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New Edition of Directive 065

Today we released a new edition of *Directive 065: Resources Applications for Oil and Gas Reservoirs*. The directive has been updated to incorporate application requirements for carbon dioxide (CO₂) enhanced oil recovery storage and CO₂ sequestration schemes, also known as carbon capture utilization and storage (CCUS), and carbon capture and storage (CCS) schemes, respectively. By clarifying the requirements, we have increased transparency for industry and stakeholders and improved regulatory application efficiency and consistency. During the revisions, we considered feedback from stakeholders.

The following sections have been changed or clarified to reflect current regulatory and operational requirements. Refer to "What's New in this Edition," for more information.

- "Whom to Notify" under the section "Resources Applications Notification Guidelines section"
- Unit 2, "Conservation"
- Unit 4, "Disposal/Storage"
- Unit 5, "Approval Transfers"

We have also made consequential amendments to the following directives:

- Directive 013: Suspension Requirements for Wells
- Directive 020: Well Abandonment
- Directive 087: Well Integrity Management

We have included references to the <u>Geothermal Resource Development Rules</u> in <u>Directive 020</u> and <u>Directive 087</u>. Over the next few months, changes will be made to other directives and manuals to reflect the changes to <u>Directive 065</u> (e.g., <u>Directive 071</u>: <u>Emergency Preparedness and Response Requirements for the Petroleum Industry</u>).

The draft directive was released on May 30, 2022, and public feedback was accepted through July 10, 2022. A summary of the feedback, including our responses, is available on the *Directive 065* webpage.

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