



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM:
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Department
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Project Title: Project 21-020 Per- and Poly-fluoroalkyl Substances Removal at the Water Quality Protection Plan (WQPP) Treatment Plant

Project Location-Specific:

The WQPP treatment system is located at the City's Pumping Plant No. 2 at 4128 San Gabriel River Parkway, Pico Rivera, CA 90660 (34.011157, -118.0679332).

Project Location-City: Pico Rivera

Project Location-County: Los Angeles

Project Description: The WQPP Treatment Plant has been authorized to remove contaminants such as tetrachloroethylene (PCE) and trichloroethylene (TCE). The focus was to remove PCE/TCE contaminants from wells CB1 and CB2. This proposed project involves reusing the WQPP infrastructure to remove Per- and Poly-fluoroalkyl Substances in the groundwater supply. The scope will include system disinfection, media loading (carbon or resin material), and minor retrofits to system piping to reutilize the treatment system.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Whittier, Public Works Department

Name of Person/Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Whittier, 13230 Penn Street, Whittier, CA 90622

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Categorical Exemption (15301(b) and (d))
- Statutory Exemption ()
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269 (b)(c))
- Other: _____

Reasons why project is exempt: The proposed project was reviewed for potential exemptions and was found to satisfy the standards of Class 1 as specified within Article 19 Categorical Exemptions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, §§ 15000, et seq). A Class 1 exemption consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination, including but not limited to: (b) Existing facilities of both investor and publicly-owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services and (d) Restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment to meet current standards of public health

and safety, unless it is determined that the damage was substantial and resulted from an environmental hazard such as earthquake, landslide, or flood.

The application meets the standards for Section 15301(b) and Section 15301(d) in that the construction will involve minor alterations in an area that is already developed. The WQPP Treatment Plant Project will reutilize the existing system to treat Per- and Poly-fluoroalkyl Substances with the addition of system disinfection, media loading (carbon or resin material), and minor retrofits to system piping. It will not result in an expansion of use rather a modification of the constituents treated at the existing location. None of the exceptions described in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 such as location, cumulative impacts, significant effect, scenic highways, hazardous waste sites or historical resources are applicable to the site at 4128 San Gabriel River Parkway, Pico Rivera, CA 90660. No significant adverse effects were identified during the evaluation process.

Therefore, the City of Whittier has determined that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment and a Notice of Exemption will be filed pursuant to Section 15062 of the CEQA Guidelines.

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