



COMMUNITY NOTICE

May 28, 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 2026 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 an initial notice about this work in mid-August 2025 by mail. The mailer was an invitation to a public meeting on September 10, 2025, at the Hillpoint Montessori School.

This letter provides an update. Work was expected to begin in May 2026; however, the work has been postponed until Fall 2026 to accommodate seasonal protection measures related to Crotch's bumble bee. As we have a more precise targeted start date, you can expect another letter in the mail about the project.

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).

