



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION IX

75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105-3901

UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL AQUIFER EXEMPTION

FOR

California Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources
Class II Injection Operations

In compliance with provisions of the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended, (42 USC 300f-300j-9) and attendant regulations incorporated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, the zone described as follows:

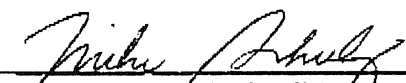
- (1) the Aurignac and Continental geologic strata which occur at this location within the subsurface interval of approximately 2,740 feet to 5,420 feet below ground surface (bgs); and
- (2) laterally within the following sections of Township 23 South, Range 11 East, Monterey County, California:
Sections 14 (western half), 15, 16, 17 (eastern half), 19, 20, 21, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, and 33, and
- (3) laterally within the northern halves of sections 4 and 5 of Township 24 South, Range 11 East, Monterey County, California.

is exempted as an underground source of drinking water (USDW).

This aquifer exemption is granted in conjunction with the Class II Underground Injection Control permit issued to AERA Energy LLC.

This aquifer exemption has no expiration date.

Signed this 12 day of July, 1999.


Alexis Strauss, Acting Director
Water Division, EPA Region 9