



COMMUNITY NOTICE

July 20, 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 five wells CalGEM is working to plug and seal in Wilmington. The wells are located at the Nance Blinn Tank Farm, bordered by a cargo storage lot to the east and an automobile storage lot to the west. A map of the site is below.

Background

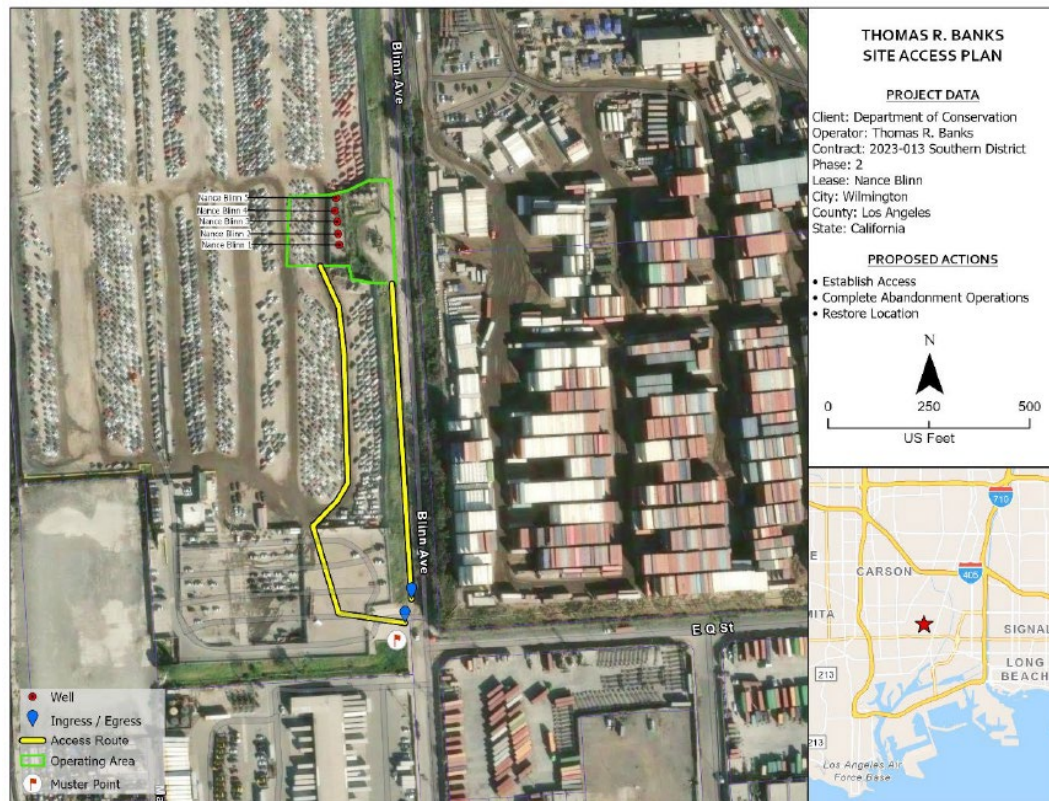
On July 14, 2026, the Los Angeles Fire Department notified the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) of an oil release at the Nance Blinn Tank Farm, located at 1601 Blinn Avenue, Wilmington, California. Upon notification, CalGEM sent a field engineer to the site on July 14th to investigate. During the initial response, CalGEM met with representatives from LAFD Hazmat, Shell Oil, and Crimson Midstream LLC, to gather information regarding the release and assess site conditions.

The Nance Blinn Tank Farm presents numerous conditions that pose elevated risks to public health and the environment. During the site assessment, CalGEM observed deteriorating production equipment, an active oil release, methane gas leaks, damaged electrical infrastructure, compromised secondary containment, breaches in the perimeter fencing, evidence of vandalism, a recent fire, and unauthorized occupancy. Individually, each condition presents a safety concern; collectively, they indicate a facility that has experienced significant deterioration that requires immediate attention.

On July 16, 2026, CalGEM notified local regulatory agencies of the Division's plans to eliminate the hazards at the Thomas R. Banks Nance Blinn setting. These agencies included Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board, Department of Fish and Wildlife, Los Angeles Fire Hazmat, Los Angeles County Health Hazmat, South Coast Air Quality Management District, and Los Angeles City Planning.

As of Monday, July 20, 2026, CalGEM's contractor, Driltek, is onsite and working to plug and permanently seal the five wells and remove attendant facilities such as tanks and pumping equipment.

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.



Aerial map showing the proposed site access route, well locations, and operating area in Wilmington, California.

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).