

State of California  
 Natural Resources Agency / Department of Conservation  
 GEOLOGIC ENERGY MANAGEMENT DIVISION

## California Environmental Quality Act Notice of Exemption

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**Project Title:** 641660\_PNA\_THUMS\_O&G

**Project Applicant:** THUMS Long Beach Co (THUMS)

**Project Location:** Los Angeles County, Wilmington; 13/05S/13W/SB; Latitude 33.74430466,  
 Longitude -118.19055176

**Project Description:** The proposed project would rework and partially abandon an existing oil and gas well, idle since November 2005, and located on Pier J – Site 4, within the Port of Long Beach. The rework and abandonment entails removing existing equipment, cleaning the well out as deep as possible, and plugging the well with cement. The well will be completely abandoned to surface when the islands are decommissioned. The rework consists of removing existing equipment, cleaning the well out as deep as possible, and plugging the well with cement to a predetermined depth. Temporary equipment such as pumps and return bins may be needed. No production facilities and no new ground surface disturbance will be associated with this project. Any waste materials will be properly disposed of in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.

The proposed project consists of the California Department of Conservation, Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM) approving one permit for THUMS Long Beach Co (THUMS) to abandon the well listed below, in the Wilmington Oil Field.

| API #      | Well Name |
|------------|-----------|
| 0403700119 | J-449     |

**Exempt Status:** As the Lead Agency, CalGEM has determined that the proposed project is exempt from full environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to the specified exemptions marked in the section below. CalGEM further finds that the proposed project would not result in a significant adverse impact to the environment, or that any of the exceptions to the application of the exemptions apply (14 CCR § 15300.2).

| Exemption Type  |  | Statute (PRC) | Regulation (14 CCR) |        |
|---|--|---------------|---------------------|--------|
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | <b>Statutory Exemption:</b>  |               |                     |        |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing Project ( <i>pre-CEQA approval on April 5, 1973</i> )   | 21169         | 15261 (b)           |        |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial   | 21080 (b)(1)  | 15268               |        |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency  | 21080 (b)(3)  | 15269 (a)           |        |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Projects  | 21080 (b)(4)  | 15269 (b) or (c)    |        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   | <b>Categorical Exemption:</b>  | 21084         |                     |        |
|   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Class 1:</b> Existing Facilities  |               | 15301               | 1684.1 |
|   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Class 2:</b> Replacement or Reconstruction  |               | 15302               |        |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Class 3:</b> New Construction/Conversion of Small Structures   |               | 15303               |        |
|   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Class 4:</b> Minor Alterations to Land  |               | 15304               | 1684.2 |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Class 7:</b> Protection of Natural Resources   |               | 15307               |        |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Class 8:</b> Protection of the Environment   |               | 15308               |        |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Class 11:</b> Accessory Structures   |               | 15311               |        |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Class 21:</b> Enforcement Actions to revoke a permit   |               | 15321               |        |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Class 30:</b> Minor Actions to Prevent, Minimize, Stabilize, Mitigate, or Eliminate a Release (Actual or Threat) of Hazardous Substances (Waste or Material) |               | 15330               |        |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Class 33:</b> Small Habitat Restoration Projects   |               | 15333               |        |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | <b>General Exemption</b> ("common sense")  |               | 15061 (b)(3)        |        |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | <b>Not a "Project" subject to CEQA</b>   |               | 15378 (b)(2)        |        |
| <p><b>CEQA Exceptions to the Exemptions (14 CCR § 15300.2):</b> where project is located (e.g., sensitive environment); Cumulative Impact; Significant Effect due to Unusual Circumstances; Scenic Highways; Hazardous Waste Sites; Historical Resources.</p> |  |               |                     |        |

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:** The basis for CalGEM's determination that the project is exempt from the requirements of CEQA is provided in the brief explanation below.

**Class 1, Existing Facilities (14 CCR §§ 15301, 1684.1):**

Class 1 applies to the "operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration" of existing facilities involving "negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing previously." (§ 1684.1.) The proposed Project is to reconstruct one production well in the Wilmington field. This proposal involves removing existing equipment, cleaning out the well, and plugging with cement to abandon the well. The rework will use temporary equipment, such as a workover rig, confirmed to fit within the existing well pad. This proposed Project is a minor

