



NOTICE TO OPERATORS

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AVAILABILITY OF NEW NON-EXPANSION PROJECT INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS (NON-EXPANSION CHECKLIST)

The California Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM) is issuing this notice to inform operators that CalGEM and the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) have developed new checklist documentation for use in connection with the approval of injection wells within approved Underground Injection Control projects. The scope of this new checklist includes both new drill injection wells and for wells converted to injection with or without a workover. This checklist will be used by CalGEM and the State Water Board to coordinate and harmonize interagency functions related to the regulation of Class II underground injection well approvals. The checklist is available for download at:

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

In November 2020, the Department of Finance (DOF) issued findings and recommendations based on its audit of CalGEM's Underground Injection Control program. Development of this checklist responds to recommendations DOF made regarding processes for the addition of non-expansion (infill) wells. The full DOF report can be downloaded at the following link:

<https://esd.dof.ca.gov/reports/reportPdf/5631D3F7-882E-EB11-9121-00505685B5D1/California%20Department%20of%20Conservation%20Underground%20Injection%20Control%20and%20Well%20Stimulation%20Treatment%20Programs%20Performance%20Audit%20November%202020>

The checklist summarizes documentation agreed upon between CalGEM and the State Water Board that shall accompany new (or converted) injection wells added to an existing underground injection control project that are consistent with the terms of the project approval letter (PAL) and does not require modification of the PAL.

Please note that this checklist is intended primarily for use by CalGEM and the State Water Board in connection with the activities discussed in the Revised Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). However, because CalGEM recognizes that interagency functions related to regulations of Class II underground injection operations are a subject of interest for many operators, we are drawing special attention to this recent change in the MOA 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. State Water Board expectations for UIC well applications have been consolidated on a separate tab.

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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.

Sincerely,



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