



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION IX

**75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105-3901**

**NOTICE OF FINAL PERMIT DECISION
Issuance of Class V Permit No. R9-UIC-HI5-FY16-1R
For Puna Geothermal Venture
September 15, 2021**

In accordance with the requirements of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Title 40, §124.15, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9 (EPA) is issuing a Class V Underground Injection Control (UIC) Permit, No. R9-UIC-HI5-FY16-1R, to Puna Geothermal Venture (PGV), for the PGV geothermal energy project. EPA is also issuing a Response to Comments document (RTC), pursuant to 40 CFR §124.17. The RTC specifies the provisions of the draft permit that have changed in the final permit decision and responds to all significant comments received by EPA during the public comment period. The final UIC permit, EPA's RTC, and a copy of this notice are available on EPA's web page at <https://www.epa.gov/uic/uic-permits-pacific-southwest-region-9>. The RTC is also available online at www.regulations.gov under docket number EPA-R09-OW-2020-0405.

EPA opened the public notice period on the draft UIC permit on June 22, 2020. EPA provided public notice of a public hearing on the draft UIC permit on September 6, 2020, conducted the public hearing on October 7, 2020, and the public comment period ended on October 9, 2020. The final permit decision will be effective on October 19, 2021 in accordance with 40 CFR §124.15(b), unless review is requested on the permit under the appeal process at 40 CFR §124.19.

Any person who filed comments on the draft permit or participated in the public hearing on the draft permit may petition the Environmental Appeals Board (EAB) to review any condition of the permit decision under 40 CFR §124.19(a) within 30 days after service of this notice of EPA's final permit decision. Additionally, any person who failed to file comments or failed to participate in the public hearing on the draft permit may petition for administrative review of any permit conditions set forth in the final permit decision, but only to the extent that those final permit conditions reflect changes from the proposed draft permit. See 40 CFR §124.19 for the procedural requirements of the appeal process.

Given federal guidance concerning COVID-19, EAB personnel are working remotely and cannot receive filings or correspondence by mail or hand delivery. Accordingly, please file documents with the EAB electronically. Information and instructions on how to file your documents electronically are available in the "Electronic Filing" section on the EAB Website. Please see instructions on the EAB website at www.epa.gov/eab.¹

If you must submit documents in hard copy form through mail or hand delivery to the EAB, please send the documents to the address below and notify the Clerk of the Board by email at

¹ The EAB Quick Guide to electronic filing is found at: [https://yosemite.epa.gov/oa/EAB_Web_Docket.nsf/8f612ee7fc725edd852570760071cb8e/b691e81ee96c332585257bc5003faba3/\\$FILE/eFiling%20Quick%20Reference%20Guide%20June%202014.pdf](https://yosemite.epa.gov/oa/EAB_Web_Docket.nsf/8f612ee7fc725edd852570760071cb8e/b691e81ee96c332585257bc5003faba3/$FILE/eFiling%20Quick%20Reference%20Guide%20June%202014.pdf).

Clerk_EAB@epa.gov, specifying the name of the filings or correspondence you sent through the mail or by hand delivery and the date it was sent.

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As noted above, this final permit decision will become effective on October 19, 2021 unless review is requested under 40 CFR § 124.19.