTICE TO OPERATORS

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June 16, 2026

NOTICE OF ASSESSMENTS

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 assessments for calendar year 2025 ("2025 Assessment") have been published and mailed to your agent on file.

The Department of Conservation will deliver the 2025 Assessment Record of Assessments and Charges for oil and gas operators and underground gas storage and the Assessment Roll for geothermal operators to the California State Controller's Office by the first Monday in July of 2026.

Oil and Gas Operators

In addition to your 2025 Oil and Gas Assessment Notice being mailed to your agent, it 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.

If you are 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 2026 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.

Your 2025 Notice of Assessment is due and payable on the first of July of 2026.

- 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, 2026, 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, 2026, or shall otherwise be deemed delinquent; and the second half of the assessed amount provided must be paid on or before February 1st, 2027, or shall otherwise be deemed delinquent.
- If you failed to timely file your annual production report, a penalty was added to your charge pursuant to Public Resources Code section 3420. (Pub. Resources

Code, §§ 3406, 3408, and 3420.)

- In addition to the 10 percent penalty under Public Resources Code section 3408, CalGEM may impose civil penalties or take other enforcement action against operators that fail to comply with this fundamental reporting requirement.

Underground Gas Storage Operators

Your 2025 Notice of Assessment has been mailed to your agent. If you are 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 2026 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.

Your assessment is due and payable on the first of July of 2026.

- 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, 2026, or shall be deemed delinquent.
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- If you failed to timely file your annual report a penalty was added to your charge pursuant to Public Resources Code section 3420. (Pub. Resources Code, §§ 3406, 3408, and 3420.)
- In addition to the 10 percent penalty under Public Resources Code section 3408, CalGEM may impose civil penalties or take other enforcement action against operators that fail to comply with this fundamental reporting requirement.

Geothermal Operators

Your 2025 Notice of Assessment has been mailed to your agent. Your assessment is due and payable on the first of July of 2026.

- The first half of the assessed amount must be paid on or before August 15, 2026, or shall otherwise be deemed delinquent; the second half of the assessed amount must be paid on or before February 1, 2027, or shall otherwise be deemed delinquent. (Cal. Code of Regs., tit. 14, § 1933.4.)

If you believe an error has been made, you must notify CalGEM on or before July 1, 2026. (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.)

Payments are considered timely based on the postmark or submission date. For online payments, payment must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on the due date to be considered timely. For mailed payments, the payment must be postmarked on or before the due date to be considered timely.

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: 2025 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 The Electronic Funds Transfer Informational User Guide at:

[Electronic Funds Transfer Informational User Guide](#)

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
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