

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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From Lead Agency: Port of Long Beach
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Via State Clearinghouse CEQAnet

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Project Title: Soil Investigation - Pier J Zero Emissions Infrastructure Project– Harbor Development
Permit No. 25-070

State Clearinghouse No: 2026020867

Project Location – Specific: Pier J, SSA Marine Terminal; 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:

Geotechnical investigation involving borings and Cone Penetration Depth tests (CPT) to inform the design of Pier J Zero Emissions Infrastructure Project.

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 geotechnical investigation for data collection to inform design of Pier J Zero Emissions Infrastructure Project which will 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 borings and Cone Penetration Depth tests (CPT) 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), Section 15303 (Class 3. New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), 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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Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

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