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CITY OF LOS ANGELES
HARBOR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE MEMORANDUM

July 29, 2021

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CC	Stephanie Vitalich - Engineering

SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

The environmental assessment for the following:

- Valero Wilmington Asphalt Plant - Access to Jointly-owned Rail Right-of-way (APP# 200603-087)
- LADWP - Request for Joint Revocable Permit to Relocate Power Line Crossing (APP# 200710-110)
- UPRR- Request for Joint Revocable Permit to Install new crossover switch (APP# 200717-113)

as requested by Planning Division on July 17, 2020, has been completed. We have determined that the proposed action is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Section 15301, Section 15302, Section 15303, Section 15304, and Section 15311, of the State CEQA Guidelines. A Notice of Exemption was prepared and may be filed with the County Clerk's offices upon issuance of a Coastal Development Permit, Harbor Engineer Permit or any lease/ entitlement. This CEQA determination is based upon the inclusion of the attached permit conditions.

If this project does not involve Board action, please notify this office upon issuance of any permit or entitlement so that we may file the Notice of Exemption.



CHRISTOPHER CANNON
 Director of Environmental Management

CC: LW:LK
 APP No.: 200603-087; 200710-110; 200717-113

Notice Of Exemption

To: **Office of Planning and Research**
PO Box 3044, 1400 Tenth Street, Room 22
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: Los Angeles Harbor Department
425 S. Palos Verdes St.
San Pedro, CA 90731

County Clerk
County of Los Angeles

Project Title: Valero Wilmington Asphalt Plant - Access to Jointly-owned Rail Right-of-way (APP# 200603-087)
LADWP - Request for Joint Revocable Permit to Relocate Power Line Crossing (APP# 200710-110)
Union Pacific Railroad - Request for Joint Revocable Permit to Install new crossover switch (APP# 200717-113)

Project Location - Specific: Alameda Corridor Main 3 to the Union Pacific Dolores Yard

Project Location - City: Los Angeles **Project Location - County:** Los Angeles

Description of Project:

This application is for improvement of track configuration at the Dolores Yard. Construction components include the following: removal of approximately 1,300 feet of track and replacement with approximately 1,200 feet of track, along with associated grading to achieve drainage, removal/ placement of sub- ballast and ballast, ties, and track; removal of the existing No. 15 crossover which includes removal of two turnouts and replacement with straight track; construction of an additional crossover; entitlement for demolition and construction equipment laydown on joint property due to relocation of a wall along the boundary of the Valero Wilmington Asphalt Plant (the wall is not on Port property); and relocation of a LADWP overhead power line which requires removal of two power poles. The proposed project is not anticipated to increase capacity or activity on either the Alameda Corridor or at Dolores Yard.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Los Angeles Harbor Department

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Valero Wilmington Asphalt Plant, LADWP, Union Pacific Railroad

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: Section 15301, Section 15302, Section 15303, Section 15304, and Section 15311
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

Section 15301. Existing Facilities (Class 1): This exemption consists of, "the operation... or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities... involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use." This exemption applies since the proposed project reconfigures current rail lines within the existing rail footprint, with a net decrease in rail footage. Further, in the context of the significant number of existing tracks and rail operations in this area, this modification of the existing tracks, with the related nearby relocation of the retaining wall and power poles, is a minor modification of existing public and private structures.

Section 15302. Replacement or Reconstruction (Class 2): This exemption consists of, "replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced." This exemption applies because the project relocates a retaining wall and power poles a short distance away, and reconfigures current rail lines within the existing rail footprint, with a net decrease in rail footage, and within the same geographic area.

Section 15303. New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (Class 3): This exemption consists of, "construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures." This exemption includes, but is not limited to, "utility extensions" and "accessory (appurtenant) structures." The project includes relocation of a retaining wall and power poles a short distance away, and reconfiguration of current rail lines within the existing rail footprint, with a net decrease in rail footage. Construction activities that will take place as part of the project are also covered by this exemption.

Section 15304. Minor Alterations to Land (Class 4): This exemption consists of, "minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/ or vegetation... Examples include but are not limited to: (a) Grading on land with a slope of less than 10 percent, except that grading shall not be exempt in a waterway, in any wetland, in an officially designated (by federal, state, or local government action) scenic area, or in officially mapped areas of severe geologic hazard such as an Alquist- Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone or within an official Seismic Hazard Zone, as delineated by the State Geologist." This exemption applies because the project will include minor alterations to land, including grading with a slope of less than 10 percent. Further, the project is not in any waterway or wetland, and the project is not in an officially mapped area of severe geologic hazard such as an Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone or within an official Seismic Hazard Zone.

Section 15311. Accessory Structures (Class 5): This exemption consists of "construction, or placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities..." The reconstruction of the retaining wall and power poles near their original locations is covered by this exemption.

Lead Agency
Contact Person:

Leah Kohler

Area Code/ Telephone/ Extension:

310 732-3675

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:


Christopher Cannon

Date:

07/29/2021

Title:

Director of Environmental Management

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

FACILITY OPERATIONS ON PAVED AREAS*

(*Note that facilities covered by an Individual or Industrial NPDES permit, or designated as a Critical Source in the Municipal NPDES permit, will also have to comply with all permit requirements)

ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT CONDITIONS:

1. Facility shall be cleaned and maintained regularly. All areas shall be swept at least once per week or as needed to control trash, debris, and other waste.
2. Whenever feasible, dry cleaning methods shall be used instead of washing down. If an area must be washed, spot clean to minimize the amount of water used. All wash water shall be contained; only stormwater shall be allowed to enter the storm drain system. For large areas, contain the wash water by vacuum truck or discharge to the sewer system via a permitted connection. Prior to washing, the Permittee shall:
 - o Seal off storm drains using temporary berms or covers.
 - o Sweep the area that is to be cleaned and dispose of trash and debris as solid waste.
3. Sweepings and/ or sediment shall not be allowed to enter the storm drains or leave the property.
4. Facility shall be inspected weekly to ensure that no drips, leaks and spills are occurring on site. Drip pans and spill equipment shall be available onsite for emergencies. Drip pans shall be deployed at the first sign of a leak or drip, and repairs shall be made immediately. Following any release, areas shall be cleaned up immediately using dry cleaning methods.
5. Do not feed birds, feral cats, sea lions, or other scavengers.
6. All hazardous, universal, and non- hazardous wastes and materials in drums shall be stored in designated areas on spill pallets, in leak- proof, covered, and labeled containers.
7. Small quantity liquid products (such as paints, lubricants, aerosol cans) shall be stored indoors and/ or in flammable lockers.
8. Parts, equipment, or materials with metal particulate, rust, grease, and/ or oil shall be stored indoors, or if outdoors then elevated off the ground and covered.
9. Dumpsters, recycle bins and trash containers shall have lids that are kept closed. Leaking dumpsters and bins shall be replaced immediately.
10. No equipment or vehicle washing, repair or maintenance is allowed on site.
11. No fueling operations are allowed on site.

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EXCAVATION

ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT CONDITIONS:

1. All necessary permits, agency approvals, and agency notifications shall be responsibility of the permittee.
2. Underground Service Alert of Southern California (a.k.a. Digalert) shall be notified (dial 8-1-1) a minimum of 48 hours prior to any subsurface intrusion work, and the issued Digalert ticket number shall be maintained on- site. The Digalert ticket number shall be provided to the Harbor Department if requested.
3. All necessary precautions shall be taken to prevent contamination of the soil and/ or groundwater during the excavation and/ or construction phase(s) of the project.
4. All trench excavation and filling operations shall be observed for the presence of free petroleum products, chemicals, or contaminated soil. Discolored/ odiferous soil or suspected contaminated soil shall be segregated from light colored soil. The contaminated soil should be stockpiled on visqueen sheeting, covered with visqueen, and characterized and disposed properly.
5. All excavations shall be filled with structurally suitable fill material which is free from contamination and meets the Harbor Department Environmental Management Division's Environmental Guidance for Industrial Fill Material.
6. The Permittee shall be required to confer with the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) prior to work start up to determine if a permit/ mitigation plan will be needed pursuant to Rule 1166 Volatile Organic Compound Emissions from Decontamination of Soil which deals with hydrocarbons (vapors) that may be released during trenching/ excavation activities. Permittee shall comply with all SCAQMD permit/ mitigation plan requirements.
7. All excavation work shall be performed in accordance with all Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requirements of 29 CFR 1926.650, 1926.651, 1926.652 or comparable OSHA- approved state plan requirements.
8. The Los Angeles Harbor Department's Director of Environmental Management shall be notified of all observances or occurrences of soil and/ or groundwater contamination immediately. Copies of the report or workplan summarizing subsequent activities shall be submitted to the Director of Environmental Management (Los Angeles Harbor Department, 425 S. Palos Verdes Street, San Pedro, CA 90731) within 30 days of project completion.
9. All contaminated materials, including those contaminated with petroleum waste products, shall be properly removed from the project site, treated, and/ or disposed at the appropriate facilities in accordance with applicable regulations. Copies of hazardous waste manifests or other documents indicating the amount, nature, and disposition of such materials shall be submitted to the Director of Environmental Management within 30 days of project completion.

02/04/2020

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Site Specific Permit Conditions – APP# 200717-113

1. Ensure ballast, sub-ballast and rail ties are properly disposed in accordance with applicable regulatory requirements.