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## **CEQA Filing Fee No Effect Determination**

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**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE**

**CEQA Lead Agency:** City of Long Beach

**Project Title:** Code Update Relating to Construction in the Vicinity of Oil Wells and Methane Gas Mitigation

**CEQA Document Type:** Certified Regulatory Program Document

**State Clearinghouse Number/local agency ID number:** 2020050447

**Project Location:** The City of Long Beach (City) is located in the southern portion of the County of Los Angeles. The City encompasses approximately 50 square miles and is bordered by the cities of Compton, Paramount, and Bellflower, and the unincorporated community of Rancho Dominguez to the north; the cities of Lakewood, Hawaiian Gardens, Cypress, Los Alamitos, and Seal Beach, and the unincorporated community of Rossmoor to the east; the Pacific Ocean to the south; and the cities of Carson and Los Angeles to the west. In addition, the City of Signal Hill is completely surrounded by the City. Regional access to Long Beach is provided by a number of freeways, including Interstates 710, 605, and 405, and State Routes 1, 22, and 91.

**Brief Project Description:** 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.

Discretionary approvals for the proposed project include adoption of Negative Declaration 02-20 and approval of Ordinances associated with the amendments to LBMC Title 18 (Chapter 18.78, Construction in the Vicinity of Oil Wells, and Chapter 18.79, Methane Gas Mitigation).

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