

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Los Angeles

12400 Imperial Highway

Norwalk, CA 90650

From: (Public Agency): Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
111 North Hope Street, Room 1044
Los Angeles, CA 90012

(Address)

Project Title: Pollock Remediation Planning Project

Project Applicant: Los Angeles Department of Water and Power

Project Location - Specific:

Southern San Fernando Basin Well Fields; see attached map.

Project Location - City: Los Angeles, Burbank, Glendale Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Pollock Remediation Planning Project (Project) will gather data to support a Remedial Investigation (RI) of the Southern San Fernando Basin (Basin) Well Fields in accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP), and United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) guidance. The scope of work for the Project represents the planning phase only. The goal is to develop and evaluate potential remedial alternatives to releases of hazardous substances in groundwater that are adversely affecting the beneficial uses of groundwater and the basin as a whole. With this Project, LADWP will complete planning activities associated with the Project, including gathering of existing data from internal and external sources, monitoring and production well sampling, data analysis, siting and drilling of potential new wells to fill data gaps, remedial investigation, groundwater modeling, community involvement activities, preparation and approval of environmental documents to comply with CEQA, and human health risk assessment. It will consider basin-wide information that has already been gathered and fill data gaps identified throughout the course of the study, in order to provide a more complete understanding of water quality and flow dynamics throughout the basin.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP)

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP)

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15306, Class 6 (Information Collection)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 15262 (Feasibility and Planning Studies)

Reasons why project is exempt:

CEQA Guidelines Section 15262 indicates that a project involving only feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions which the agency, board, or commission has not approved, adopted, or funded does not require the preparation of an EIR or negative declaration but does require consideration of environmental factors. This section does not apply to the adoption of a plan that will have a legally binding effect on later activities. CEQA Guidelines Section 15306, Class 6, consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. These may be strictly for information gathering purposes, or as part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded. Therefore, further review under CEQA is not required.

Lead Agency James R. Howe Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (213) 367-0414
Contact Person: _____

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: Nadia Parker Digitally signed by Nadia Parker
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Charles C. Holloway

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Attachment A: Area and Vicinity Map

