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June 25, 2020

Amy L. Harbin, AICP
City of Long Beach
411 West Ocean Boulevard, 3rd Floor
Long Beach, CA 90802

RE: Long Beach Building Standards Code
Amendments – Negative Declaration (ND)
SCH # 2020050447
GTS # 07-LA-2020-03268
Vic. City of Long Beach

Dear Amy L. Harbin:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for this Negative Declaration (ND). The project proposes to amend Title 18 of the Long Beach Municipal Code (LBMC) by adding Chapter 18.78, Construction in the Vicinity of Oil Wells, and Chapter 18.79, Methane Gas Mitigation. Chapter 18.78 requires the permittee of construction activities in the vicinity of oil/gas wells to submit documents with details on proposed well abandonment, future accessibility, above-well mitigation, and long-term safety evaluation to the California Geologic Energy Management Division and the City. Chapter 18.79 details the applicability of methane mitigation requirements, definitions, methane soil gas investigation, exemptions, site design levels, methane mitigation components, operations and maintenance, plan review and inspections, and post construction protocols, among others. Adopting Chapters 18.78 and 18.79 into LBMC Title 18, Long Beach Building Standards Code, would provide clarity and procedures for future development in the vicinity of oil/gas wells in Long Beach.

After reviewing the ND, Caltrans does not expect project approval to result in a direct adverse impact to the existing State transportation facilities.

If you have any questions, please contact Reece Allen, the project coordinator, at reece.allen@dot.ca.gov, and refer to GTS # 07-LA-2020-03268

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Miya Edmonson".

MIYA EDMONSON
IGR/CEQA Branch Chief
cc: Scott Morgan, State Clearinghouse