

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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Project Title: Tesoro Refining & Marketing Company – Los Angeles Refinery Post-Closure Permit Renewal

Project Location: 2101 East Pacific Coast Highway, Wilmington, California 90744

County: Los Angeles County

Project Applicant: Kateri A. Luka - Remediation Program Manager for Tesoro Refining and Marketing Company

Approval Action Under Consideration by DTSC: Post-Closure Permit Renewal

Statutory Authority: California Health and Safety Code, Chapter 6.5

Project Description: The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), pursuant to authority granted under California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 4.5, Chapter 20, Section 66270.40, is issuing a Post-Closure Permit Renewal for the Tesoro Refining and Marketing Company, Los Angeles Refinery (Facility). The Facility has been under a Post-Closure Permit since 2011 for the post-closure care of two closed surface impoundments, Ponds 8 and 9. The term of this Permit is ten years from the date of issuance.

Background: The Facility is a 300-acre oil refinery located in Wilmington, California. The surrounding area is industrialized and includes several other refineries, bulk oil terminals, and light industries. The Facility is an oil refinery that processes approximately 100,000 barrels of heavy crude oil per day. The Facility is equipped with a variety of processing units to refine crude oil into gasoline, diesel, and other fuels. It also produces lubricating oil feedstocks and petroleum coke. Process units are concentrated in both the southern and central parts of the plant. Hazardous wastes generated at the Facility are hauled to, and disposed of at, an off-site treatment, storage, and disposal facility.

The Permit pertains to Ponds 8 and 9, which cover less than one acre of the 300 acre-refinery. The Ponds were constructed in 1969 in an abandoned channel created when the Dominguez channel was built in the 1940s. Ponds 8 and 9 consist of two lined surface impoundments formerly used for flow equalization (Pond 9) and polishing (Pond 8) of storm water and process wastewaters before treatment and discharge to the Los Angeles County Sanitary Sanitation District. The Facility operated and managed two hazardous waste management units (HWMUs), Ponds 8 and 9, until November 1994, when all wastewater streams to these HWMUs ceased. In 1996, DTSC agreed with the closure of the Ponds 8 and 9 which provided short-term storage of excess storm water during wet-weather conditions. The Tesoro Refining and Marketing Corporation purchased the Facility from Shell on May 11, 2007.

Project Activities:

Ponds 8 and 9 were closed in 1996 and were filled with clean soil and covered with concrete and asphalt based on use. All closure activities have been completed and all hazardous wastes have been removed from the surface impoundments. Since that time, there has been no placement of hazardous wastes in Ponds 8 and 9. An 80,000-barrel capacity storm

water holding was built over the Pond 9 area to replace the capacity lost after the ponds were covered. Post-closure groundwater monitoring in the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) point of compliance wells has been conducted between 2002 and 2017 for five rounds of sampling and analysis. Additionally, groundwater monitoring has been conducted quarterly since February 1993 for constituents of concern from six RCRA wells, and one additional RCRA well since 2015. The Post-Closure Permit Renewal will allow the Facility to continue the current operations of groundwater monitoring and general maintenance to the closed HWMUs.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Toxic Substances Control

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Kateri A. Luka - Remediation Program Manager for Tesoro Refining and Marketing Company

Exempt Status: Categorical Exemption - Existing Facilities [Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15301]

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: The permit renewal will not result in any physical changes to the Facility. The permit renewal will not result in any expansion of the existing use of the Facility and will not create any impacts upon the environment. No operational changes will occur as a result of this permit renewal. With certainty, there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment. This permit renewal consists of the operation, repairs, and maintenance of an existing structure with no expansion of use.

The administrative record for this project is available to the public by appointment at the following location:

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