

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**To:** County of Los Angeles  
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**From:** Port of Long Beach  
Environmental Planning Division  
415 West Ocean Boulevard  
Long Beach, California 90802

**Project Title:** Building Demolition and Office Renovation – Harbor Development Permit No. 24-021  
**State Clearinghouse No:**  
**Project Applicant:** Space Exploration Technologies Corp (SpaceX)  
**Project Location – Specific:** 2980 Nimitz Road; Harbor Planning District 4 – Terminal Island  
**Project Location – City:** Long Beach, California **Project Location – County:** Los Angeles County

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:**

Demolition of four metal buildings (Buildings 7, 8, 9, and 10); Asphalt leveling of areas adjacent to existing parking lot; Installation of up to 15 electric vehicle charging stations in existing parking lot; Renovation of interior offices and bathroom in Building 4 involving: Installation of three windows, one bathroom stall, removal of two masonry walls and a moveable partition wall, painting, lighting, flooring, structural decking, ceiling repairs, and fixture replacements.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Port of Long Beach  
**Name of Person or Agency Carrying out Project:** Space Exploration Technologies Corp.

**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 15301 Existing Facilities, Section 15302 Replacement or Reconstruction, and Section 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures*

- Statutory Exemption.  
*State code number:*

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

Section 15301 Existing Facilities (Class 1): The Class 1 Categorical Exemption consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. Examples include, but are not limited to: (a) interior or exterior alterations involving such things as interior partitions, plumbing, and electrical conveyances and (l) demolition and removal of individual small structures listed. The project involves interior and exterior alterations and renovations including: installation of three windows and a bathroom stall, removal of two masonry walls and a moveable partition wall, painting, lighting, flooring, structural decking, ceiling repairs, and fixture replacements. The project also involves demolition and removal of accessory (appurtenant) structures including four metal sheds, each approximately 4,000 square feet in size. Therefore, the project involves negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

Section 15302 Replacement or Reconstruction (Class 2): The Class 2 Categorical Exemption consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. The project involves the replacement of lighting, bathroom fixtures, flooring, sprinkler heads, and a fire alarm panel that will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced.

Section 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (Class 3): The Class 3 Categorical Exemption consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. The project involves the installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures including EV charging stations and a parking lot.

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 Categorical Exemption CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities), 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction), and Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures); therefore, the Project is exempt from CEQA and no further environmental review is required.

**Lead Agency**

**Contact Person:** Alyssa Rodriguez

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**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:** \_\_\_\_\_

James Vernon

**Date:** 6/10/24

**Title:** Acting Director of Environmental Planning

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: \_\_\_\_\_