
COMMUNITY HEALTH, SAFETY, AND NOTIFICATION PLAN

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Introduction

Starting late December 2024, the Department of Conservation (“DOC”) and Driltek (“Contractor”) will begin permanently closing twenty (20) oil and gas wells at Allen Co Energy, Inc., also called the “Saint James” drill site located at 814 West 23rd Street, Los Angeles, California. The work includes getting rid of the equipment used for the production of oil or gas (the “Project”). After the wells are plugged and equipment is safely removed and recycled, the Allen Co Energy, Inc. “St. James” drill site will be left free from hazards related to oil and gas operations.

Purpose

The purpose of the *Community Health, Safety, and Notification Plan* is to inform community members of:

- The days and times work happens.
- What to do in case of emergency.
- Whom to call with questions or concerns, or in case of emergency.
- The plans to protect the community from possible hazards.
- The government agencies that are overseeing the work.
- How updates and new information will be provided.

Days and Times of Work, Expected Duration

The Project is tentatively scheduled to start late- December 2024 and continue until about April 2026.

Operating Hours: 7:00 AM until 6:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

Note: There will be times when activities on site may occur before 7:00 AM and after 6:00 PM. This will depend on the safety and other operational needs of the project. Examples of activities that may take place outside of regular work hours are material deliveries, safety meetings, equipment maintenance, etc.

Potential Impacts to the Community

Efforts have been made to minimize impacts of the work on the community and protect it from potential hazards. Potential nuisances are:

- Noise from equipment used to plug the wells and removal of buildings and other equipment.
- Odors from fluids removed from the well during plugging.
- Dust from cementing the wells, demolition activities, and filling low areas on the site.

In the unlikely event of an uncontrolled release, hazards to the public include:

- Potentially explosive mixtures of oil and gas vapors
- Smoke exposure in the event of a fire

The steps taken to protect the community are described below.

In case of an emergency that could threaten health, life, safety, or the environment, dial 9-1-1. These calls should be for fire, police, emergency medical service, or hazardous material spills.

Reporting Concerns

Members of the public should report any health, safety or environmental questions or concerns related to the Project to the local agency.

Local Agency	Role	Contact Number or Email
Department of Conservation / CalGEM Representative	Questions or concerns about the Project	562-637-4400 Email: CommunityConcern@conservation.ca.gov
Driltek, Inc. Contractor	Questions or concerns from the site	Emergency hotline 833-312-1234
South Coast Air Quality Management District	Report odors, dust, or air quality concerns to help protect public health and the environment.	1-800-288-7664 or Submit a complaint online https://www.aqmd.gov/home/air-quality/complaints
City of Los Angeles	Report noise concerns	877-275-5273
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health	Report health concerns to help protect public health.	626-430-9821 Email: DPH-OEJCH@ph.lacounty.gov
Regional Water Quality Control Board, LA Region	Report hazardous material spills to protect	213-576-6600 1-800-852-7550

Emergency Plan

Contractor and DOC staff will follow the Emergency Response Plan (ERP) designed for the Project. In case of an emergency, 9-1-1 will be contacted and based on the nature of the event, Federal and State emergency response agencies may be contacted via the National Response Center and California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES). These agencies will alert other emergency response agencies following best practices in National Incident Management System (“NIMS”) model.

In the event of an emergency that requires evacuation of nearby homes and buildings, police and fire officials will notify residents to evacuate. Community members are urged to promptly follow police and fire department instructions. LA County Fire Health HazMat responds to all emergency hazardous materials incidents.

Worksite

The Allen Co Energy, Inc. “St. James” drill site is located at 814 West 23rd Street, between St. James Place and Figueroa Way, within Los Angeles County, California within the incorporated city limits of Los Angeles.



Site Access

For safety purposes, access to the Allen Co Energy, Inc. “St. James” drill site is for authorized personnel only. The site is fenced along West 23rd Street and St. James Place. Authorized staff will access the site through the North Gate on West 23rd Street and the West Gate facing St. James Place. The North Gate will be open and

clearly marked with traffic cones. Contractor staff will provide traffic control and escort vehicles entering and leaving the site.

It is not anticipated that the Project will affect public access to nearby streets or cause any significant traffic changes.

NOTE: The driveway / entrance for the North Gate on West 23rd Street and the West Gate facing St. James Place must be clear for the duration of the Project on a 24/7 basis, from the main entrance drive to the outside of the fire zone. Traffic cones and “No Parking” signs will be posted.

Worksite Hazards and Monitoring Protocol

Plans and procedures were developed to prevent hazards from the emissions of gases, odors, spills, and noise.

That planning addresses the following potential hazards:

- Portable and fixed air monitoring is in place on site to protect personnel from toxic and flammable gas.
- General Safety Rules are in place to prevent worker injuries and accidents.
- Driver Safety rules are put in place to keep workers safe and prevent accidents.
- Environmental Protection are put in place to protect wildlife, land, and water from being damaged by pollution from the oil/gas site.
- Fire Protection and Emergency Response plans are put in place due to the risk of fire and explosions from flammable gases, vapors and hydrogen sulfide being released from wells, trucks, production equipment or surface equipment like tanks.
- Hazardous materials (use, storage, and transportation) are monitored to reduce the risk of fire and explosions from flammable gases, vapors and hydrogen sulfide being released from wells, trucks, production equipment or surface equipment like tanks.
- Noise exposure during working hours can come from the work, removal of equipment, and machines on site. Plans are put in place to reduce noise for workers and community.
- Emergency Services will help workers and community if there is an incident that harms or threatens life near the site.
- Oil Spill Response plans are put in place to inform workers of the steps to take if there’s a spill or release. The community will be notified by police and fire officials if they determine evacuation is needed.

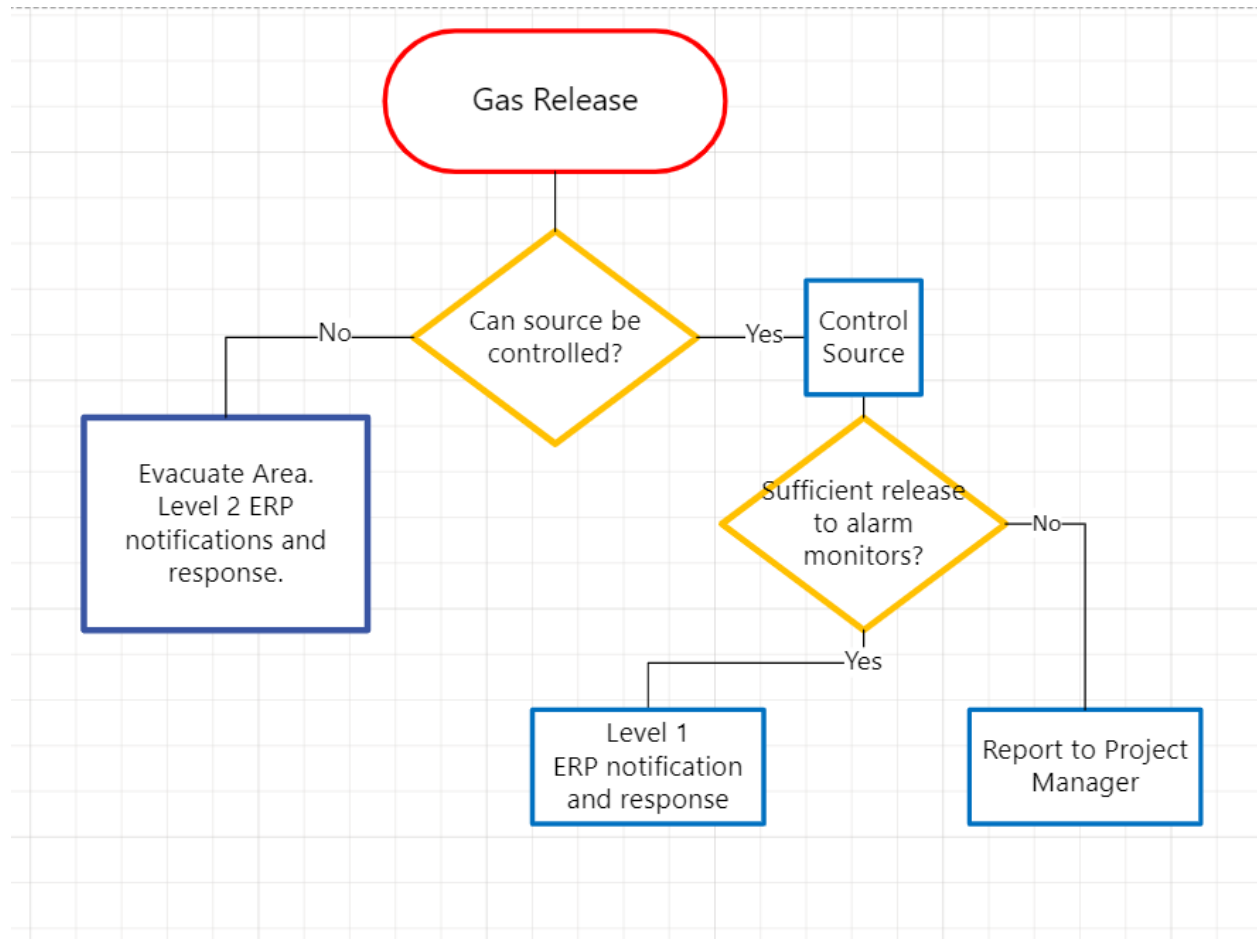
Worksite Monitoring and Alarms

The worksite has alarm systems for both gas release and fire. These systems automatically notify the Los Angeles City Fire Department. If a fire is detected, a bell sounds, red warning beacons light, a sprinkler system is activated, and the fire department is called. If a gas leak occurs, both the bell and a siren sound, red warning beacons light and the fire department is called.

If these systems alarm, the public is urged not to approach the location.

Worksite Emissions Monitoring

Air monitoring will be ongoing while the work is taking place. If emissions are detected, Contractor staff will follow the steps in the project-specific Emergency Response Plan (ERP). A process flow chart for handling a gas release is below. Any gas release will require the contractor to notify the correct agency as described in the ERP.



- A level 1 spill is less than 1 BBL of oil (42 US gallons or less) or produced water. It should be reported to the City of Los Angeles Fire Department if it poses a significant threat.
- A level 2 spill or release is a spill greater than 1 BBL of oil (more than 42 US gallons) or produced water or gas leak of large quantity, that pose a significant hazard to health and human safety, or environment must be reported to the local emergency 9-1-1, City of Los Angeles Fire Department, State Division of Oil and Gas, etc.

- A level 3 spill or release is any spill of any quantity of oil or produced water into (dry or wet) waterway. This should be reported to the list of agencies in level 2, plus the State Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board.

Noise Controls and Monitoring

Noise at the work site may consist of pipes clanging, truck deliveries, and equipment loading and unloading on the site. Certain work may be noisy and disruptive, causing vibrations that make the ground shake. The Contractor will install sound reducing barriers placed as needed around stationary equipment inside the Project site. Noise levels will be spot tested while work is taking place to ensure compliance with local noise rules. The site gates will be kept closed to reduce noise levels.

Contractor staff will monitor noise levels both inside and outside the work area during work that may require monitoring.

To report noise concerns, call the City of Los Angeles at 877-275-5273.

Dust Controls and Monitoring

The Project site is covered in concrete and dust is not expected to be an issue. If dust is generated from the work on site, Contract staff will use water to keep dust from becoming airborne. Once dust is wetted down it will be cleaned and disposed of. All waste materials will be tested and transported to the proper waste facilities at the end of the Project.

Odor Controls and Monitoring

During operating hours, the Contractor will monitor for nuisance odors. If members of the public detect odors near the Project site, they can report them to **the South Coast Air Quality Management District at 1-800-CUT-SMOG (1-800-288-7664)** or **submit** a complaint online at <https://www.aqmd.gov/home/air-quality/complaints>, the Contractor via their emergency hotline at 833-312-1234, or CalGEM Site Representative at 562-637-4400.

Lighting Controls and Monitoring

As work hours will take place during daylight, steps to lessen light pollution are not required. If work on site needs to continue or emergency work goes past daylight hours, the gates will remain closed and temporary light deflection method will be used on a case-by-case basis. For example, lights will be directed or moved away to prevent light or glare onto neighboring properties. If regular light becomes necessary afterhours, the Contractor will conduct an illumination survey to make sure the light used is safe for workers and to reduce impacts to the community.

Community Notifications

Information will be provided by approved DOC staff. Contractor staff, subcontractors or site visitors are not authorized to make community notifications.

Information will be about work activities and schedule with timelines of activities that will take place. It will be provided in a variety of ways to make sure that it is shared widely, such as:

- Notices and project information sheets will be given to Esperanza Community Housing and/or other partners to share with residents, through flyers, online notices, email, and/or presentations at community meetings.
- Walking door-to-door to provide notices and project information sheets.

If an uncontrolled release of oil or gas happens on site, the public and media will be informed within two (2) hours. The DOC will disseminate information via press release, press conference, social media or website posting in languages spoken by community members. An uncontrolled release of oil or gas is a situation where oil or natural gas unexpectedly and rapidly escapes from a well or pipeline and cannot be controlled by the operator.