



NOTICE TO OPERATORS
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AVAILABILITY OF UPDATED UIC PROJECT DATA REQUIREMENTS (“CHECKLIST”)

The California Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM) is issuing this notice to inform operators that CalGEM's Revised Memorandum of Agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board regarding Underground Injection Control, Discharges to Land, and Other Issues (Revised MOA) has been updated with a new version of the UIC Project Data Requirements (“checklist”) appendix item. This checklist is used by CalGEM and the State Water Resources Control Board to coordinate and harmonize interagency functions related to regulation of Class II underground injection operations. The checklist is available for download at:

https://www.conservation.ca.gov/calgem/general_information/Pages/UICApplicationGuidance.aspx

Updating the checklist was necessary because since July 2018 execution date of the Revised MOA, which included the original version of checklist, many pertinent CalGEM regulations have changed—particularly in relation to the Updated Underground Injection Control Regulations rulemaking that took effect April 1, 2019. The new version of the checklist better tracks interagency expectations in light of the current regulatory landscape, and a column has been added to the checklist to facilitate cross-reference to the most pertinent regulatory sections.

Please note that this checklist is intended primarily for use by CalGEM and the State Water Resources Control Board in connection with the activities discussed in the Revised MOA. However, because CalGEM recognizes that interagency functions related to regulation of Class II underground injection operations is a subject of interest for many operators we are drawing special attention to this recent change in the checklist appendix item. Operators consulting the checklist are reminded that it should be read in conjunction with - not as a substitute for - all applicable laws, including statutes, regulations and local rules. Waterboard expectations for UIC applications have been consolidated on a separate tab.

For general information on CalGEM's Underground Injection Control (UIC) program, go to: www.Conservation.ca.gov > Underground Injection Control > For Operators > UIC Program Requirements.

For detailed questions on the UIC program, please contact your CalGEM District representative.



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