



COMMUNITY NOTICE

August 11, 2026

Dear resident,

You are receiving this mailer because the California Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM) is working to permanently plug and seal oil wells in your area. CalGEM is a State of California regulatory agency that oversees oil wells to ensure public health and safety.

There are six wells CalGEM is planning to plug and seal in the West Hills area. This location of the wells (seen in map on the backside of this letter) is bordered to the north by El Scorpion Canyon Park, to the west by the Los Virgenes Open Space, and to the south and east by the community of West Hills.

You should have received three previous notices about this work: in mid-August 2025 with an invitation to a public meeting on September 10, 2025; March 2026 and May 2026 with updates on the project, including work postponed due to seasonal protection measures related to Crotch's bumble bee. **Work is now planned to begin in early September 2026.**

As background, the wells were operated by Cache Oil Co., Canoga Oil Company, Frank Knapp and Liu Cheng, and Lin, all of whom face multiple violations that led to the Department's order to plug the wells.

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. Go to <https://www.conservation.ca.gov/projectplug> to learn more or scan the QR code.



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 916-291-4280 or jeanette.ochoa@conservation.ca.gov (bilingual in Spanish).

