

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION (NOD)

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in Compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code

22LUP-00000-00517	California Lease Soil Remediation	23NGD-00003
Project Number	Project Title	EIR or ND Number

2023110376	County of Santa Barbara, Planning and Development Department	(805) 568-2000
State Clearinghouse Number	Lead Agency	Area Code/Telephone

PROJECT APPLICANT: California Resources Corporation ATTN: Zachary Dransoff

PROJECT LOCATION: 6525 Dominion Road in Santa Maria, Santa Barbara County.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project is for a Land Use Permit to implement remedial actions described in the Remedial Action Work Plan dated July 2021 prepared by Langan Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc. for parts of the CAL Lease in the North Cat Canyon Oil Field. The site contains inactive and abandoned oil wells and associated infrastructure but is currently used for cattle grazing and cultivation of hay and vineyards. Site investigations between 2000 and 2020 identified elevated concentrations of total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH) and associated volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) in approximately 4,926 cubic yards soil and perched water surrounding former diluent pipelines in three areas: A5-01, B5-02/B5-03, and B6-03. The project proposes excavation and disposal of approximately 4,306 cubic yards of impacted soil at these three locations, soil sampling to confirm achievement of the site-specific cleanup goals, backfilling of the excavation areas with approximately 4,306 cubic yards (cy) of imported clean fill, and restoration of the disturbed areas. Excavated soil will be stockpiled on plastic sheeting in the staging areas until disposal offsite. Three tree exclusion zones (TEZ-1, TEZ-2, and TEZ-3) and two depth exclusion zones (DEZ-1 and DEZ-2) are proposed to protect the riparian and oak tree habitat and reduce excavation instability. The impacted soil to be left in the exclusion zones will be managed beneath a cover of clean fill and native vegetation. Temporary erosion and sediment controls will be installed and maintained during earth disturbance activities. The following table provides the quantities of impacted soil to be removed at each site:

Area	Contaminated Volume	Depth of Contamination	Remove Volume	Depth Removal
A5-01	2,572 CY	34'	2,195 CY	25'
B5-02/B5-03	2,351 CY	28'	2,108 CY	25'
B6-03	3 CY	1'	3 CY	1'
TOTAL	4,926 CY	34'	4,306 CY (87.4%)	25'

Once the excavations are backfilled with clean earth material, well pads associated with previously abandoned wells 40, 50, and 89 and all disturbed areas will be recontoured to resemble the natural topography and erosion and sediment controls will be applied to the ground surface, including hydromulch and dispersal of native seeds. Dewatering activities may also be conducted if perched groundwater is encountered in the excavations. Additionally, if perched groundwater is encountered, at least one groundwater monitoring well will be installed at each of the three remediation areas between 7.5 and 33 feet deep to monitor constituents to determine if they are stable or decreasing. Once groundwater monitoring is complete, the wells will be abandoned.

Existing oil field roads and historical well pads within the CAL Lease and adjacent United California Lease (UCAL Lease) will be used as access to the work areas and for temporary staging and stockpiling of equipment and materials. Approximately 2.59 acres of previously developed areas will be used for equipment storage and soil stockpile at locations 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7. Approximately 300 truck trips are expected to be made for export soil and 300 truck trips for import soil. There would be an average of about 10 truck trips per day, with a peak of about 50 truck trips per day. Grading includes approximately 9,598 cy of cut and fill material. The export material will be disposed of as Non-Hazardous Hydrocarbon Impacted Soil at a California Licensed waste disposal facility. The property is a 537.84-acre parcel zoned AG-II-100 and shown as Assessor's Parcel Numbers 129-180-018 & 129-180-038, Santa Maria Valley Area, Fourth Supervisorial District.

This is to advise that the County Director approved the above described project on December 19, 2023, and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The project will will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the Provisions of CEQA.
 A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was was not] adopted for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings were were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
7. The project did did not] require discretionary approval from a state agency.

This is to certify that the final Negative Declaration with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the General Public at:

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