

Notice of Exemption

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From: Caltrans District 7, Division of Environmental Planning
100 South Main Street, Suite 100 MS16A
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Project Title: Pothole/Borehole Project

Project Applicant: Caltrans

Project Location - Specific: Interstate 710 at Post Mile (PM) 5.336

Project Location - City: Long Beach Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Port of Long Beach proposes to perform soil and groundwater sampling in accordance with the Soil and Groundwater Investigation Work Plan for the proposed Rail Yard Expansion Project, located within Caltrans right-of-way, as well as to perform traffic control. The proposed sampling work will be conducted using a hand auger with a 6-inch-long by 2-inch-diameter steel sampler, which contains a 6-inch-long by 2-inch-diameter stainless-steel sample sleeve. Each borehole will be abandoned by backfilling with hydrated bentonite chips or cement-bentonite grout within 6 inches of the ground surface. The remainder of the boring will be capped to match the surrounding grade. Excavation will have a maximum depth of 120 inches and a maximum width of 2 inches in diameter. Samples collected at depths exceeding 5 feet below the ground surface (bags) will utilize the direct push methodology, which involves hydraulically advancing a steel probe casing into the soil using a dual-tube sampling system.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Port of Long Beach

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: Class 1
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed project would include minor alterations to existing facilities.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Port of Long Beach Phone number: (562) 283-7100

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: *Christopher Laurel* Date: 04/23/2025 Title: Environmental Scientist

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.