



Application to be Designated as a Third-Party Contractor for Property Owner Requested Water Sampling and Testing (Public Resources Code Section 3160(d)(7)(B))

In order to be designated by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) as a third-party contractor that is available to conduct property owner requested water sampling and testing, I (Owner or Authorized Agent) hereby certify, under penalty of perjury, the following:

- 1) I will only act as a third-party contractor to perform water sampling and testing where I meet the following criteria:
 - a) I am a person representing a corporation, sole proprietorship, partnership, or any other business entity, not owned in whole or part, by the oil or gas well owner or operator, or any of their parent companies, subsidiaries or contractors, of the well stimulation project for which water sampling and analytical testing is to be performed;
 - b) I am not an employee or contractor of the oil or gas well owner or operator, or any of their parent companies, subsidiaries or contractors, of the well stimulation project for which water sampling and analytical testing is to be performed; and
 - c) I am a person with knowledge and training in proper sampling methods, chain of custody, and quality assurance/quality control protocols.
- 2) I agree to perform all water sampling and testing and data submittal in accordance with the following standards and protocols [in accordance with the [Model Criteria for Groundwater Monitoring in Areas of Oil and Gas Well Stimulation](#) (Model Criteria):
 - a) If I am not employed with an approved laboratory, I shall consult with the laboratory that will conduct the analytical testing to ensure that I understand and follow the proper sampling collection and chain of custody procedures and protocols.
 - b) I agree to contact the State Water Board prior to conducting water sampling, in order to obtain the State Water Board's online GeoTracker database Global ID for submitting water quality data and water monitoring reports.
 - c) To obtain a GeoTracker Global ID email the State Water Board at: OilandGas@waterboards.ca.gov
 - d) State Water Board staff will reply back with a Global ID that you will use for submitting data in electronic format to the online GeoTracker database. For more information on electronic submittal of water quality data at the Water Boards page for [Electronic Submittal of Information](#).
 - e) I shall notify the State Water Board at least two working days prior to water sampling.
 - f) All procedures to sample water supply wells shall be consistent with the [US EPA Science and Ecosystem Support Division Operating Procedure for Groundwater Sampling](#) (March 2013), including pre-sampling purge methods and purge volumes consistent with Detection Monitoring protocol.
 - g) All procedures to sample surface water shall be in accordance with the State Water Board's



[Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program Quality Assurance Project Plan.](#)

- h) Groundwater level and field parameters including pH, temperature, electrical conductivity, dissolved oxygen, and oxidation-reduction potential shall be measured and recorded before sample collection.
- i) Water samples shall be analyzed using current applicable U.S. EPA-approved analytical methods for the analytes listed in Table B1 of Appendix B of the Model Criteria.
- j) All analytical testing shall be performed by a laboratory that is certified by the State Water Board Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP).
- k) I shall report the latitude and longitude of each sampling location with coordinates rounded to four decimal places.
- l) I will submit all water quality data and water monitoring reports to the State Water Board in an electronic format that follows the guidelines detailed in California Code of Regulations, title 23, division 3, chapter 30 (commencing with section 3890).
- m) I agree to retain all records associated with designated contractor property owner requested water sampling for three calendar years following sampling and analytical testing, and to promptly submit copies of these records to the State Water Board upon request.

Your signature below indicates that you have read, understand, and agree to the above criteria to become a contractor to conduct property owner requested water sampling.

Signature: _____

Company name (If applicable): _____

Mailing Address:

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address:

Areas of state available for sampling: Entire State (check here) or list specific Counties:

Please send an electronically completed application and all future notifications to:
OilandGas@waterboards.ca.gov.

Once we have received your completed application, your information will be placed on our "[List of Designated Contractors for Water Sampling.](#)"

If you have any questions, contact us at the above email.