

California Department of Conservation, Geologic Energy Management Division



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Dear Resident,

You are receiving this mailer because the California State Department of Conservation (CalGEM) is working to permanently plug and seal oil wells in your area. In late October 2025, work to permanently plug a well at 2690 Walnut Ave in Signal Hill will begin. CalGEM is a State of California regulatory agency that oversees oil wells to ensure public health and safety.

A map of the site is seen on the backside of this notice; the well is within a gated site closure, owned by Signal Hill Petroleum, Inc., east of E 27th St and Walnut Ave intersection. The well, previously operated by the Estate of Harold C. Morton, was idle for more than 45 years.

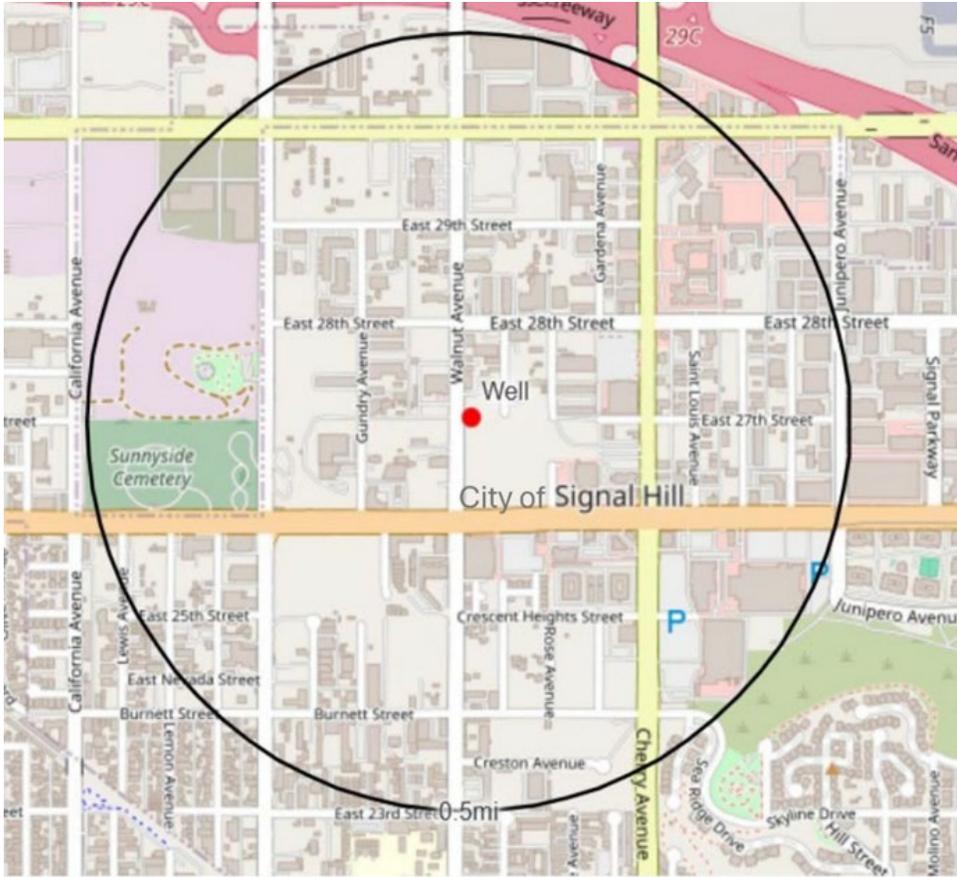
The work should take about a month. This effort is part of California's Project Plug, which addresses the environmental impacts of legacy wells and facilities in our communities across the state. To learn more about this program go to:
conservation.ca.gov/projectplug or scan the QR code below.

Driltek, the contractor for the work, has provided CalGEM with systems to address and reduce any possible impacts related to odor, noise, traffic, transportation, dust, vibration, waste, truck, and gas emissions. They have also provided the required Health and Safety Plan and Emergency Response Plan to CalGEM.

Additionally, a Community Health and Safety Notification Plan has been developed to make sure everyone understands how this work will be carried out and how the community will be protected. The plan can be accessed via the link above or by scanning the QR code below.

If you have any immediate questions or concerns, please contact Sarah Rubin at 916.214.5731 or sarah.rubin@conservation.ca.gov or Jeanette Ochoa at 916-956- 7184 or jeanette.ochoa@conservation.ca.gov(bilingual in Spanish).





Maps of area

