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May 13, 2021

**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE BERTH 163-164 MARINE OIL TERMINAL IMPROVEMENTS (MOTEMS) PROJECT, PORT OF LOS ANGELES**

The City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (Harbor Department) has prepared this Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) to address the environmental effects of the proposed Berth 163-164 [NuStar-Valero] Marine Oil Terminal Wharf Improvements Project (Project) in the Port of Los Angeles (Port).

The primary objective of the proposed Project is to allow compliance with the State of California's Marine Oil Terminal Engineering and Maintenance Standards (MOTEMS) at the marine oil terminal currently at Berth 163 (Shore Terminals, LLC, a subsidiary of NuStar Energy L.P.). The wooden wharf will be replaced with a new, concrete wharf and associated equipment to comply with MOTEMS seismic and safety standards. The proposed Project also includes consideration by the Board of Harbor Commissioners of issuance of 30 year leases to NuStar, for continued operation of the Berth 163 Marine Oil Terminal and for operation of a backlands portion of Berth 162, and to Ultramar, Inc., a subsidiary of Valero Energy Corporation, for continued operation of oil terminal facilities on backlands at Berth 164.

The IS/MND has been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code Section 21000 *et seq.*, and the State CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations Section 15000 *et seq.* This IS/MND includes a discussion of the proposed Project's effects on the existing environment, including the identification of mitigation measures to reduce potential impacts. This document is an IS/MND because there are no impacts associated with the proposed Project that remain significant after mitigation. In accordance with the CEQA Statutes and Guidelines, the document is being circulated for a period of 30 days for public review and comment. The public has an opportunity to provide written comments on the information contained within the IS/MND.

The 30-day review period will start on **May 13, 2021**, and end on **June 11, 2021**. A copy of the document is available for public review on the Port's website at: <http://www.portoflosangeles.org>. A copy of the document is also available for public review at the Harbor Department's Environmental Management Division located at 425

S. Palos Verdes Street, San Pedro. Due to COVID-19, please send your request to [ceqacomment@portla.org](mailto:ceqacomment@portla.org) or call (310) 732-3675 to schedule an appointment to pick up a copy.

Comments on the IS/MND should be submitted in writing prior to the end of the 30-day public review period and must be postmarked by **June 11, 2021**. Please submit written comments to:

Christopher Cannon, Director  
City of Los Angeles Harbor Department  
Environmental Management Division  
425 S. Palos Verdes Street  
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Written comments may also be sent via email to [ceqacomment@portla.org](mailto:ceqacomment@portla.org). All correspondence, through mail or email, should include the project title in the subject line.

For additional information, please contact the Harbor Department Environmental Management Division at (310) 732-3675.

Sincerely,



CHRISTOPHER CANNON  
Director of Environmental Management