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**Subject:** Re: Elk Hills Oil Field facility development: Do you have jurisdiction over the construction of the Oxy eor facilities??

Good Morning Bob,

To respond to your question below regarding jurisdiction over oilfield operations, Chapter 19.98 of the Kern County Zoning Ordinance addresses this issue. Specifically, Section 19.98.020 notes that "No review or permit shall be required for the drilling of any steam injection well, steam drive well, service well, or any well intended for the exploration for or development or production of oil, gas, and other hydrocarbon substances, **or for any related accessory equipment, structure, or facility** in the Exclusive Agriculture (A), Limited Agriculture (A-1), Medium Industrial (M-2), Heavy Industrial (M-3), or Natural Resource (NR) Districts," provided that certain development standards are met. Therefore, zoning approval is not required for these activities; however, the applicant's may need to pull building permits for some structures.

Another item that you mentioned is that "DOGGR has the responsibility for certain oil field activities such as wells, pads pipelines and service roads." I would note that while DOGGR has the responsibility for underground and related surface pads, they do not have authority over roads. The County has jurisdiction on above-ground activities such as roads; we have simply determined that only the conditions specific in Chapter 19.98 apply.

If you have other questions about DOGGR's authority over EOR specifically, I would recommend contacting them directly, as I am not familiar with their specific regs on that issue.

I hope this helps,  
Jacqui

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Hi Jacqui,

A quick jurisdictional question arises...I know DOGGR has the responsibility for certain oil field activities such as wells, pads pipelines and service roads,  
But what about those non-oil production facilities? I am thinking primarily about the enhanced oil recovery facility that will receive, compress and distribute the CO2...is that DOGGR too or Kern County. Who would be lead agency? bob

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