

Frequently Asked Questions

Subsurface Order 4A

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Q1. What coal zones does Subsurface Order No. 4A (SO4A) apply to?

A1. SO4A applies to all coal zones targeted for coalbed methane development.

Q2. Do I still need to apply for commingling if I am outside of the area designated as Development Entity No. 1 but within the area outlined in SO4A?

A2. Yes, you must submit a commingling application if you are outside of the development entity or do not qualify for self-declared commingling and would like to commingle production from coalbed methane (CBM) and other strata.

See unit 3 of [Directive 065: Resources Applications for Oil and Gas Reservoirs](#) for additional information on commingling processes and the application requirements.

Q3. Does SO4A apply to in situ coal gasification?

A3. No, SO4A only applies to CBM production.

Q4. Does SO4 affect water well testing?

A4. No, SO4A does not change current baseline water well testing.

Q5. Do CBM wells need a control well?

A5. No. See [Bulletin 2021-29](#) for more information.