

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**From Lead Agency:** Port of Long Beach  
City of Long Beach Harbor Department  
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**Project Title:** Soil Borings – Harbor Development Permit No. 24-055  
**State Clearinghouse No:**  
**Project Location – Specific:** 1395 Pier J Avenue; Harbor Planning District 8 – Southeast Harbor  
**Project Location – City:** Long Beach, California **Project Location – County:** Los Angeles County

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

Drill nine (9) soil borings to sample groundwater and install soil vapor probes at various depths ranging from 5 feet to 24 feet. Six (6) of the nine borings will be advanced into groundwater.

**Exempt Status:**

- 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 15306 (Class 6. Information Collection) and Section 15304 (Class 4. Minor Alterations to Land)**
- Statutory Exemption. State code number:
- Common Sense Exemption (Section 15061(b)(3))
- Other:

**Reasons why project is exempt:**


Section 15306 Information Collection (Class 6): The Class 6 Categorical Exemption consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. The Project involves nine soil borings to sample groundwater which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

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 and backfilling where the surface is restored. The Project involves drilling soil borings and backfilling where the surface will be restored.

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 15306 (Class 6. Information Collection) and Section 15304 (Class 4. Minor Alterations to Land); therefore the Project is exempt from CEQA and no further environmental review is required.

**Lead Agency**

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Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.