

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: [x] Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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[x] County Clerk
County of: Los Angeles
12400 Imperial Highway, Room 2001
Norwalk, CA 90650

From: (Public Agency): County of Los Angeles
Department of Public Works-Transportation Planning & Programs Div
900 S. Fremont Ave, Alhambra, CA 91803

(Address)

Project Title: Ordinance to Grant a Proprietary Industrial Gas Pipeline Franchise to Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.

Project Applicant: County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works

Project Location - Specific:
As depicted on the attached Exhibit Map.

Project Location - City: Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

On October 24, 2023, the County of Los Angeles (County) Board of Supervisors (Board) approved an ordinance granting a proprietary industrial gas pipeline franchise to Air Products and Chemicals, Inc., a Delaware corporation (Franchisee), to operate and maintain its industrial gas pipeline system in the same manner as that system existed and was operated at the time of the operative date of this ordinance, for a period of five years, beginning on November 23, 2023 and expiring on November 22, 2028. Adoption of the ordinance allows Franchisee to continue to operate and maintain its pipes and pipelines to provide continuous proprietary industrial gas services to unincorporated County areas and obligates Franchisee to comply with the terms of the franchise.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Los Angeles

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Los Angeles County Public Works

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: CEQA Guidelines, § 15061, subd. (b)(3)
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:



Reasons why project is exempt:

It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that adoption of the ordinance may have a significant effect on the environment pursuant to section 15061, subdivision (b)(3), of the State CEQA Guidelines. The ordinance is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Approval of the grant of franchise to allow Franchisee to operate and maintain its pipes and pipelines existing and in the same manner as of the operative date of this ordinance is exempt under this common-sense exemption because it does not approve any general or specific activity not currently in operation. The recommended actions to allow the continued operation and maintenance of Franchisee's existing industrial gas pipeline system are also within a class of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in section 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines. In addition, based on the record, the recommended actions will comply with all applicable regulations; they are not in a sensitive environment; and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, damage to scenic highways, or listing on hazardous waste site lists compiled pursuant to Government Code, section 65962.5; or indications that they may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource that would make the exemption inapplicable.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Hank Fung Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 626-458-3936

If filed by applicant:

- 1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? [x] Yes [] No

Signature: Hank Fung Date: 01/16/2024 Title: Senior Civil Engineer

- [x] Signed by Lead Agency [] Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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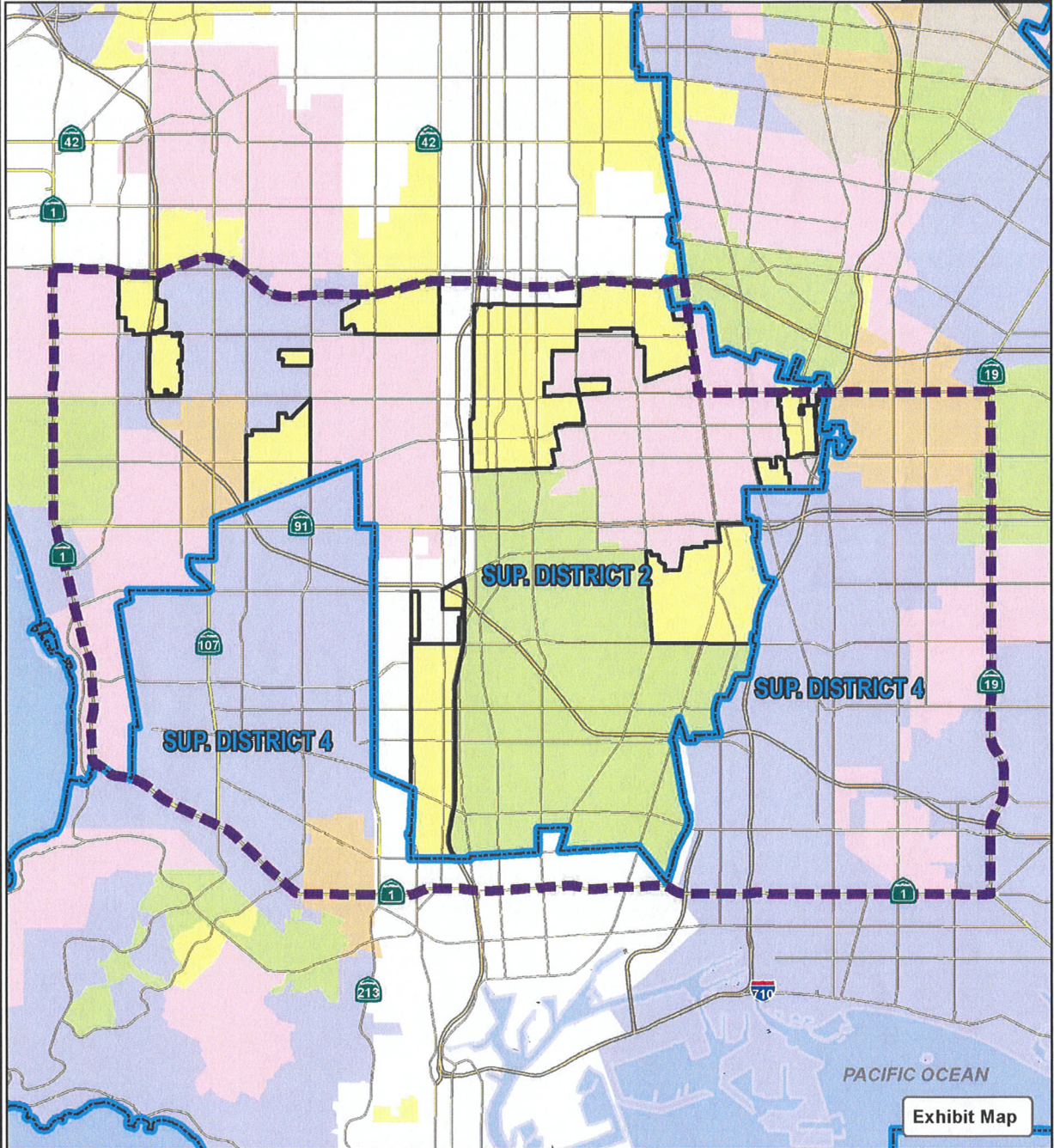


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Dean C. Logan, Registrar - Recorder/County Clerk

Electronically signed by CARINA CHEN

Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. Proprietary Industry Gas Pipeline



- Franchise Boundary
- Supervisorial District
- Unincorporated County Area

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DATE: Dec 29, 2022 Mapping & GIS Services, SMPM (MTHONG)

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