State of California Natural Resources Agency / Department of Conservation GEOLOGIC ENERGY MANAGEMENT DIVISION

California Environmental Quality Act Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: UIC THUMS 082023-002

Project Applicant: THUMS Long Beach Co.

Project Location: Wilmington oilfield; 17/05S/12W/SB; 33.74031067, -118.16215515

Project Description:

The project consists of reworking an existing oil production well by running an inner liner. Various mobile temporary equipment will be used including, but not limited to, drilling rig, workover rig, etc., and vehicles to transport personnel and materials to/from the site. There will not be new ground surface disturbance associated with this project. No permanent facilities will be constructed, and no expansion of associated facilities will be required.

CalGEM has approved permits for THUMS Long Beach Co. to rework the oil and gas well listed below, in the Wilmington oilfield.

API#	Well Name
0423722850	D-446

Exempt Status: As the Lead Agency, CalGEM has determined that the proposed project is exempt from further environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to the specified exemptions marked in the section below. CalGEM further finds that the proposed project would not result in a significant adverse impact to the environment, or that any of the exceptions to the application of the exemptions apply (14 CCR § 15300.2).

Exemption Type			Statute (PRC)	Regulation (14 CCR)	
Statutory Exemption:					
		Ongoing Project (pre-CEQA approval on April 5, 1973)	21169	15261 (b)	
		Ministerial	21080 (b)(1)	15268	
		Declared Emergency	21080 (b)(3)	15269 (a)	

		Emergency Projects	21080 (b)(4)	15269 (b) or (c)	
\square	Categ	orical Exemption:	21084		
	$\overline{\mathbf{V}}$	Class 1: Existing Facilities		15301	1684.1
	$ \overline{\mathbf{A}} $	Class 2: Replacement or Reconstruction		15302	
		Class 3: New Construction/Conversion of Small Structures		15303	
	$ \overline{\mathbf{A}} $	Class 4: Minor Alterations to Land		15304	1684.2
		Class 7: Protection of Natural Resources		15307	
		Class 8: Protection of the Environment		15308	
		Class 11: Accessory Structures		15311	
		Class 21: Enforcement Actions to revoke a permit		15321	
		Class 30: Minor Actions to Prevent, Minimize, Stabilize, Mitigate, or Eliminate a Release (Actual or Threat) of Hazardous Substances (Waste or Material)		15330	
		Class 33: Small Habitat Restoration Projects		15333	
	Gene	ral Exemption ("common sense")		15061 (b)(3)	
	Not a	"Project" subject to CEQA		15378 (b)(2)	
CEQA Exceptions to the Exemptions (14 CCR 15300.2): where project is located (e.g. sensitive environment); Cumulative Impact; Significant Effect due to Unusual Circumstances; Scenic Highways; Hazardous Waste Sites; Historical Resources.					

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: The basis for CalGEM's determination that the project is exempt from the requirements of CEQA is provided in the brief explanation below.

Class 1 – Existing Facilities: The project is categorically exempt from CEQA under the "Class 1" (14 CCR § 15301) exemption per the CEQA Guidelines because the proposed project is a minor alteration of the existing well and does not include modifications or changes to the existing use. The well is and will remain an oil production well and will generally have the same production capacity. The proposed project involves replacing a liner in an existing well on an existing offshore well pad. The operator indicates that no permanent facilities would be constructed, and the project would not involve any new ground surface disturbance, including no new roads or other corridors. CalGEM engineer has confirmed that the proposed work is within the scope of the UIC projects 849-48-001, 849-45-001, and 849-42-001. Therefore, there is no expansion of use beyond that previously existing.

Class 2 – Replacement or Reconstruction: The project is categorically exempt from CEQA under the "Class 2" (14 CCR § 15302) exemption per the CEQA Guidelines because the proposed project is a replacement of a liner to restore an oil well to production. This replacement would take place on an existing wellpad and would restore the well to its existing and authorized production capacity. The proposed work is within the scope of the UIC projects 849-48-001, 849-45-001, and 849-42-001.

Class 4 – Minor Alterations to Land: The project is categorically exempt from CEQA under the "Class 4" (14 CCR § 15304) exemption per the CEQA Guidelines because the project is a minor alteration to an existing well that would have negligible or no permanent effects to the existing condition of the land, water, air, and/or vegetation. The project will take place on an existing well

pad and does not involve the construction of permanent facilities, the expansion of existing facilities, or the disturbance of ground surface. In addition, there is no evidence that the proposed project may result in significant impacts to biological resources or their habitat.

Exceptions to Exemptions:

The Division further finds that there are no exceptions to the otherwise-applicable categorical exemptions (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300.2 (c)). There is no substantial evidence that there are any "unusual circumstances" associated with the proposed project that create a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment, and that there are no significant "cumulative impacts" resulting from successive projects of the same type in the same place. Therefore, reliance on these exemptions is appropriate.

Consistent with the purposes of Public Resources Code § 3250 et seq and the documentation available for the preliminary review, the proposed project will benefit the environment. In addition, the work under the contracts and any resulting impacts will be temporary in duration. Therefore, the project can be considered exempt from the need for full CEQA review.

A copy of this NOE (as required by 14 CCR § 15062(a)) and all other related materials are available for public inspection at CalGEM's CEQA Program, located at 715 P Street, 18th floor, Sacramento, CA 95814; or an electronic copy of these documents may also be accessed online at the State Clearinghouse: https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov

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