



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: County of Los Angeles
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12400 Imperial Highway,
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Norwalk, California 90650

From: Port of Long Beach
Environmental Planning Division
415 West Ocean Boulevard
Long Beach, California 90802

Project Title: Joint Revocable Permit – Los Angeles MTA Phase II Environmental Site Assessment
State Clearinghouse No.:
Project Location – City: Bell, Cudahy, Huntington Park, South Gate, Downey, Paramount, and Artesia
Project Location – County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: The Board of Harbor Commissioners approved a Joint Revocable Permit with Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) to allow for a supplemental phase II environmental site assessment on Joint Ports’ right-of-way (formerly known as the UPRR (Union Pacific Railroad) San Pedro Branch), from the intersection of the UPRR La Habra Branch (Randolph St.) in Huntington Park to the intersection with MTA’s right-of-way (former Pacific Electric Line) immediately north of Rosecrans Avenue in Paramount to support the design of the Southeast Gateway Line Project. Soil samples will be collected by hand auger and/or direct push technique with borings backfilled with excavated soil and/or bentonite pellets. This agreement will be effective upon execution by all parties and is revocable by any party upon sixty (60) days’ written notice to the other parties.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Port of Long Beach and Port of Los Angeles
Name of Person or Agency Carrying out Project: Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

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: 15306 (Information Collection)
- Statutory Exemption.
State code number:
- Common Sense Exemption (Section 15061(b)(3))

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 includes a supplemental phase II environmental site assessment to analyze soil conditions to support the design of the Southeast Gateway Line Project and does not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

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 the categorical exemption CEQA Guidelines Section 15306 (Information Collection); 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

Signature:


Renee Moilanen

Date:

7/24/21

Title:

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

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____