

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

**Project Title:** Hydrogen Fueling Station – Harbor Development Permit No. 24-026  
**State Clearinghouse No:**  
**Project Applicant:** SSA Marine  
**Project Location – Specific:** 1521 Pier C Street; Harbor District 2 – Northeast Harbor  
**Project Location – City:** Long Beach, California **Project Location – County:** Los Angeles County

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

Installation of a skid-mounted Liquid-to-Liquid Hydrogen Fueling Station to store and dispense metered liquid hydrogen (LH) into onboard LH vehicle tanks for top pick container handlers. The project involves the installation of a 60-foot x 20-foot skid on the new 4,730 square-foot concrete pad with a (1,300 kilogram (kg) / 6,000 gallon tank) liquid hydrogen tank surrounded by approximately 50 bollards with 6-foot spacing between them. Approximately 100 feet (L) will be trenched from a nearby light pole to a skid power panel, hydrogen dispenser, hydrogen pumps, and a hydrogen “control room.” The Control Room is a covered area for a fueling technician to monitor physical parameters during fuel transfer, storage, and dispensing (such as flow rates, volumes, pressure, tank levels, and dispenser interlocks) and readings from safety instrumentation (such as gas and flame leak detection systems).

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

### 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 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures, Section 15304 Minor Alterations to Land, and Section 15311 Accessory Structures*

- Statutory Exemption.  
*State code number:*

### Reasons why project is exempt:

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 proposed project consists of installation of small new equipment, including hydrogen storage and dispensing equipment, to store and dispense metered LH into onboard LH vehicle tanks for top pick container handlers.

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. Examples include, but are not limited to: (f) trenching and backfilling

where the surface is restored. The Project involves minimal trenching to connect storage to dispensing equipment which will be backfilled and where the surface is restored.

Section 15311 Accessory Structures (Class 11): The Class 11 Categorical Exemption consists of construction, or placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities. The Project involves installation of a LH storage tank and dispensing equipment that is accessory to an existing container cargo facility.

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 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land), and Section 15311 (Accessory Structures). Therefore, the Project is exempt from CEQA and no further environmental review is required.

**Lead Agency**

**Contact Person:** Jennifer Blanchard

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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:**



**Date:** 10/14/24

**Title:** Director of Environmental Planning

Renee Moilanen

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: \_\_\_\_\_