

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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From Lead Agency: Port of Long Beach
City of Long Beach Harbor Department
Environmental Planning Division
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Applicant: Austin Brand, Project Manager
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Project Title: Shiploader Crane Rail Repairs – Harbor Development Permit No 25-028
State Clearinghouse No:
Project Location – Specific: Pier F Berth 210-211; 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:

Excavate concrete approximately 8 inches in depth near the shiploader crane rail to investigate a depression in the rail. Perform repairs to the rail as needed.

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 15301 (Class 1. Existing Facilities) 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 15301 Existing Facilities (Class 1): The Class 1 Categorical Exemption consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, 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. The project involves repairs to an existing rail involving no expansion of existing or former use.

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 excavation to investigate an existing rail 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 15301 (Class 1. Existing Facilities) 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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Signature:  _____ **Date:** 07/10/2025 **Title:** Director of Environmental Planning
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Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.