



**CEQA EXEMPTION / NEPA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
DETERMINATION FORM (rev. 05/2020)**

Project Information	
DIST-CO-RTE: 11-SD-15	PM/PM: 15.002
EA: 42800/1117000025	Federal-Aid Project Number:
Project Description	
Encroachment Permit No: 11-20-NUB-0929. On Interstate 15 (I-15) in the City of San Diego, County of San Diego, San Diego Gas and Electric proposes to install a 6-inch steel gas line within an existing 12-inch steel casing and traffic control at the I-15/Carroll Canyon Bridge (Bridge No. 57-1219) as part of the CPUC mandated Pipeline Safety Enhancement Plan . If there are any changes to the project Caltrans Environmental shall be contacted for further review. See Continuation Page for environmental commitments. No new right of way required.	

Caltrans CEQA Determination (Check one)

- Not Applicable** – Caltrans is not the CEQA Lead Agency
- Not Applicable** – Caltrans has prepared an IS or EIR under CEQA

Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the project is:

- Exempt by Statute.** (PRC 21080[b]; 14 CCR 15260 et seq.)
- Categorically Exempt. Class 5.** (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300 et seq.)
 - No exceptions apply that would bar the use of a categorical exemption (PRC 21084 and 14 CCR 15300.2). See the [SER Chapter 34](#) for exceptions.
- Covered by the Common Sense Exemption.** This project does not fall within an exempt class, but it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment (14 CCR 15061[b][3].)

Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

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Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager

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Print Name	Signature	Date



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Caltrans NEPA Determination (Check one)

Caltrans has determined that this project has no significant impacts on the environment as defined by NEPA, and that there are no unusual circumstances as described in 23 CFR 771.117(b). See [SER Chapter 30](#) for unusual circumstances. As such, the project is categorically excluded from the requirements to prepare an EA or EIS under NEPA and is included under the following:

23 USC 326: Caltrans has been assigned, and hereby certifies that it has carried out the responsibility to make this determination pursuant to 23 USC 326 and the Memorandum of Understanding dated April 18, 2019, executed between FHWA and Caltrans. Caltrans has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under:

- 23 CFR 771.117(c): activity (c)(Enter activity number)**
- 23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)(Enter activity number)**
- Activity Enter activity number listed in Appendix A of the MOU between FHWA and Caltrans**

23 USC 327: Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, Caltrans has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under 23 USC 327. The environmental review, consultation, and any other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by Caltrans pursuant to 23 USC 327 and the Memorandum of Understanding dated December 23, 2016 and executed by FHWA and Caltrans.

Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

NOT APPLICABLE

Print Name

Signature

Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

NOT APPLICABLE

Print Name

Signature

Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: N/A

Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: N/A

Briefly list environmental commitments on continuation sheet if needed (i.e., not necessary if included on an attached ECR). Reference additional information, as appropriate (e.g., additional studies and design conditions).



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Continuation sheet:

BIOLOGY: The project proposes no vegetation removal, therefore, no biological impacts are anticipated.

HAZARDOUS WASTE/MATERIALS: A hazardous waste concern for this project is Aerially Deposited Lead (ADL) which is common in the soil adjacent to State highways and can also be found underneath some existing road surfaces due to past construction activities. Per the guidance described in Section 407 of the Caltrans Encroachment Permit Manual, this project is categorized as "Excess Soil", which are projects that result in excess soil that cannot be reused within the work limits and needs to be transported and disposed of, outside of Caltrans' right of way, in accordance with all applicable environmental laws and regulations. The Permittee is responsible for proper identification (including sampling and analysis) and management of the excess soil that are removed and/or excavated from the work site. It is the Permittee's responsibility to comply with the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) ADL requirements for roadway soil management. "Hazardous Materials and Hazardous Waste Management Special Provisions" (TR-0408) must be included in the Permit (see Appendix K of Caltrans Encroachment Permit Manual).

A Lead Compliance Plan, prepared by a Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH), shall be prepared and implemented for all workers handling the soil.

NPDES/STORMWATER: The project shall comply with the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan as submitted to Caltrans.

VISUAL/LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE: Care shall be exercised in the installation of the pipeline to avoid damage to existing vegetation and irrigation systems located within and adjacent to the project area. Irrigation systems will be repaired and adjusted if impacted by construction activities in order to maintain the visual resources of the highway roadside landscape. Caltrans recycled water trunk line is located within the project limits. Impacted ornamental vegetation and native vegetation will be replaced in kind. Staging and storage of materials will not occur on existing vegetation.