

California Environmental Quality Act
Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: PAL Termo 41400001

Project Applicant: The Termo Company

Project Location: Long Beach Airport Oil Field

County: Los Angeles

Section: 19

Township: 04S

Range/Baseline: 12W / SB B&M

Latitude/Longitude: 33.81660461, -118.16884613

Project Description: The Termo Company (Termo) has applied for a modification of the current Water Disposal UIC project (UIC #41400001) for the purpose of updating the PAL to meet current requirements. The UIC Project #41400001 was originally approved on July 6, 1993. The current and most recent PAL was issued on January 18, 2018. The UIC project well L.B. Fee 4 (API# 0403712459) is a water disposal well that is currently active. CalGEM records indicate the initial date of production for well L.B. Fee 4 is January 31, 1977.

No new disturbance, expansion, or change in the injection program, surface facilities, or well bore is being proposed. The anticipated project duration is 30 years. Based on the current injection volume Termo anticipates a maximum injection volume per day of 450 barrels of produced water.

The current injector is in an industrial site near the Long Beach Airport. The well and facility are located within an industrial yard used for the Long Beach Fee oil production. All ground surfaces are paved with asphalt or concrete. Surface facilities are typical oilfield features including oil, gas, and water separators, storage tanks, piping, and pumps. The surface location and mineral rights are private.

Details on Underground Injection Control can be found on CalGEM's website at: <http://www.conservation.ca.gov/calgem/Pages/Undergroundinjectioncontrol.aspx>

Exempt Status: As the Lead Agency, the Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM) determined that the proposed project is exempt from further environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to the specified exemptions marked in the section below. The proposed project would not result in a significant adverse impact to the environment, or that any of the exceptions to the exemptions apply (14 CCR 15300.2).

Exemption Type		Statute (PRC)	Regulation (14 CCR)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Statutory Exemption:			
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ongoing Project (<i>pre-CEQA. Approval prior to April 5, 1973</i>)	21169	15261 (b)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial	21080 (b)(1)	15268	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency	21080 (b)(3)	15269 (a)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Projects	21080 (b)(4)	15269 (b) or (c)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Categorical Exemption:	21084		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Class 1: Existing Facilities		15301	1684.1
	<input type="checkbox"/> Class 3: New Construction/Conversion of Small Structures		15303	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Class 4: Minor Alterations to Land		15304	1684.2
	<input type="checkbox"/> Class 6: Information Collection		15306	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Class 7: Protection of Natural Resources		15307	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Class 8: Protection of the Environment		15308	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Class 11: Accessory Structures		15311	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Class 21: Enforcement Actions to revoke a permit		15321	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Class 30: Minor Actions to Prevent, Minimize, Stabilize, Mitigate, or Eliminate a Release (Actual or Threat) of Hazardous Substances (Waste or Material)		15330	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Class 33: Small Habitat Restoration Projects		15333	
<input type="checkbox"/>	General Exemption ("common sense")		15061 (b)(3)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Not a "Project" subject to CEQA		15378 (b)(2)	

➤ **Reasons Why Project is Exempt:**

The basis for CalGEM's determination that the project is exempt from further CEQA review is briefly explained below.

15261(b) Ongoing Project: CalGEM has determined that the project is statutorily exempt under the Ongoing Project (14 CCR 15261 (b) exemption per the CEQA Guidelines because the UIC project proposed continued operation of one existing water disposal well. The UIC activities do not involve a greater degree of responsibility and control over the project as a whole than did approval of the existing well.

Class 1 – Existing Facility: The project is categorically exempt from CEQA under the "Class 1" (14 CCR §15301) exemption per the CEQA Guidelines and CalGEM's regulations (14 CCR §1684.1) because the project proposes continued operation of a single permitted water disposal well and does not include expansion of existing use.

Exceptions to Exemptions: CalGEM further finds that there are no exceptions to the otherwise-applicable categorical exemptions (PRC §21084; 14 CCR 15300.2(c)). There is no substantial evidence that there are any "unusual circumstances" associated with the proposed project that create a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment and that there is no significant "cumulative impacts" resulting from successive projects of the same type in the same place. Therefore, this project is not subject to CEQA.

A copy of this NOE and all other related materials are available for public inspection at CalGEM's CEQA Unit, located at 801 K Street, 14th floor, Sacramento, CA 95814; or an electronic copy of these documents may also be accessed online at the State Clearinghouse:

<https://ceganet.opr.ca.gov>

Certified: _____ *Larry Kleinecke* _____

Date: _____

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