

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

PRE-RULEMAKING PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A FOR WELL-STIMULATION TREATMENT PERMITTING PHASE-OUT

May 21, 2021

The Department of Conservation, Geologic Energy Management Division, has publicly released pre-rulemaking draft regulations (Discussion Draft) for the purpose of receiving public input on the development of a rule that ends permitting for well stimulation treatments in 2024.

BACKGROUND

The public comment period is part of an informal, pre-rulemaking process to develop regulations. All interested parties are encouraged to participate.

The Discussion Draft addresses the proposal to phase out the use of hydraulic fracturing, acid fracturing, acid-matrix stimulation, and other well-stimulation treatments that enhance oil and gas production by creating channels in rock formations for hydrocarbons to flow. The goals of this proposal are to protect life, health, property, and natural resources; public health and safety; and environmental quality, including reducing and mitigating greenhouse gas emissions associated with the development of hydrocarbon resources, pursuant to Public Resources Code sections 3011 and 3106.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The Discussion Draft is available on DOC's website at:

<https://www.conservation.ca.gov/index/Pages/rulemaking.aspx>

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

Written submissions may be provided by **July 4, 2021**, by email at:

CalGEMRegulations@conservation.ca.gov

Comments received during the current comment period will be reviewed and considered in developing proposed regulations for formal rulemaking.

ACCESSIBILITY

Services, such as language translation, may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of these services, please make your request no later than June 18 by calling the staff person referenced in this notice.

Servicios, como traducción de inglés a otros idiomas, pueden hacerse disponibles si usted los pide. Para asegurar la disponibilidad de estos servicios, por favor haga su petición antes del 18 de junio a la persona del personal mencionada en este aviso.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding the process for this public comment period, or if you would like to receive a hard copy of the Discussion Draft by mail, please contact Ms. Christina Jimenez, Public Transparency Officer, at (916) 322-3080, or by email at

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