To: Robin, George[Robin.George@epa.gov]
From: Albright, David
Sent: Tue 11/5/2013 5:05:58 PM
Subject: RE: (Aquifer Exemption Inquiry) (307143529) Region 9 Information Request/ Application for Aquifer Exemption

George,

Go ahead and have the call with Rich and let me know what the situation is. Sounds like it is early in the process – a good time to involve the EPA!

From: Robin, George
Sent: Tuesday, November 05, 2013 9:03 AM
To: Albright, David
Cc: Robin, George
Subject: FW: (Aquifer Exemption Inquiry) (307143529) Region 9 Information Request/ Application for Aquifer Exemption

David,

Before I reply, do we need to discuss? Let me know if you want to be on the call – I'll be fact-finding and will no doubt have follow up calls.

George

From: Chandler, Rich@Waterboards [mailto:Rich.Chandler@waterboards.ca.gov]
Sent: Monday, November 04, 2013 3:38 PM
To: Robin, George
Cc: Tryon, Thea@Waterboards
Subject: RE: (Aquifer Exemption Inquiry) (307143529) Region 9 Information Request/ Application for Aquifer Exemption

George

Thank you for the information you provided. Our agency, the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board has been approached by a gentleman named John Donahue of Bear Energy to assist with an aquifer exemption application for a small oil field near San Ardo. He was referred to us by DOGGR. We are trying to figure out what our role is expected to be in this process but there is very little info available and no one in our office has any experience with aquifer exemptions. Please let me know if you would be available for a call on Tuesday morning November 12 at 10:00 AM to discuss whether the Water Board should be involved and, if so, what our involvement would consist of. Thank you.

Rich

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From: Robin, George [mailto:Robin.George@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, November 04, 2013 1:31 PM
To: R9.Info; Chandler, Rich@Waterboards
Cc: R9.Info; COHEN, Deborra; Ziegler, Cynthia; R9-Deep; Albright, David
Subject: RE: (Aquifer Exemption Inquiry) (307143529) Region 9 Information Request/ Application for Aquifer Exemption

Hi Rich,

I am interested in the particular application of your concern that you express the need to exempt an aquifer.

There are no forms for filling.

There are regulations and guidelines which are applicable, however because of the seriousness and complexity involved, questions should precede action and they should be addressed to

those of us in the UIC program. Please also consider my supervisor David Albright, Manager, Ground Water Office, in this email's Cc-List.

Please be aware of these:

•□□□□□□□□ 40 CFR Part 144.7 "Identification of underground sources of drinking water and exempted aquifers."

•□□□□□□□□ 40 CFR Part 146.4 "Criteria for exempted aquifers"

•□□□□□□□□ EPA's UIC Guidance 34 at http://www.epa.gov/ogwdw/uic/pdfs/guidance/guide-memo_guidance-34_review_state_prog.pdf

In short:

An "aquifer exemption" is an action taken solely by EPA.

That action exempts, removes an "aquifer" (more correctly, an USDW or "underground source of drinking water" as defined at 40 CFR Part 144.3 "Definitions") from protection. Therefore, this action is quite the most serious such that can be made within the UIC program.

We should engage in a conversation in the near future, although this week is quite hectic for me.

Let's determine a time when it is convenient for us.

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From: Kerry Shoji [mailto:Shoji.Kerry@epamail.epa.gov] **On Behalf Of** R9.Info@epa.gov
Sent: Monday, November 04, 2013 12:27 PM
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Cc: R9.Info; COHEN, Deborra; Ziegler, Cynthia; Robin, George; Basinger, David
Subject: Re: (307143529) Region 9 Information Request/ Application for Aquifer Exemption

Hi Rich,
I have forwarded your message to George Robin and David Basinger for response. You should be hearing from one of them shortly.
The UIC Permit Application refers to an aquifer exemption on page 6, item S at http://www.epa.gov/safewater/uic/pdfs/7520-6.pdf This has some instruction on the process.
--Kerry Shoji

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Contact Name: Rich Chandler

Organization Name: Regional Water Quality Control Board Region 3
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Phone: 805-542-4627
Requests/Comments: Is there an application form for aquifer exemptions, or any published guidelines that instruct someone on how to apply for an aquifer exemtion? If either of these documents exist can they downloaded from the internet, or alternatively, emailed to me? Thank you.