

## **NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DISCUSSION DRAFT TEXT AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

### **PRE-RULEMAKING PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON HEALTH PROTECTION ZONES FOR OIL AND GAS OPERATIONS – DISCUSSION DRAFT**

March 3, 2025

The Department of Conservation's Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM) currently has emergency regulations in place implementing Senate Bill 1137, which codified Public Resources Code sections 3280-3291. These regulations are to be made permanent, and we have put together a Discussion Draft of proposed language for review and comment. **Public comment can be submitted through March 31, 2025.**

Please note, this notice is for pre-rulemaking public comment only. There will be a 45-day public comment period during formal rulemaking after the documents have been filed with the office of administrative law.

### **BACKGROUND**

This public comment period is part of an informal pre-rulemaking process to make permanent emergency regulations regarding health protection zones for oil and gas operations, and all interested parties are encouraged to participate.

Public Resources Codes 3280 through 3291 were codified by Senate Bill 1137 (Gonzalez, Chapter 365, Statutes of 2022). To implement these provisions, CalGEM promulgated emergency regulations sections 1765 through 1765.10, which will remain in effect until July 2026. CalGEM has updated the language of the emergency regulations into a Discussion Draft of proposed permanent regulations which is now available for public comment.

### **To Learn More**

The Discussion Draft and related documents and information are available on CalGEM's website at: <https://www.conservation.ca.gov/calgem/Pages/SB1137.aspx>

## **COMMENTS AND PARTICIPATION**

### **Submission of Written Comments**

Written submissions may be provided through March 31, 2025, by email at:

[CalGEMRegulations@conservation.ca.gov](mailto:CalGEMRegulations@conservation.ca.gov).

Hard copy comments can be submitted to:

Department of Conservation  
715 P Street, MS 1907  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
Attn: Health Protection Zone Regulations

Written and oral comments received during the comment period will be reviewed and considered in developing the proposed regulations for formal rulemaking. The revised set of proposed regulations will be made public when CalGEM commences a formal rulemaking process.

### **Request for Cost Information and Alternatives**

CalGEM is specifically requesting recommendations for potential alternatives to the requirements of the emergency regulations, as well as specific data regarding the cost to comply with proposed requirements. Suggestions about a regulatory requirement or alternative approach are most helpful if they are supported by discussion of the associated costs and benefits.

### **Public Workshop Information**

CalGEM will be conducting two identical virtual public workshops to solicit input from the public on the Health Protection Zone emergency regulations. These workshops will be held with staff from the California Air Resources Board who will present their portion of work on SB 1137 along with CalGEM.

#### **WORKSHOP #1**

*March 19, 2025, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm Pacific Time (US and Canada)*

Topic: DOC and CARB SB 1137 Pre-Rulemaking Workshop on Health Protection Zones for Oil and Gas Operations

Register for this webinar:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_e4ak0wwdSO6Z57IVyDVLuQ](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_e4ak0wwdSO6Z57IVyDVLuQ)

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Or, join by telephone:

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Conference code: 148676

Merge code: #91103#

Spanish phone line

Phone number: 1-888-455-1820

Participant Passcode: 3938466

## **WORKSHOP #2**

*March 20, 2025, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm Pacific Time (US and Canada)*

Topic: DOC and CARB SB 1137 Pre-Rulemaking Workshop on Health Protection Zones for Oil and Gas Operations

Register for this webinar:

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