

This Calendar Item No. 24  
 was approved as Minute Item  
 No. 217 by the State Lands  
 Commission by a vote of 2  
 to 0 at its 8/26/76  
 meeting.

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## ASSIGNMENT OF GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES PROSPECTING PERMIT

PERMIT: PRC 5147.2

LOCATION: Geysers Area, Sonoma County.

TYPE OF LAND: Reserved Mineral Interests.

ACREAGE: 200 acres.

ASSIGNOR: Squaw Creek Investment Company  
 150 Matheson Street  
 Healdsburg, California 95448

ASSIGNEE: Aminoil USA, Inc. (Formerly Burmah Oil &  
 P. O. Box 2828 Gas Company)  
 Long Beach, California 90801

PREREQUISITES: 1. Assignment forms have been executed.  
 2. Assignee is qualified to hold a State lease.  
 3. The statutory filing fee and expense  
 deposit have been submitted.

## OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

State Geothermal Resources Prospecting Permit PRC 5147.2 was issued to Squaw Creek Investment Company, the surface owner, on June 24, 1976. Aminoil has entered into a lease with the surface owner with respect to the surface owner's interest, if any, in the geothermal resources. Under this lease Aminoil has been granted whatever rights this surface owner may have to develop the geothermal resources including assignment of the prospecting permit to Aminoil. In the interim, Aminoil has acted as operator on behalf of the permittee and now proposes to drill a well within the permit area in September. This will evaluate the geothermal potential of the parcel and if the well proves to be commercial, will support classification of the parcel, and other nearby State lands as a known geothermal resources area.

Section 34, of the permit, provides that the permittee may assign the permit subject to the written prior consent of the Commission.

The proposed assignment will not have an

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environmental impact and is considered to be a ministerial project under the Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (Title 14, Cal. Adm. Code). An environmental impact report was prepared by the Sonoma County Board of Zoning Adjustments covering geothermal development in the area and was considered by the Commission prior to issuing the permit on June 24, 1976.

EXHIBIT: A. Location Map.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

1. DETERMINE THAT AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT HAS NOT BEEN PREPARED FOR THIS ACTIVITY AS SUCH REPORT IS NOT REQUIRED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 14, CAL. ADM. CODE 15073.
2. APPROVE THE ASSIGNMENT OF GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES PROSPECTING PERMIT PRC 5147-2, BY SQUAW CREEK INVESTMENT COMPANY, PERMITTEE, TO AMINOTL USA, INC., ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE PERMIT TO REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.