

**Notice of Exemption**

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**From:** University of California, San Diego  
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**Project Title:** La Jolla Canyon Offshore Turbulence Research Project

**Project Location – Specific:** Offshore, Approximate Coordinates: 32.856N, 117.266W

**Project Location – City:** La Jolla      **Project Location – County:** San Diego

**Project Description:** UC San Diego Scripps Institution of Oceanography (SIO) proposes to conduct a research experiment to gather data and increase scientific understanding related to ocean turbulence. To do so, dye will be released in the ocean using a peristaltic pump, approximately 1 mile offshore. Up to three dye releases over the course of the study will occur releasing approximately 2 gallons of nontoxic 21% rhodamine WT dye each, over a period of two hours each. Equipment will be deployed via three moorings that would be maintained at least every 6 months. The experiment would begin February 2022 and close December 2024.

**Name of Public or Agency Approving Project:** University of California, San Diego

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** University of California, San Diego

**Exempt Status:** (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080 (b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a);
- Emergency Project (Se. 21080(b)(4); 15269 (b) (c));
- Categorical Exemption. CEQA Section 15306: Information Collection

**Reason why project is exempt:** The project is exempt from CEQA under Class 1: Information Collection because it consists of a temporary deployment of research equipment and release of nontoxic dye for purposes of data collection. Adverse impacts to wildlife are not anticipated. All equipment would be removed from the ocean following the research experiment. None of the exceptions to an exemption apply per 15300.2.

**Lead Agency:** UC San Diego

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