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**California Environmental Quality Act
Notice of Exemption**

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Project Title: 632744_84945001_Thums_UIC

Project Applicant: THUMS Long Beach Co.

Project Location: Los Angeles Offshore County, Wilmington Oil Field; Section 08,
Township 05S, Range 12W, Base SB; 33.75233078, -118.15854645; Fault
Block VIII

Project Description: THUMS Long Beach Co. (THUMS) proposes a non-expansion project consisting of twelve (12) active and idle Oil & Gas wells that, with project approval, will be converted to injection (CTI). The main objective of this water injection project is to economically maximize oil recovery and manage subsidence within the permitted area. This project is implemented in accordance with all county, state, and federal safety and environmental rules and regulations.

The proposed project consists of the California Department of Conservation, Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM) issuing one revised project approval letter (PAL) to THUMS Long Beach Co. for the modification of Underground Injection Control (UIC) project No. 84945001, located within the Wilmington Oil Field in Los Angeles Offshore County. The list of injection wells that would be associated with the modified UIC project are included in the table below.

API #	Well Name
0423722888	B-329
0423720540	B-335
0423722392	B-336
0423723619	B-425
0423723180	B-426
0423720239	B-103
0423723669	B-216
0423720023	B-301
0423721781	B-306
0423722103	B-311
0423726969	D-526

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 because the proposed project consists of "minor alterations" to 12 existing oil and gas production wells involving "negligible or no expansion of existing or former use" (14 CCR § 15301). The project would make negligible changes to the UIC project by converting 12 existing oil and gas production wells to waterflood injection. This work is part of a non-expansion infill package and would be subject to the terms of the existing project approval letter (PAL). The project would take place on artificial offshore islands and would not involve the construction of new facilities or the expansion of existing facilities. The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board reviewed the project for groundwater impacts and issued a No Objection Memo on February 19, 2025. Therefore, there would be a negligible change in existing use.

Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction (14 CCR § 15302): Class 2 applies because the proposed project consists of the "reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced" (14 CCR § 15302). The project would reconstruct the wellbores of 12 existing oil and gas production wells to convert them to waterflood injection. The work would take place on existing wells located on existing offshore islands.

Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land (14 CCR §§ 15304, 1684.2): Class 4 applies because the proposed project would result in "minor alterations with negligible or no permanent effects to the existing condition of the land, water, air, and/or vegetation" (14 CCR § 1684.2). The project would make minor alterations to 12 existing oil and gas production wells to convert them to waterflood injection. The project would take place on offshore artificial islands dedicated to oil and gas production. The project does not include the construction or expansion of existing facilities. Therefore, there would be negligible impacts to the surrounding environment.

Exceptions to Exemptions: CalGEM further finds that there are no exceptions to the application of the categorical exemptions (PRC § 21084; 14 CCR § 15300.2 (c)) referenced above. There is no substantial evidence that there are any "unusual circumstances" associated with the proposed project that create a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment. The approved project is within a Health Protection Zone (HPZ) as defined by Public Resources Code (PRC) section 3280(b). The HPZ does not present an unusual circumstance because SB 1137 (PRC § 3280 et seq.) requires all oil or gas production facilities or wells with a wellhead within an HPZ to comply with specified health, safety, and environmental requirements. In addition, CalGEM further finds that there are no significant "cumulative impacts" resulting from successive projects of the same type in the same place. Therefore, reliance on the exemption(s) is appropriate.

A copy of this NOE (as required by 14 CCR § 15062(a)) and all other related materials can be made available to the public by contacting the CalGEM CEQA Program, located at 715 P Street, MS 1803, Sacramento, CA 95814; by calling (916) 445-9686; or an electronic copy of these documents may be requested by contacting

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