DRAFT PROCESS FLOW CHART FOR REVIEWING REQUEST FOR EXCLUSION FROM GROUNDWATER MONITORING

State Water Resources Control Board
Oil and Gas Monitoring

REQUEST FOR EXCLUSION FROM GROUNDWATER MONITORING GEOTRACKER UPLOAD

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Operator uploads Submittal to GeoTracker

State Water Board/ Regional Water Board evaluates whether Submittal is complete

State Water Board/ Regional Water Board denies incomplete Submittal

State Water Board/ Regional Water Board accepts Submittal in GeoTracker

REQUEST FOR EXCLUSION FROM GROUNDWATER MONITORING REVIEW

State Water Board/ Regional Water Board reviews Submittal - Discuss preliminary findings with DOGGR, Operator, and Regional Water Board*

Submittal Requires Additional Data
Additional Information is requested by the State Water Board/ Regional Water Board

Exclusion form Groundwater Monitoring Approved
State Water Board/ Regional Water Board uploads approval letter to GeoTracker and sends a copy to DOGGR and operator

Exclusion from Groundwater Monitoring Denied
State Water Board/ Regional Water Board uploads denial letter to GeoTracker and sends a copy to DOGGR and operator

Note: Requests for exclusion from groundwater monitoring submitted after July 1, 2015 must follow the requirements outlined in the Model Criteria for Groundwater Monitoring in areas of Oil and Gas Well Stimulation (Model Criteria). If future information indicates the presence of protected water, the State Water Board/ Regional Water Board will re-evaluate its determination.

DEFINITIONS
Submittal = Request for Exclusion from Groundwater Monitoring
State Water Board = State Water Resources Control Board
Regional Water Board = Regional Water Quality Control Board
DOGGR = Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources

*State Water Board staff will respond to the operator within 30 calendar days.

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