

CEQA Notice of Exemption

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Exemption Number: SE-25-006

Project Title (Application Number): Long Beach Unit Annual Plan (July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026) and Program Plan (July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2030)

Project Location – Specific: Long Beach Unit portion of the Wilmington Oil Field

Project Location – City/County: **City of Long Beach, Los Angeles County, California**

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Recommendation to adopt and submit to State Lands Commission the Long Beach Unit Annual Plan (July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026) and Program Plan (July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2030) and find the action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act as set forth in the discussion herein. (Citywide)

Public Agency Approving Project: **City of Long Beach, California**

Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Long Beach Energy Resources

Exempt Status: **(Check One)**

Ministerial (Sec 21080(b)(1); 15268);

Declared Emergency (Sec 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));

Emergency Project (Sec 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));

Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15301, Existing Facilities

Statutory Exemption. State code number: 15261, Ongoing Project

Reasons why project is exempt:

The ongoing operation of oil production from the Long Beach Unit predates CEQA. The Program and Annual Plans are a normal and intrinsic part of the ongoing operation of Long Beach Unit and remain within the scope of the pre-CEQA original project. The Program and Annual Plans address the ongoing operation of continuous drilling, re-drilling, and reworking, using the same wells on the same islands. Therefore, the Program and Annual Plans are statutorily exempt from CEQA, pursuant to the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15261. Since 1969, oil production from the Long Beach Unit has continued but declined naturally over time. Neither the Program Plan nor the development activities described within it expand or modify the underlying activity that was approved previously, and prior to CEQA. While the plans are statutorily exempt, as summarized above, acceptance of the plans for ongoing operation of continuous drilling, re-drilling, and reworking, using the same wells on the same islands, would also be subject to Section 15301 of CEQA for Existing Facilities. The plans consist of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, 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. There would be no increase in production, no net increase in the number of wells (reworking and re-drilling), no expansion of footprint of field, no new islands, and an operational budget similar/lower to previous plans. Further, there is no reasonable possibility that the plans will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances pursuant to 14 Cal. Code of Regulations section 15300.2, because no such unusual circumstances are present. Therefore, review of the Program Plan and Annual Plan are further categorically exempt as pertaining to existing facilities, pursuant to the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15301.

Lead Agency

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