

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**From Lead Agency:** Port of Long Beach  
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**Project Title:** Onboard Refueling Vapor Recovery (ORVR) System Installation - Fuel Island, Maintenance Yard – Harbor Development Permit No. 26-008

**State Clearinghouse No:** Enter Number

**Project Location – Specific:** 725 Harbor Plaza; 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:**

Installation of a new Onboard Refueling Vapor Recovery (ORVR) system with new dispensers utilizing ORVR compliant nozzles that will replace the existing vapor recovery system located at the maintenance yard currently being used as a fuel island which will involve removing existing vapor shear valves located in each Under Dispenser Containment (UDC) box, existing vapor recovery equipment located in sumps that will be filled with 2-sack cement adjacent to each gasoline aboveground storage tank (AST), and existing piping, valves, and vacuum pumps located on top of each gasoline AST which will not involve disturbance of any existing hardscape.

**Exempt Status:**

- Ministerial Exemption [Section 21080(b)(1); 15268];       Common Sense Exemption (Section 15061(b)(3))
- Declared Emergency (Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));       Other:
- Emergency Project [Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)]
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: **Section 15301 (Class 1. Existing Facilities), Section 15302 (Class 2. Replacement or Reconstruction), and Section 15303 (Class 3. New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures).**
- Statutory Exemption. State code number:

**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 Port will issue a Level I HDP for minor alteration of existing facility involving installation of an Onboard Refueling Vapor Recovery (ORVR) System with new ORVR compliant dispensers and removal of existing vapor recovery equipment consisting of vapor shear valves, piping, valves, and vacuum pumps.

Section 15302 Replacement or Reconstruction (Class 2): The Class 2 Categorical Exemption consists of replacement or 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. The replacement of the existing vapor recovery system with the new Onboard Refueling Vapor Recovery System will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. All equipment that is removed from the site will be disposed of in a manner that meets all federal, state and local environmental and regulatory requirements.

Section 15303(d) New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (Class 3): The Class 3 Categorical Exemption consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. The project involves new installation of an Onboard Refueling Vapor Recovery (ORVR) System involving new ORVR compliant dispensers.

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), Section 15302 (Class 2. Replacement or Reconstruction), and Section 15303 (Class 3. New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures); 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.