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Hi Joel,

We are currently reviewing a preliminary rough draft of the aquifer exemption application package for Midway-Sunset. It will be subject to an iterative review and revision process for the next few months.

Unfortunately, I do not have a map of the proposed aquifer exemption limits that is ready to share. The limits of the proposed aquifer exemption, along with the supporting data, still need to undergo review from our District, HQ, and the State Water Board.

Best regards,

Chris

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Hello Chris:

I got your name off a spreadsheet provided by CDOGGR recently that shows CDOGGR staff that are working on the various aquifer exemption (AE) packages for Class II injection throughout the state. I am contacting you as I manage the Class I UIC Permit here at EPA Region 9 for the Sunrise Power Plant, located near Fellows, California, within the Midway-Sunset field. Sunrise has recently applied for a renewal of their existing permit to continue injection Class I waste into injection wells we previously permitted. During the renewal process, it has come to our attention that none of the injection zone (Tulare formation) has been exempted for either Class I or Class II injection.

My questions are:

Do you know when you will receive the AE package for the Tulare Formation of the Midway-Sunset Field?

Do you have a current map of the Tulare Formation within the Midway-Sunset Field that is being proposed for AE so that I may look to see if the Sunrise Power Plant project and their Class I wells are included in that area proposed for AE?

Thanks, and if you have any questions, please call.

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