

State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water

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Dear Ms. Blanchard:

DDW COMMENTS ON PORT OF LONG BEACH WORLD OIL TANK INSTALLATION PROJECT

The State Water Board, acting by and through its **Division of Drinking Water** (Division) has reviewed the **Port of Long Beach's** (Port) draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the construction and operation of two new 25,000-barrel petroleum storage tanks.

In accordance with the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 14, Section 15082(b), each responsible agency shall provide the lead agency with specific detail about the scope and content of the environmental information, related to the responsible agency's area of statutory responsibility, that must be included in the draft EIR. The State review period started on October 25, 2023, and will be open until December 11, 2023. The Division has reviewed the Port's complete project description and draft EIR package. At this time, the Division has identified the following comments and questions during the review process:

1. Please notify the Division if any of the existing and proposed oil and gas facilities are located **within 1,000 feet** from any existing potable water production wells.
2. The Division recommends the following additional agencies to be included in the State Clearinghouse distribution for reviewal of the project: City of Long Beach – Bureau of Environmental Health, City of Long Beach – Planning Bureau, Long Beach Utilities Department, SWRCB Division of Drinking Water, Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning, and Office of the State Fire Marshal.
3. The Port, served by the Long Beach Utilities Department (LBUD), must comply with cross-connection control requirements per CCR, Title 17, Section 7584,

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Responsibility and Scope of Program. Specifically, the Port must ensure that cross-connection control is established when potable water is utilized in oil and gas facilities.

If you have questions regarding this letter, please contact Stephanie Osorio, P.E. at (818) 551-2009 or me at (818) 551-2022.

Sincerely,



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