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Thank you!

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Highlights of Past Week

CA UIC Program: We continue to work with DOGGR and the CA Water Board on aquifer exemption issues related to oil and gas injection wells. We've now established a regular schedule of bi-weekly calls with the State agencies. On our Aug 13th call we learned that DOGGR is preparing to issue several new cease and desist orders to operators due to potential threats to water wells. DOGGR also confirmed that the State expects to meet the schedule of deliverables we laid out in our recent letter. We are still evaluating the disputed aquifer exemptions and should receive records from the State with their first submittal on Aug 18th. Lastly, we had a call

on August 13th with Speaker McCarthy's staff, who are hearing some concerns from the oil industry about this issue. We provided McCarthy's staff with a copy of EPA's July 2014 letter and committed to a follow-up discussion at the end of August. Contacts: M. Montgomery (2-3438) or D. Albright (2-3971).

Significant Items for Next Week

UIC Permit for Renewable Energy Test Project: Next week we will issue a Class V Experimental UIC permit to PG&E for construction and operation of a compressed air energy storage (CAES) test well near Lodi, CA. The injection well is a critical piece of PG&E's feasibility study to evaluate CAES, which has been identified as a key enabling technology for expanding reliance on renewable energy resources. PG&E's feasibility project, which will be completed by September 2015, is supported by a combined $50M in funds from the Department of Energy, CPUC, and CA Energy Commission. Contact: M. Dermer (2-3417).

Press Stories, Significant Policy, Regulatory, or Legal Actions (2-3 Weeks Out)

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