
COMMUNITY HEALTH, SAFETY, AND NOTIFICATION PLAN

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Location: “Patel Lease”

314 Firmin Street, Los Angeles, California

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this *Community Health, Safety, and Notification Plan* is to inform nearby residents and stakeholders about the upcoming oil well and facility decommissioning activities, including:

- The location of the work;
- The timing of the work;
- Applicable safety measures, and;
- Contact information for community questions or concerns.

INTRODUCTION

Starting November 2025, the California Department of Conservation (“DOC”) and their contractor Driltek, Inc. (“Contractor”) will begin permanently closing one (1) oil and gas well (API No. 0403718961) located on the “Patel Lease” at 314 Firmin Street, Los Angeles, California. The well is within the City of Los Angeles, in a residential neighborhood east of Echo Park and north of downtown. Please refer to Figure 1 for a location map of the proposed work. The work will include temporarily re-establishing access to the well, removing any oilfield-related equipment and debris, permanently plugging the well, and removing the associated facility. After the well is plugged (i.e., filled with cement according to applicable regulation) and surface equipment removed, the site will be restored and stabilized in accordance with applicable state safety and environmental standards.

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

This project is part of the California Department of Conservation’s oil and gas well decommissioning program, “Project Plug,” administered by CalGEM. Please visit <http://conservation.ca.gov/projectplug> for information about the intent and scope of the program.

WORKSITE

The worksite is an 0.13-acre site located on private property at 314 Firmin Street, Los Angeles, California. It lies within a residential neighborhood east of Echo Park and north of downtown, bordered by homes to the south and west and vacant lots to the north and east. See Figure 1 for a worksite vicinity map.

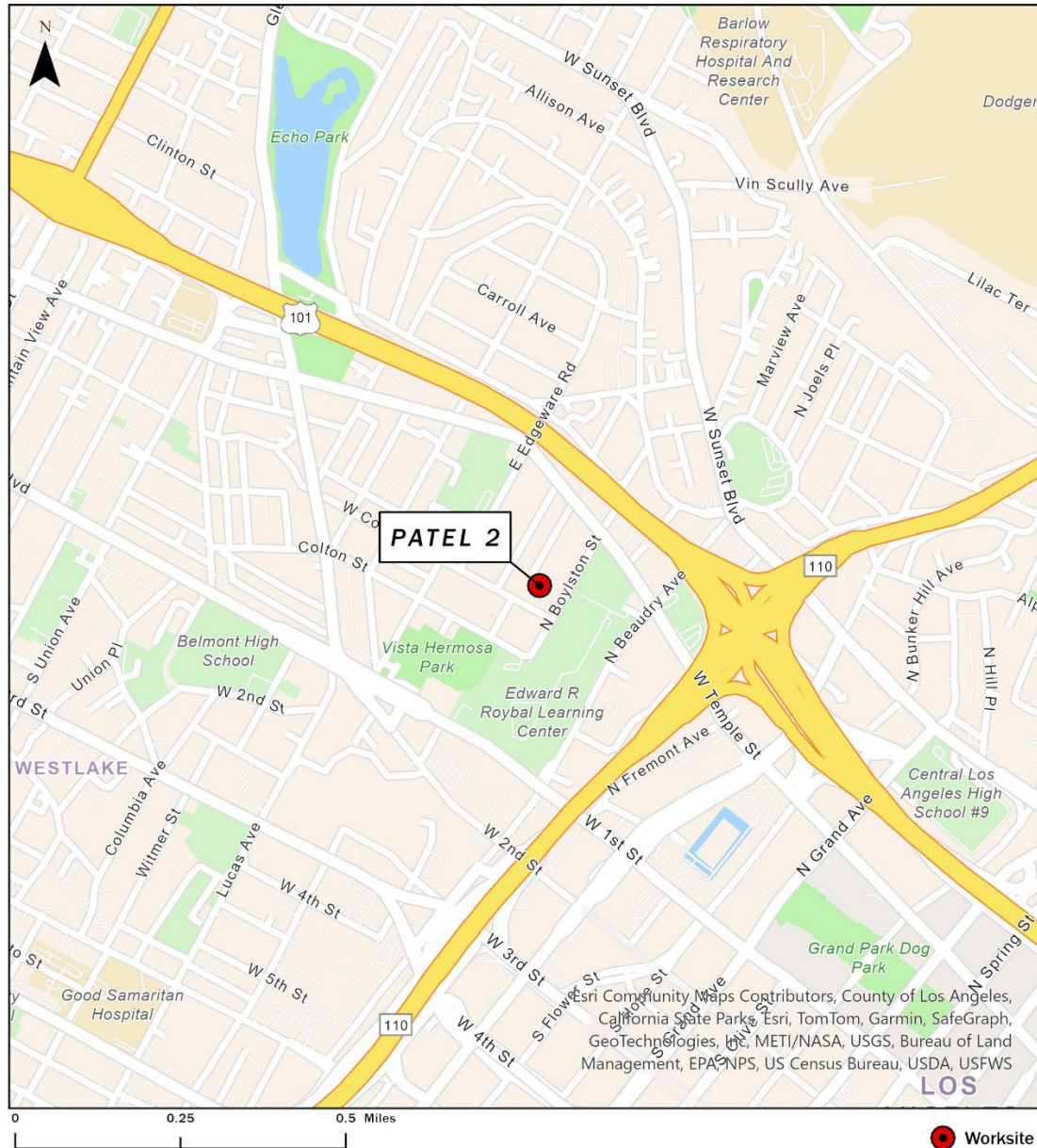


Figure 1 - Patel 2 Worksite Vicinity Map

The worksite will be accessed through the vacant lot at 324 Firmin Street. Parking along portions of Firmin Street will be temporarily suspended to allow safe vehicle movement and equipment access.

The worksite and access area will have an enforced 15-mph speed limit. Contractor staff will provide traffic control and escorts as needed. Staging and parking will occur within the site or other City-approved areas. See Figure 2 for a worksite map.



Figure 2 - Patel 2 Worksite Map

DAYS AND TIMES OF WORK AND EXPECTED DURATION

The project is scheduled to begin in November 2025 and continue through January 2026, depending on weather, permitting, and operating conditions.

Standard operating hours: Monday through Friday, from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Work will generally occur during “daylight hours” to minimize community disturbance. At times, limited activities will occur outside of these hours to ensure safe and efficient operations or facilitate operational needs. Examples of operations outside of daylight hours include material deliveries, equipment maintenance, and/or safety meetings.

POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON THE COMMUNITY

Efforts have been made to minimize community impacts and protect nearby residents from potential hazards during site activities. The following are examples of potential temporary nuisances.

- **Noise** from equipment used for site preparation, debris removal, and well plugging and facility removal activities.
- **Odors** that may occur during the removal of fluids or soil handling associated with site restoration.
- **Dust** generated from equipment movement, excavation, and concrete or debris removal.
- **Temporary traffic restrictions and limited on-street parking** along portions of Firmin Street to allow for safe equipment access.

In the unlikely event of an emergency, potential public hazards may include the following.

- **Smoke exposure** in the event of a fire.
- **Gas odors or vapors** from the well area prior to sealing operations.

All activities will be conducted under the DOC approved site-specific *Health, Safety, and Emergency Response Plan*. The steps taken to protect the community are described in this document.

WORKSITE HAZARDS, CONTROLS, AND MONITORING

Site-specific safety and environmental plans have been developed to prevent and respond to potential hazards such as gas emissions, odors, spills, noise, and fire. These measures are designed to protect workers, the surrounding community, and the environment.

Key monitoring and control measures are summarized below. Additional details are provided in project-specific plans, including the Emergency Response Plan (“ERP”) and Health and Safety Plan (“HASP”).

See the *Reporting Concerns* section of this document for agency contact information.

Worksite Emissions Monitoring

4-gas air monitoring will be conducted continuously while work is in progress. Any detected gases will be managed according to procedures outlined in the ERP.

How spills are reported:

- Level 1: Less than one barrel (1 BBL, or 42 gallons) of oil or produced water. Report to the City of Los Angeles Fire Department if it poses a potential threat.
- Level 2: More than one barrel of oil or produced water, or a large gas release that poses a health, safety, or environmental hazard. Report to 911, the Los Angeles County Fire Department, and CalGEM.
- Level 3: Any spill that reaches a waterway (dry or wet). Report to all Level 2 agencies, plus the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board.

Noise Controls and Monitoring

Equipment operation, deliveries, and debris removal may generate noise. Temporary sound barriers will be installed around stationary equipment as needed, and sound levels will be periodically monitored to ensure compliance with City of Los Angeles noise ordinances.

Dust Controls and Monitoring

Dust emissions will be monitored and managed according to South Coast Air Quality Management District (“SCAQMD”) regulations and project permits. Dust suppression techniques, such as water application or soil stabilization, will be used on an as needed basis to minimize emissions.

Fire Prevention

All “hot work” or spark-producing operations will follow the applicable contractor’s Hot Work Program and require a permit from the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

Activity appropriate fire extinguishers and fire suppression equipment will be available at all times.

Odor Monitoring

During Operating Hours, the Contractor will monitor for nuisance odors.

If odors are detected by the public, they may be reported using the contacts listed in the *Reporting Concerns* section of this document or to the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) through its online complaint portal.

Environmental and Cultural Protection

The project area has been surveyed for environmental and cultural resources. All work will comply with the recommendations made by these studies. Qualified archaeologists and cultural representatives will monitor any ground-disturbing activities, if needed, based on site-specific operating conditions.

Lighting Controls

All work is expected to occur during daylight hours. If temporary lighting is used, it will be directed away from nearby residences to minimize light spill.

Community Notifications

Community notifications will be made only by authorized DOC staff. Project updates and notices may be distributed through community groups, flyers, email, or meetings.

In the unlikely event of an uncontrolled release of oil or gas, the public and media will be notified within two (2) hours through official DOC channels, which may include press releases, social media, and/or multilingual postings.

REPORTING CONCERNS

In case of an emergency that could threaten health, life, safety, or the environment, dial 9-1-1 immediately. These calls should be for fire, police, emergency medical service, or major hazardous material spills.

Members of the public are encouraged to report any health, safety, or environmental concerns related to the work scope to the appropriate agency listed below.

Agency	Type of Concern	Contact Information
Emergency Services (Fire / Police / Medical)	For immediate threats to life, fire, explosion, or major hazardous material release	Call 911
California Department of Conservation – Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM)	General inquiry questions or non-emergency concerns about the project	Phone: 562-637-4400 Email: CommunityConcern@conservation.ca.gov
Driltek Inc. (Contractor)	On-site concerns, contained or minor spills, or project-related issues	Emergency Hotline: 833-312-1234
South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD)	Odor, dust, or air quality concerns	Phone: 1-800-288-7664 Online: www.aqmd.gov/home/air-quality/complaints
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health	Noise concerns	Phone: 213-738-3220
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health	General health concerns	Phone: 626-430-9821 Email: DPH-OEJCH@ph.lacounty.gov
Regional Water Quality Control Board – Los Angeles Region	Non-emergency hazardous material or spill reporting (no immediate danger)	Phone: 213-576-6600 After-hours: 1-800-852-7550

EMERGENCY PLAN

In the event of an emergency, Contractor and Department of Conservation (DOC) staff will follow the Emergency Response Plan developed specifically for the “Patel Lease” project.

If an emergency occurs, 9-1-1 will be contacted immediately. Depending on the nature and severity of the incident, Federal and State emergency response agencies may also be notified through the National Response Center (“NRC”) and the California Office of Emergency Services (“Cal OES”). These agencies will coordinate additional response actions in accordance with the National Incident Management System (“NIMS”) framework.

Los Angeles County Fire Health Hazardous Materials (“HazMat”) is the designated responder for all emergency hazardous materials incidents in this area.

If an emergency requires evacuation of nearby homes or buildings, local police and fire officials will provide direct notification and instructions to affected residents.

Community members should promptly follow all directions from emergency responders.