



August 7, 2020

Via Email Only

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Re: Well Stimulation Treatment Permit Denials

Dear Ms. Gardner,

The California Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM) has received and reviewed Chevron's Well Stimulation Treatment (WST) permit applications for the six (6) wells listed below:

Count	API	Well Name
1	0403064347	9-1A
2	0403064425	11-12H
3	0403064431	6-10E
4	0403064432	7-8E
5	0403064408	3-11G
6	0403064429	5-12C

This correspondence serves as notice that Chevron's WST permit requests for these six wells are **denied**.

Following the recent appellate court decision in *King & Gardiner Farms v. County of Kern* (2020) 45 Cal.App.5th 814, CalGEM may rely on Kern County's recently decertified Environmental Impact Report if the proposed operations were permitted by Kern County before March 26, 2020. However, based on CalGEM's review of the available records, it is not clear that the proposed WST operations on these six wells were permitted by Kern County prior to that date. CalGEM would therefore be required to conduct California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review as a lead agency before issuing the WST permits. However, as Chevron has indicated that it does not wish to proceed with CEQA review for these WST permit applications, CalGEM is discontinuing its review and is denying these permit applications.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Emily Reader at Emily.Reader@conservation.ca.gov.

Thank you,



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