

**Class VI Tentative Project Decision Schedule
Chevron Kern River Eastridge CCS Project
April 10, 2024**

Chevron U.S.A., Inc. (Chevron) submitted a Safe Drinking Water Act, Underground Injection Control (UIC) Class VI permit application to EPA Region 9 (EPA) for the Kern River Eastridge CCS Project initially on December 15, 2023, and updated application modules on February 12, 2024 and March 27, 2024. EPA has determined that the updated application is complete and will proceed with processing the application. In doing so, EPA has developed a tentative project decision schedule for this application, provided below. The tentative project decision schedule is not legally binding. Factors that will impact schedules but may be difficult for EPA to anticipate include the quality and quantity of site-specific data submitted by the applicant, the amount of time the applicant takes to respond to requests for additional information from EPA, the amount and content of confidential business information claimed, and the number and complexity of public comments received on the draft permit.

EPA has an agency-wide goal of making Class VI permit decisions within 24 months of the effective date of the permit application. If applicants do not provide the information necessary for a permit decision and/or are not responsive to requests for additional information, this timeframe will be extended. Chevron will be kept apprised of the status of EPA's review of your permit application and any changes to the anticipated schedule including the timeframe for draft permit decisions, responses to comments, and final permit decisions. EPA has also developed a Class VI Permit Tracker (<https://www.epa.gov/uic/current-class-vi-projects-under-review-epa>) which will include the tentative project decision schedule for the Chevron Kern River Eastridge CCS Project.

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| Permitting Milestone | Anticipated Date |
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| Technical review completed | September 2025 |
| Draft permit decision; start of public comment period | October 2025 |
| Public hearing (if applicable) | November 2025 |
| Public comment period closes | December 2025 |
| Final permit decision, including responses to public comments received | April 2026 |

If EPA's final permit decision results in permit issuance, EPA anticipates that the final Class VI permit to construct will become effective 30 days after the final permit is issued. Per 40 CFR §124.15(b), a final permit decision "shall become effective 30 days after the service of notice of the decision unless: (1) A later effective date is specified in the decision; or (2) Review is requested on the permit under §124.19. (3) No comments requested a change in the draft permit, in which case the permit shall become effective immediately upon issuance."

Please note that injection of carbon dioxide is prohibited until EPA issues an authorization to inject for the Class VI well. (See 40 CFR §146.82(c))