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 GEOLOGIC ENERGY MANAGEMENT DIVISION

**California Environmental Quality Act
 Notice of Exemption**

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Project Title: UIC THUMS 082023-003

Project Applicant: THUMS Long Beach Co.

Project Location: Wilmington oilfield; 08/05S/12W/SB; 33.75226974, -118.15860748

Project Description:

The project consists of reworking an existing oil production well by perforating a scab liner, placing cement plugs, perforating casing, and running a gravel pack. No permanent facilities will be constructed, and no expansion of associated facilities will be required. 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.

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 |
|------------|-----------|
| 0423723338 | B-334 |

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) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Statutory Exemption: | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing Project (<i>pre-CEQA approval on April 5, 1973</i>) | 21169 | 15261 (b) |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial | 21080 (b)(1) | 15268 |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Declared Emergency | 21080 (b)(3) | 15269 (a) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Emergency Projects | 21080 (b)(4) | 15269 (b) or (c) | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Categorical Exemption: | 21084 | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Class 1: Existing Facilities | | 15301 | 1684.1 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Class 2: Replacement or Reconstruction | | 15302 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Class 3: New Construction/Conversion of Small Structures | | 15303 | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Class 4: Minor Alterations to Land | | 15304 | 1684.2 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Class 7: Protection of Natural Resources | | 15307 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Class 8: Protection of the Environment | | 15308 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Class 11: Accessory Structures | | 15311 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Class 21: Enforcement Actions to revoke a permit | | 15321 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Class 30: Minor Actions to Prevent, Minimize, Stabilize, Mitigate, or Eliminate a Release (Actual or Threat) of Hazardous Substances (Waste or Material) | | 15330 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Class 33: Small Habitat Restoration Projects | | 15333 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | General Exemption (“common sense”) | | 15061 (b)(3) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 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 this rework could be considered maintenance of the well in order to ensure continued operation by replacing existing, similar equipment (liners, etc.). Specifically, the purpose of the rework is to conduct maintenance to ensure continued operations. The use of the well and capacity of the operation is limited by the existing permits for UIC projects 849-45-001 and 849-48-001 and engineering summary indicates the proposed work is within the scope of those approvals.

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 this is a rework that only involves replacing similar existing equipment and structures (perforations) of an existing production well and does not propose changes to the structure of the well (the wellbore). The location of the well will not change, nor will the purpose of the well, which is production. After the rework, the well will have substantially the same capacity. The use of the well and capacity of the operation is limited by the existing permits for UIC projects 849-45-001 and 849-48-001 and engineering summary indicates the proposed work is within the scope of those approvals.

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 would be conducted entirely on an existing pad of sufficient space enough to contain all equipment and existing roads to the pad would be utilized with no new disturbance. No impacts to biological

