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Proposal To Collect Natural Gas Storage Facility Data

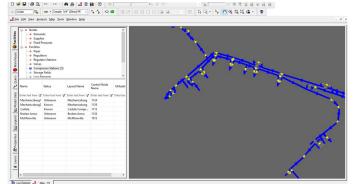
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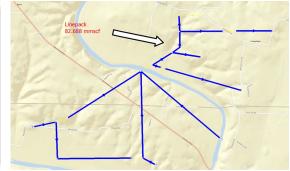
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Existing Regulations (Title 20, Sections 1314, 2505)

- Require large natural gas utilities (PG&E and SoCalGas) to annually submit hydraulic models for:
 - Average summer days
 - Average winter days
 - High demand days.





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Proposed Regulations (Title 20, Sections 1302, 1314)

- Owners of underground natural gas storage facilities would be required to submit the following daily information on a quarterly basis:
 - Base gas
 - Working gas
 - Total gas in storage
 - Withdrawals
 - Injections





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Why New Regulations Are Needed





- Current regulations only provide daily storage data under certain scenarios.
- Daily storage data needed to assess:
 - Impact of 2018 CalGEM storage regulations
 may reduce withdrawal capacity
 - Ability of California's natural gas system and storage to meet "ramping" power plant demand in the evening
 - Future need for storage as California decarbonizes its energy system
 - Gas and electric system reliability using daily storage information as input in hydraulic models



Stakeholders Review Draft Regulations

CEC staff presented draft regulations to utility and nonutility owners of underground natural gas storage facilities in May 2020 via conference call.

Stakeholder Feedback

- CEC should use existing US Energy Information Administration (US EIA) data
 - US EIA does not collect daily facility level data.
- Compliance can be costly
 - Gas utilities have easy access to this information as they use it to calculate aggregated information posted on their websites.
 - A storage operator reported needing 10 minutes/day for this data request.
- CEC should align its terminology and definitions with applicable state and federal agencies
 - Proposed regulations use US EIA and CalGEM terminology.







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