



NOTICE TO OPERATORS

2026-07

July 1, 2026

2025 NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT

The California Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM) is issuing this notice to inform operators that the oil and gas, underground gas storage, and geothermal records of assessments levied for calendar year 2025 have been delivered to the State Controller. (Pub. Resources Code, § 3417; Cal. Code of Regs., tit. 14, § 1933.2.) Disputes regarding the calculation of an assessment should have been submitted, as appropriate, before July 1, 2026.

If you are an oil and gas or underground gas storage operator and 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.)

Oil and Gas Operators

For oil and gas operators, your 2025 Notice of Assessment was 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

For underground gas storage operators, 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 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

For geothermal operators, your 2025 Notice of 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.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Doug Ito". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Doug Ito
State Oil and Gas Supervisor