



# COMMUNITY NOTICE

## Oil and Gas Enforcement Action

December 10, 2025

Dear Resident,

You are receiving this mailer because the California Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM) is working to permanently plug and seal an oil well in your area. CalGEM is a State of California regulatory agency that oversees oil wells to ensure public health and safety. On December 3, 2025 work began to permanently plug a well at 314 Firmin Street, Los Angeles, CA 90026. You should have received letters about this effort dated November 18, and December 2, 2025. This letter provides an update.

### **What has happened so far?**

CalGEM's contractor, Driltek, is working to plug and permanently seal the Temple Resources well (known as Patel 2).

- All oil equipment on the surface was taken away with the exception of the well and the well cellar, which were secured by CalGEM. The decommissioning process thus far has included: Establishing access to site. Removing fluid from all tanks. Pipelines were disassembled and removed from site.
- A rig that will be used to permanently plug and seal the well was brought onto the site on Tuesday, 12/9/25 with work beginning Wednesday, 12/10/25. DrilTek tested the blowout prevention equipment yesterday, 12/9, under CalGEM's oversight. DrilTek installed sound "blankets" that hang on panels to help with noise reduction and a fence to form a physical barrier around the site.

### **Why is this happening?**

This well-plugging operation is part of a CalGEM enforcement action against an operator. Unlike other plugging projects, this was directed at an active well that CalGEM ordered to plug and seal for the safety of the community and environment.

## What are the work hours and duration of project?

Typical work hours: Monday–Friday, 7:00 AM–6:00 PM. The site is continuously monitored by professional security personnel. The project is expected to be completed in approximately two months.

- **Holiday work break:** There will be no work from Tuesday, Dec. 22 through Thursday, January 1. Work will resume on Friday, January 2.

## How is CalGEM coordinating with the City – parking, trash, etc?

CalGEM is coordinating with the City, SoCalGas and the South Coast Air District on the project.

- **Trash:** Very minimal impacts to trash pick-up on Wednesdays are expected. Trash service will continue as regularly scheduled. The Department of Conservation is in coordination with LA Sanitation to avoid local impacts. If any resident has an issue with pick up, LA SAN will come back out the same day (unless you report after 6pm on Wednesday, then they will come Thursday). Contact info: LA Sanitation (LASAN) customer care in Los Angeles, call 311 (or 213-473-3231), or use the MyLA311 app or call the 24/7 line at 1-800-773-2489.
- **Parking:** The contractor is working to limit impacts to street parking as much as possible. Temporary no-parking zones will take place to allow safe equipment movement.
- **Power:** LA Department of Water and Power (LADWP) inspected the site Monday, 12/8 to ensure there would be no issues with power lines as the rig was brought onsite. Personnel were onsite 12/9 as a precaution.
- **Other:** Ongoing coordination with LA Fire Department; ongoing updates provided to local elected official offices. The Water Board conducted site visits 11/24 and 12/9.

Scan the QR code on the next page to look at all the materials for this project in Spanish and English including a Community, Health, Safety and Notification Plan.

## What to do if you see or smell something concerning

- **Question or concern about site:** Driltek, Local Contractor, Emergency Hotline 833-312-1234
- **Question or concern about Project:** Local CalGEM State Government Office, 562-637-4400 or [communityconcern@conservation.ca.gov](mailto:communityconcern@conservation.ca.gov)
- **Odor, dust or air quality concern:** South Coast Air District Complaint Line, 800-288-7664 or Español 800-876-3666
- **Noise concern:** Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, 213-738-3220
- **Health concern:** Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, 626-4309821 or [dph-oejch@ph.lacounty.gov](mailto:dph-oejch@ph.lacounty.gov)
- **Hazardous material spills:** Regional Water Quality Control Board, 213-576-6600 or 1-800-852-7550

**To Learn More: scan the QR code or go to:**

<https://www.conservation.ca.gov/projectplug#firmin>

If you have any immediate questions or concerns, please contact Sarah Rubin at 916.214.5731 or [sarah.rubin@conservation.ca.gov](mailto:sarah.rubin@conservation.ca.gov)

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