



COMMUNITY NOTICE

Public Health Enforcement Action

December 2, 2025

Dear Resident,

You are receiving this mailer because the California Department of Conservation is working to permanently plug and seal an oil well in your area. The California Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM) is a State of California regulatory agency that oversees oil wells to ensure public health and safety. On December 3, 2025, work to permanently plug a well at 314 Firmin Street, Los Angeles, CA 90026, will begin. You should have received an initial letter about this effort dated November 18, 2025. This letter provides more detail on what to expect with the project.

What will happen with this work? What will they be doing?

CalGEM's contractor, Driltek, will plug and permanently seal the Temple Resources well (known as Patel 2); they will remove above-ground equipment and any oilfield-related debris from the site. All work activities and staging will occur inside the worksite boundary or in areas approved by the City.

Where is the work happening?

The primary worksite is located at the rear portion of 314 Firmin Street. Site access will occur through 324 Firmin Street.

Why is this happening?

This operation is being conducted as quickly as possible as part of a CalGEM enforcement action against an operator. Unlike other plugging projects, this is directed at an active well that CalGEM will shut down for the safety and well-being of the community and then permanently plug it.

Will street parking be impacted?

The contractor will limit impacts to street parking as much as possible. Large equipment will be staged on the vacant lot next to the work site. Temporary no-parking zones will take place to allow safe equipment movement.

What are the work hours?

Typical work hours: Monday–Friday, 7:00 AM–6:00 PM. Access will be controlled with signage and fencing for community safety. A flagger will guide equipment entering or leaving the site. The site will be continuously monitored by professional security personnel.

How long will this take?

The project is expected to be completed in approximately two months.

How will dust and odors be controlled?

Dust will be controlled with water as needed. Odors from well-plugging activities will be monitored and managed to protect nearby homes. Any vapors from operations are directed to contained systems for safety. Materials and debris will be kept in covered or contained areas. Workers use real-time air monitors, including Hydrogen Sulfide (H₂S) and 4-gas meters (which detects methane, carbon monoxide, hydrogen sulfide, & oxygen).

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
- **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
- **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 or Jeanette Ochoa at 916-291-4280 or jeanette.ochoa@conservation.ca.gov (bilingual in Spanish)



Map of site