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14 **ORDER TO PAY A CIVIL PENALTY AND PERFORM REMEDIAL WORK**  
15 **NO. 1689**  
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18 **Operator: Vesta Oil and Gas, LLC (11111)**  
19 **Field Name: Lindsey Slough Gas**  
20 **Northern District, Solano County**  
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## I. Introduction

The State Oil and Gas Supervisor (**Supervisor**), acting through the Geologic Energy Management Division (**CalGEM**), and under the authority of Division 3 of the Public Resources Code (**PRC**; commencing with PRC section 3000) and title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (**Regulations**), may impose a civil penalty on a person who violates any statutory provision of the PRC, or any regulation that implements those statutory provisions. (PRC, § 3236.5.)

Based on CalGEM's records, Vesta Oil and Gas, LLC (**Operator**) is the "operator" (as defined in PRC, § 3009) and is responsible for the Production Facilities identified on **Attachment A**, incorporated herein (the "**Facilities**"). As described in more detail below, Operator has not maintained compliance with applicable requirements for operation of the Facilities. Operator's failure to comply with the Regulations poses a potential threat to life, health, property, and natural resources and constitute violations requiring remedial work and for which the Supervisor has determined imposition of a civil penalty is appropriate. Therefore, pursuant to PRC sections 3013, 3106, 3224, 3225, 3226, 3236.5, and 3270 and Regulations section 1773.1, the Supervisor is ordering Operator to (1) perform remedial work to bring the Facilities into compliance and (2) pay an administrative civil penalty for the violations.

**Attachment B**, incorporated herein, contains a list of definitions and authorities that are applicable to this Order.

## II. Alleged Acts and Omissions

Based on CalGEM's records, at all times relevant to this Order, Operator was the operator, as defined in PRC section 3009, of the Facilities. On or about November 19, 2025, CalGEM conducted inspections of the Facilities where the violations described below were observed and documented in the Lindsey Slough Gas Field. (**Attachments C and D**, incorporated herein.)

CalGEM records reflect Operator has not maintained compliance with applicable requirements for operation of the Facilities. Operator's lack of adherence to the Regulations

poses a potential threat to life, health, property, and natural resources. The violations at issue are identified below.

**A. Failure to Have Adequate Secondary Containment. (Regulations, §§ 1773.1, subds. (a) & (b).)**

In the event of a spill, secondary containment protects the surrounding area from contamination. Operators are required to have secondary containment for all production facilities storing and/or processing fluids, except valves, headers, manifolds, pumps, compressors, wellheads, pipelines, flowlines, and gathering lines. (Regulations, § 1773.1, subd. (a).) Secondary containment must be capable of containing the equivalent volume of liquids from the single piece of equipment with the largest gross capacity within the secondary containment. (Regulations, § 1773.1, subd. (b).)

During the inspections, CalGEM observed no/insufficient secondary containment at the following production facilities:

| Facility Setting ID      | Facility Setting Name                      | District | Facility (Component) ID | Facility (Component) Name | Facility (Component) Type |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 90317307<br>Tank Battery | 0409521097<br>Facility and LS Master Meter | Northern | 17887                   | 1097 Blue Vp1             | Tank                      |
| 90317307<br>Tank Battery | 0409521097<br>Facility and LS Master Meter | Northern | 17886                   | 1097 Red Conds. Vp2       | Tank                      |

Specifically, insufficient secondary containment was observed at Tanks 17886 & 17887, in violation of Regulations, section 1773.1, subdivision (b), As of the date of this Order, CalGEM does not have any records from Operator demonstrating that the violations were corrected.

**III. Civil Penalty/Remedial Work**

**A. Civil Penalty**

Based on the foregoing Alleged Acts and Omissions and pursuant to PRC section 3236.5, by this Order the Supervisor imposes on Operator an administrative civil penalty totaling one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200.00) for the two violations.

| Violation Description                                                                                                | Number of Violations | Associated Civil Penalty per Violation | Civil Penalty Totals |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Failure to Have Adequate Secondary Containment (Regulations, § 1773.1, subd.s (a) and (b).)<br>Tanks 17887 and 17886 | 2                    | \$600                                  | \$1,200              |
| -                                                                                                                    | -                    | <b>Total Civil Penalty:</b>            | \$1,200              |

For purposes of this Order, the Supervisor considered relevant circumstances when establishing the amount of the administrative civil penalty, including: characterizing the violations as "minor" (as defined in PRC section 3236.5, subdivision (b)), the eight factors identified in PRC section 3236.5, subdivision (a).

#### **B. Remedial Work**

Pursuant to PRC sections 3224 and 3226, the Supervisor hereby orders Operator to complete remedial work to come into compliance with Regulations section 1773.1, as outlined below in Operator's Required Actions.

#### **Operator's Required Actions**

For the reasons stated herein, pursuant to PRC sections 3013, 3106, 3224, 3225, 3226, and 3236.5, and Regulations section 1773.1, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that within 30 days, Operator:

- 1) Pay an administrative civil penalty of one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200.00); and

To remit payment of the civil penalty online, please visit <https://www.govone.com/PAYCAL/Home/SelectAgency> and select "California Department of Conservation Geologic Energy Management Division," then follow the instructions on the screen. When filling out the "order number" field, please type the order number followed by the letter "O."

To remit payment of the civil penalty by mail, please send a check payable to  
"Department of Conservation" to the following address:

Department of Conservation  
CalGEM, Attn: Operational Management Unit  
715 P Street, MS 1803  
Sacramento, California 95814

Please include the Operator name, Order number, and phrase "Oil and Gas  
Environmental Remediation Account" on the check itself.

2) In accordance with PRC section 3224 and Regulations section 1773.1 Operator is  
required to:

a. Repair or install secondary containment, as needed, at the following  
production facilities, capable of containing liquid for a minimum of 72  
hours and capable of containing the equivalent volume of liquid from  
equipment with largest gross capability within the secondary containment  
as required in Regulations, section 1773.1:

| Facility<br>Setting ID      | Facility Setting<br>Name                      | District | Facility<br>(Component)<br>ID | Facility<br>(Component)<br>Name | Facility<br>(Component)<br>Type |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 90317307<br>Tank<br>Battery | 0409521097<br>Facility and LS<br>Master Meter | Northern | 17887                         | 1097 Blue Vp1                   | Tank                            |
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Upon performing the required remedial work, please contact CalGEM's Northern District  
via email at [CalGEMNorthern@conservation.ca.gov](mailto:CalGEMNorthern@conservation.ca.gov).

### **Operator's Appeal Rights**

Operator may appeal this Order by filing a timely written notice of appeal with the  
Director as described in Article 6 (Appeals and Review) of Division 3 of the PRC, commencing  
with PRC section 3350. (PRC, § 3225, subd. (d).) If this Order is mailed to you, the Director must

1 receive the appeal within fifteen (15) days from the date the Supervisor mails the Order. To file  
2 an appeal, a written notice of appeal may be sent via U.S. mail to:

3 Department of Conservation  
4 Director's Office of Appeals  
5 715 P Street, MS 19-06 (Legal Office, Chief Counsel)  
6 Sacramento, California 95814

7 Or via electronic mail to:

8 [OfficeofAppeals@conservation.ca.gov](mailto:OfficeofAppeals@conservation.ca.gov)

9 If Operator files a timely written notice of appeal, Operator will be informed of the  
10 appeal hearing date, time, and place. Following the hearing, Operator will receive a written  
11 decision that affirms, sets aside, or modifies the appealed order.

12 If Operator does not file a timely written notice of appeal, or if the Order is affirmed  
13 following an appeal, this Order will become a final order and CalGEM may contract for  
14 performance of the work, pursuant to PRC section 3226, if, within 30 days of this Order,  
15 Operator has not, in good faith, commenced the work ordered. Any costs incurred by  
16 CalGEM to obtain compliance with this Order (which may include penalties and interest) will  
17 constitute a lien against Operator's real or personal property per PRC section 3423. (PRC, §  
18 3356.)

#### 19 **IV. Other Potential Actions to Enforce This Order**

20 Failure to comply with Section IV (Operator's Required Actions) of this Order could  
21 subject Operator to further enforcement action. PRC section 3236 makes it a misdemeanor for  
22 any person who violates, fails, neglects, or refuses to comply with any of the provisions of the  
23 oil and gas conservation laws commencing at PRC section 3000. PRC sections 3236.2 and  
24 3236.3 authorize the Supervisor to seek for civil penalties and injunctive relief for failure to  
25 comply with an order or for violations of any provision in Chapter 1 of Division 3 of the PRC or  
26 any regulation that implements those statutes. PRC section 3236.5 authorizes the Supervisor to  
27 impose a civil penalty on a person who violates any provision in Chapter 1 of Division 3 of the  
28 PRC or any regulation that implements those statutes, and the Supervisor may in the future

impose further civil penalties based on the facts and omissions underlying this order. PRC section 3237 authorizes the Supervisor to order the plugging and abandonment of a well or the decommissioning of a production facility if an operator has failed to comply with an order of the Supervisor within the time provided by the order or has failed to challenge the order on a timely basis. PRC section 3359 makes it a misdemeanor to fail or neglect to comply with an order of the Supervisor. Each day's further failure, refusal, or neglect is a separate and distinct offense. (PRC, § 3359.) By issuance of this Order, the Supervisor does not waive the right to take further enforcement actions.

DATED: 10/20/2026

*Cari Anderson*

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CalGEM Enforcement Chief, on  
behalf of the State Oil and Gas  
Supervisor