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RE: DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE TERMINAL ISLAND MARITIME SUPPORT FACILITY PROJECT DATED SEPTEMBER 15, 2025, STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER 2023120181

Dear Uriel de los Reyes,

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Terminal Island Maritime Support Facility Project (Project). The proposed Project involves the development and operation of a chassis support facility on an approximately 89-acre site at 740 Terminal Way, San Pedro, CA 90731 at the Port of Los Angeles. The Project would construct and install office trailers, maintenance and repair facilities, chassis stalls, and appurtenant water and electrical infrastructure. The existing vacant Eldridge Street office building (750 Eldridge Street, San Pedro) would also be refurbished to support operations. DTSC recommends and requests consideration of the following comments:

1. The proposed Project is located in the vicinity of the former Long Beach Naval Complex (LBNC). Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substance (PFAS) investigation is ongoing at the former LBNC. Substantial PFAS was detected in the groundwater below the former LBNC. Because fuel tank farm and storage were located at the Project site, testing for PFAS must be included in the Mitigating Measures section.

2. In addition, Naval Air Base was located on Terminal Island. Based on the information available in EnviroStor, ordinance and explosive materials were stored in four separate buildings or sheds along the seaplane lagoon. The site also housed a machine-gun butt and skeet range. DTSC recommends performing additional research on the Naval Air Base boundaries in relation to the Project site. Although it is not anticipated that munitions, munitions debris, or other explosive hazards associated with the Naval Air Base site will be identified within the boundaries of the Project site, DTSC recommends performing additional research on the Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) boundaries in relation to the Project site. Should a suspected military munition be encountered at the Project site:

    a. **Recognize** that munitions are dangerous;
    b. **Retreat** do not approach, touch, move or disturb it, but carefully leave the area; and,
    c. **Report** immediately what you saw and where you saw it to local law enforcement — call 911.

3. The Port of Los Angeles should prepare a health and safety plan for the construction workers protection; transport excavated excess soil for treatment and disposal at an appropriately permitted landfill and not transport soil to a residential development for reuse as fill material.
4. The Port of Los Angeles must follow DTSC advisory for testing imported fill material to prevent a new source of soil contamination. If previously not found underground storage tanks or discolored soil is encountered during grading activities, the Port of Los Angels must notify DTSC. All imported soil/fill material should be tested to assess any contaminants of concern meet screening levels as outlined in DTSC's Preliminary Endangerment Assessment Guidance Manual. Additionally, DTSC advises referencing the DTSC Information Advisory Clean Imported Fill Material Fact Sheet if importing fill is necessary. To minimize the possibility of introducing contaminated soil/fill material there should be documentation of the origins of the soil/fill material and, if applicable, sampling be

conducted to ensure that the imported soil/fill material are suitable for the intended land use. The soil sampling should include analysis based on the source of the fill and knowledge of prior land use. Additional information can be found by visiting DTSC's Human and Ecological Risk Office (HERO) webpage.

DTSC would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the DEIR for the Terminal Island Maritime Support Facility Project. Thank you for your assistance in protecting California's people and environment from the harmful effects of toxic substances. If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact us via our CEQA Review email.

Sincerely,



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