

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FROM THE
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)**

To: Governor's Office of Planning and Research - State Clearinghouse 1400 Tenth St, Suite 222 Sacramento, CA 95814-5502	From: South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) 21865 Copley Drive Diamond Bar, CA 91765
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Project Title/Facility Name: Bright Canyon Energy (BCE) Seal Beach, LLC Emergency Standby Internal Combustion Engine Project

Project Proponent/Applicant: BCE Seal Beach, LLC **South Coast AQMD Facility ID Number:** 200801

Project/Equipment Location: 800 Seal Beach Boulevard, Seal Beach, CA 90740

Los Angeles County Orange County Riverside County San Bernardino County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: BCE Seal Beach, LLC submitted applications (A/Ns 646751, 646752, and 646753) seeking Permits to Construct/Operate for three emergency internal combustion engines (ICEs), respectively from the South Coast AQMD. Each emergency ICE will be limited to operate up to a maximum 200 hours per year total for conducting maintenance and testing, and to provide electricity to the facility in the event of a loss of grid power or up to 30 minutes prior to a rotating outage.

Date of Project Approval/Permit Issue Date: November 2, 2023	Permit to Construct/Operate Numbers: G74024, G74025, and G74026
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Public Agency Approving Project: South Coast AQMD	Applicant or Person Carrying Out Project: BCE Seal Beach, LLC (Facility ID Number 200801)
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Exempt Status: CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) – Common Sense Exemption

Reasons why project is exempt: The South Coast AQMD has reviewed the proposed project, including the applications and supplemental materials provided by the project proponent, pursuant to: 1) CEQA Guidelines Section 15002(k) – General Concepts, the three-step process for deciding which document to prepare for a project subject to CEQA; and 2) CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 – Review for Exemption, procedures for determining if a project is exempt from CEQA. The review determined that no significant environmental impacts are expected to occur during construction or operation of the three emergency ICEs. Thus, it can be seen with certainty that implementing the proposed project would not cause a significant adverse effect on the environment. Therefore, the proposed project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) – Common Sense Exemption.

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Date Received for Filing: _____

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