

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
PRE-RULEMAKING PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR
SB 463 CHEMICAL INVENTORY AND ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS DRAFT REGULATIONS

September 28, 2021

The Department of Conservation's 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 would require underground gas storage operators to submit a chemical inventory and consider additional risk mitigation strategies.

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 Senate Bill 463 (Stern, 2019) requirement that the operator of a gas storage well provide a complete chemical inventory of the materials, of any phase, that may be emitted from the gas storage well in the event of a reportable leak. This inventory must include any well kill fluids within 5 days of their use in a leaking gas storage well and must be regularly updated on a well-by-well basis as chemicals are used in and around the well. In addition, these regulations identify specific mitigation activities, including cathodic protection, well specific well control plans, and the reporting of off-normal occurrences, that are responsive to the root causes of the Aliso Canyon well leak in 2015.

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 through **November 12, 2021**, by email at: undergroundgasstorageregs@conservation.ca.gov

Comments received during the comment period will be reviewed and considered in developing the 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 October 29 by emailing your request to the email address listed above.

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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 undergroundgasstorageregs@conservation.ca.gov.