



Geologic Energy Management Division

SB 406 Implementation Legislative Report

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INTRODUCTION

Objective and Scope of the Report

This report provides the third annual progress update on Senate Bill (SB) 406 (Stern, Chapter 727, Statutes 2021) implementation by the California Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM). Public Resources Code section 3108.5 requires that this report address progress on:

- Making all public information collected or maintained by CalGEM, “with priority given to well records, well logs, notices of intention, supplementary notices, field reports, inspection reports, correspondence, and other materials,” readily available to the public on CalGEM’s internet website, except well records required to be held as confidential information pursuant to Public Resources Code section 3234 (organized by well, operator, or project, and searchable) by July 1, 2026.
- Making all notices of violation and orders of the State Oil and Gas Supervisor readily available to the public on CalGEM’s internet website by July 1, 2024.

This report covers the period between May 1, 2024, to April 30, 2025. Prior reports can be found here:

https://www.conservation.ca.gov/calgem/pubs_stats/Pages/legislative_reports.aspx



SB 406 IMPLEMENTATION

SB 406 requires CalGEM to:

- **Make all public information collected or maintained available on CalGEM's internet website by July 1, 2026. (Public Resources Code [PRC] section 3108.5)**
 - **Implementation Status: Partially Implemented**

CalGEM is required to:

- Make all Notices of Violation and Orders of the State Oil and Gas Supervisor (Supervisor) available online by July 1, 2024.
- Make continuous progress towards meeting the requirements and ensure materials readily available to the public online steadily increase.
- Give priority to posting "well records, well logs, notices of intention, supplementary notices, field reports, inspection reports, correspondence, and other materials."
- Give priority to public information previously available on CalGEM's internet website and documents associated with wells that have not been plugged and abandoned.
- Ensure all online materials are organized by well, operator, or project, and searchable.

WellSTAR is CalGEM's main system of records and provides information on well stimulation treatment permits, well stimulation disclosures, well maintenance data, well records, and underground injection control (UIC) projects. Approximately 90 percent of all data inputs into WellSTAR are public. CalGEM provides a library of video tutorials for navigating the WellSTAR platform at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0qUHoahXxOA&list=PLErBtDSML9r5xhyJJ1hvPQlhc_T9u5afr

CalGEM continues to make progress implementing the law's mandates, given staffing, funding, and resource constraints. Some previously reported functionalities added in WellSTAR enhanced access to:

- Well, facility, and lease records
- Incident reports
- Inspection reports
- Test records
- Underground injection control projects
- Underground gas storage projects
- Compliance and violation records
- Facility and lease data
- Organization information
- Additional Underground Gas Storage project data



Additional functionality in an October 2024 WellSTAR Release included newly expanded access to:

- Operator total liability information
- Enforcement document type

CalGEM is taking steps to make Notice of Violation records more accessible on WellSTAR, consistent with the mandate of PRC section 3108.5 (a)(2). While Notices of Violation are generally available in WellSTAR, they are searchable only by well or facility associated with the violations. CalGEM continues to work on solutions to improve WellSTAR functionality and make violations readily available and increase transparency in the WellSTAR system.

Administrative orders of the Supervisor are posted on CalGEM's website at:

https://www.conservation.ca.gov/calgem/Pages/Division_Orders.aspx

Accessibility

Issues relating to the remediation of documents for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance have been discussed in prior reports. CalGEM will continue to evaluate options to increase accessibility to files and documents available to the public, subject to funding, capacity, and resource constraints.

- **Create and deliver an education and outreach program to local governmental entities on materials collected and maintained by CalGEM related to oil and gas operations by July 1, 2023. (PRC section 3115)**
 - **Implementation Status: Implemented**

This requirement was fully implemented, as discussed in the previous years' reports and available on CalGEM's website at:

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Additional meetings were held during this reporting period with various environmental justice groups, local governments, and various agencies, including the city of Los Angeles, the Shafter Community Steering Committee, the Arvin/Lamont Area Community Steering Committee, the Kern Oil and Gas Community (environmental justice groups throughout Kern County), Climate First: Replacing Oil and Gas, and the Sierra Club.



Methane Task Force meetings also included presentations on the joint oil and gas field inspections for fugitive emissions from oil and gas wells. These joint inspections were performed by CalGEM and the California Air Resources Board. Information on these engagements, including a YouTube video of the presentations can be found at: <https://www.conservation.ca.gov/calgem/Pages/PublicOutreachandCommunityEngagement.aspx>

- **Require a copy of the local land use authorization that supports the installation of a well to be submitted with the Notice of Intention (NOI) for the well**
- **Modify forms used to evaluate NOIs to include local land use authorization expiration dates (PRC section 3203.5)**
 - **Mandated Implementation Date: January 1, 2022**
 - **Implementation Status: Implemented**

WellSTAR allows any permits issued by the local agency to be uploaded by the operator. CalGEM has updated procedures to review required local agency permits to ensure that they have not expired.

- **Require the history of a well to include all acid treatment data of any amount (PRC section 3213)**
 - **Mandated Implementation Date: January 1, 2022**
 - **Implementation Status: Implemented**

See prior reports for discussion of the Request for Information (RFI), that included discussion questions to aid CalGEM in information and data gathering. CalGEM concluded current requirements for reporting acid treatment data under existing regulations already exist and is made available on WellSTAR. Prior reports are available on CalGEM's website at:

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- **Require operators to provide information electronically by July 1, 2023. (PRC section 3227)**
 - **Implementation Status: Mostly Implemented**

WellSTAR allows all the required information to be submitted electronically. CalGEM has continued to host workshops for oil and gas operators on Forms 110 and 122, specific to production/injection reporting and annual submission requirements to encourage increased electronic submissions. CalGEM hosted workshops for Form 110 submission in June 2024, and additional workshops for Forms 110, 110D, & 122 submission in February 2025. These included live demonstration of the submission process for operators. CalGEM also offered consultation opportunities for operators to provide further guidance and



address specific challenges associated with these submissions.

During this reporting period, about 1% of operators used paper submissions for their monthly volume reporting (OG110). Similarly, about 5% of operators used paper submissions for their annual production reporting (Form 122).

- **Perform an investigation of a well(s) upon receipt of a written complaint from a person residing within a radius of one mile (PRC section 3235)**
 - **Mandated Implementation Date: January 1, 2022**
 - **Implementation Status: Implemented**

This requirement was fully implemented, as discussed in the previous years' reports and available on CalGEM's website at:

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- **Post information supporting the annual rate or rates of assessments on website by January 1, 2022. (PRC section 3412)**
 - **Implementation Status: Implemented**

This requirement was fully implemented, as discussed in the previous years' reports and available on CalGEM's website at:

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