

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO: Contra Costa County
County Clerk-Recorder
555 Escobar Street
Martinez, CA 94553**

**FROM: Bay Area Air Quality Management District
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San Francisco, CA 94105
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SUBJECT: FILING OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO CEQA § 21152(b) AND CEQA GUIDELINES §§ 15062

Project Title: TRANSMONTAIGNE OPERATING COMPANY LP – ISSUANCE OF AN AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT TO MODIFY STORAGE TANK SOURCES S-14, S-15, AND S-16 (AIR DISTRICT APPLICATION 31761)

Public Agency Approving Project (Lead Agency): Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Air District); Christopher Ablaza, Air Quality Engineer; 375 Beale Street, Suite 600; San Francisco, CA 94105; Telephone: (415) 749-5139, cablaza@baaqmd.gov

Project Applicant and Entity Carrying Out Project: TransMontaigne Operating Company LP (TransMontaigne)

Project Applicant Contact Person: Dirk Wold, Air Quality Compliance Manager, TransMontaigne, Telephone: (303) 860-5128; dwold@transmontaigne.com

Project Applicant Address: 1670 Broadway, Suite 3100; Denver, Colorado 80202

Project Location: 2801 Waterfront Road, Martinez, **Contra Costa County**, CA, 94553; nearest cross street is Waterbird Way

Project Description: This permit action is to issue an Authority to Construct to modify the following equipment from:

Source 14	External Floating Roof Tank 100-38, 21,000,000 Gallon Capacity
To	Domed External Floating Roof Tank 100-38, 21,000,000 Gallon Capacity
Source 15	External Floating Roof Tank 100-45, 21,000,000 Gallon Capacity
To	Domed External Floating Roof Tank 100-45, 21,000,000 Gallon Capacity
Source 16	External Floating Roof Tank 100-44, 21,000,000 Gallon Capacity
To	Domed External Floating Roof Tank 100-44, 21,000,000 Gallon Capacity


TransMontaigne proposes to convert the existing external floating roof tanks at Sources S-14, S-15, and S-16 to domed external floating roofs. Sources S-14, S-15, and S-16 are currently permitted to store crude oil, bunker (C) fuel oil, gas oil, and reformates. In addition to adding a domed roof, TransMontaigne is also requesting to store the following additional products: gasoline, California Reformulated Blendstock for Oxygenate Blending (CARBOB) gasoline blendstock, diesel fuel, high sulfur vacuum gas oil (VGO), and low sulfur VGO. Each external floating roof will be equipped with a domed roof, a mechanical shoe primary seal, and a rim-mounted secondary seal.

Finding of and Citation to Basis for Exemption:

The Air District has determined that this permit action is exempt from CEQA: (i) because the project involves only a minor alteration to an existing facility subject to the "Class 1" categorical exemption with no or negligible expansion of existing or former use (CEQA Guidelines § 15301).

Reasons for Exemption:

The Air District's permit action is exempt because it permits an existing use and does not authorize any expansion of that existing use. The existing use of the facility is a gasoline bulk terminal. The three sources of this application are existing storage tanks storing hydrocarbon materials and will continue to be in this service. The doming of the tanks is considered air pollution control equipment designed to reduce air pollution emissions. The applicant has also provided in the permit application CEQA-related information (CEQA Appendix H) that demonstrates that the project has no potential for resulting in any additional or different environmental impacts beyond what is already entailed in the applicant's existing use of the source. In making the determination that this application is categorically exempt: 1) the Air District reviewed the CEQA-related information from the applicant (Regulation 2-1-426-1) indicating that there is no potential for a significant adverse environmental impact from the project; 2) a formal health risk assessment was approved by the Air District; and 3) the Air District determined there are no unusual circumstances, or that the cumulative impacts from successive projects of the same type in the same place do not result in significant adverse environmental impacts.



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Date