



NOTICE TO OPERATORS

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LICENSED PROFESSIONAL SIGNATURE AND STAMP REQUIREMENTS FOR UIC WATER DISPOSAL PROJECTS

Please be advised that the Board of Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists (BPELSG) has advised that engineering associated with a disposal injection project under CalGEM's Underground Injection Control (UIC) program is civil engineering and is not petroleum engineering. Therefore, data and analysis submitted to CalGEM in support of a disposal injection project must be submitted under the signature and seal of a licensed civil engineer, in accordance with California Code of Regulations, title 14, (Regulations), section 1724.7, subdivision (d), which requires the following:

All data required under this section shall be submitted to the Division with a cover page including a statement that appropriate licensed professionals, whose signatures and stamps appear at the bottom of the page, are responsible for all data, if any, subject to the requirements of Business and Professions Code sections 6735, 7835, or 7835.1. If the operator determines that the submission does not include material subject to the requirements of Business and Professions Code sections 6735, 7835, or 7835.1, the cover page shall so indicate, and shall provide the name(s) and signature(s) of the individual(s) responsible for preparing the submission.

Note that this NTO is directed specifically toward UIC water disposal projects, not all UIC projects. The signature and seal of a civil engineer is not necessarily required for other types UIC projects associated with oil and gas production.

If you have questions about which aspects of a UIC water disposal project fall within the statutory definition of civil engineering, you may submit questions to BPELSG directly. BPELSG staff have emphasized to CalGEM that they welcome inquiries from the regulated community. Questions about the Professional Engineers Act, the Professional Land Surveyors' Act, or the Geologist and Geophysicist Act, and the associated regulations, should be directed to BPELSG's Enforcement Unit at 1-866-780-5370 or BPELSG.Enforcement.Information@dca.ca.gov.

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