

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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From: Port of Long Beach
Environmental Planning Division
415 West Ocean Boulevard
Long Beach, California 90802

Project Title: Geotechnical Investigation – Harbor Development Permit No. 23-072
Project Applicant: Port of Long Beach
Project Location – Specific: Pier F, Berth F206; Harbor District 8 – Southeast Harbor
Project Location – City: Long Beach, California **Project Location – County:** Los Angeles County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Geotechnical field investigation to evaluate existing sinkholes within the pavement consisting of 12 to 22 Cone Penetration Test (CPT) soundings, 6 to 8 shallow borings, and excavating three shallow pits (approx. 2-feet (W) x 2-feet (L) x 3-feet (D)).

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Port of Long Beach
Name of Person or Agency Carrying out Project: Port of Long Beach

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial Exemption [Section 21080(b)(1); 15268];
- Declared Emergency (Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project [Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)]
- Categorical Exemption.

State type and section number: Section 15304 Minor Alterations to Land and 15306 Information Collection

- Statutory Exemption.
State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

Section 15304 Minor Alterations to Land (Class 4): The Class 4 Categorical Exemption consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. Examples include, but are not limited to: (f) trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored. The project involves CPT soundings, borings, and excavation of three shallow pits where it will be backfilled and the surface restored.

Section 15306 (Information Collection) (Class 6): The Class 6 Categorical Exemption consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. The project involves performing a geotechnical field investigation (CPT sounds, borings, and shallow pits) to evaluate sinkholes which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

The Port has determined that none of the exceptions to the exemptions in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15300.2 foreclose the use of the categorical exemption CEQA Guidelines Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land) and Section 15306 (Information Collection); therefore the Project is exempt from CEQA and no further environmental review is required.

Section 15304(f) Minor Alterations to Land (Class 4): The Class 4 Exemption consists of minor public and private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. Further, Section (f) includes minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored. The Project requires the automation of an existing chain link vehicular gate where trenching of asphalt will be required; these areas will be backfilled with the surface restored to match the surrounding area.


The Port has determined that none of the exceptions to the exemptions in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15300.2 foreclose the use of the categorical exemption CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities), Section 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction), and Section 15304(f) (Minor Alterations to Land); therefore the Project is exempt from CEQA and no further environmental review is required.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Emily Le **Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** (562) 283-7100

If filed by applicant:

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

Signature:  **Date:** 1/10/24 **Title:** Director of Environmental Planning

Matthew Arms

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.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____