



# DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

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## NOTICE TO OPERATORS

Subject: Requesting “Confidential Status” for New Wells

Pursuant to Public Records Code (PRC) Section 3234, all well records, including production and injection reports, are public records for the purposes of the California Public Records Act. However, PRC Section 3234 and California Code of Regulations (CCR) Sections 1997-1997.5 specify records that the Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources (Division) can maintain as confidential information. Generally, records for exploratory wells or those that use experimental technology (CCR 1997.3) can be granted confidential status.

When requesting confidential status, operators must comply with PRC 3234(a)(2) and CCR 1997.1(a) by submitting a written request to the appropriate Division office. The request must provide the justification for confidential status. The Division will cease accepting brief statements such as “Confidential”, “Confidential Status”, or “Confidential Status Requested” alone on the Notice of Intention to Drill New Well (OG105) as a valid request for confidential status.

Additional information regarding confidential status and a sample letter requesting confidential status can be found on the Division’s website ([www.conservation.ca.gov/dog](http://www.conservation.ca.gov/dog)).

If you need additional information or have questions, please contact a Division office.

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