

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: Potholing and Boring Exploration – Harbor Development Permit No. 24-031
State Clearinghouse No:
Project Applicant: Port of Long Beach
Project Location – Specific: 725 Harbor Plaza; Harbor Planning District 8 – Southeast Harbor
Project Location – City: Long Beach, California **Project Location – County:** Los Angeles County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Potholing and Boring Exploration to inform the design of future Field Support Office: (a) Up to ten (10) potholes of 1-foot diameter by 1-foot depth; (b) Up to six (6) soil borings of 2.25-inch diameter by 5-feet depth; (c) Up to two (2) soil gas borings of 2.25-inch diameter by 5-feet depth; (d) Up to one (1) percolation test of 4-inch in diameter by 5-feet depth; Up to two (2) cone penetration tests of 2-inch diameter by 100-feet depth.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Port of Long Beach
Name of Person or Agency Carrying out Project: Port of Long Beach

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 15306 Information Collection and Section 15304 Minor Alterations to Land

- Statutory Exemption.
State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

Section 15306 Information Collection (Class 6): The Class 6 Categorical Exemption consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. The Project involves performing potholes, soil borings, soil gas borings, a percolation test, and cone penetration tests to inspect assets below grade which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

Section 15304 Minor Alterations to Land (Class 4): The Class 4 Categorical Exemption consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes and backfilling where the surface is restored. The Project involves performing potholes, soil borings, soil gas borings, a percolation test, and cone penetration tests and backfilling where the surface will be restored.

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 15306 (Information Collection) and 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land); therefore the Project is exempt from CEQA and no further environmental review is required.

Lead Agency

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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

Note: Director of Environmental Planning's electronic signature below reflects that they have reviewed and approved this Notice of Exemption and is authorizing the Manager of CEQA/NEPA Practices to sign on their behalf, the Official Notice of Exemption to be filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk, which requires a wet signature. (This note will be removed prior to filing the Official Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk).

Signature:  **Date:** 7/8/2024 **Title:** Managing Director, Planning & Environmental Affairs
Heather Tomley
 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: _____