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RE: NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
FOR THE PIER T MARINE TERMINAL REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT DATED JUNE
29, 2026, STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER [2026061282](#)

Dear Alyssa Rodriguez,

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has reviewed the Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Pier T Marine Terminal Redevelopment Project (Project). The proposed Project would redevelop and expand the existing Pier T marine terminal at Berths T130 through T140 to optimize efficient cargo-handling operations, transition to zero-emission equipment, and extend and modernize the existing wharf to accommodate future container volumes and safe navigation of large container vessels. The Project is located within the former [Long Beach Naval Complex \(LBNC\) \(Station and Shipyard\)](#) that has been remediated under DTSC oversight. As a result, land use control restrictions have been placed in the property deed as the final remedy for the LBNC. The Initial Study identified that DTSC review and approval of the proposed scope of work within Installation Restoration sites subject to an existing Covenant to Restrict Use of Property are required. DTSC recommends and requests consideration of the following comments:

1. In compliance with the Land Use Covenant, DTSC requests oversight of any soil management plan and recommends a health site and safety plan to be protective of human health during the construction at the Project site. The plans should also be submitted to Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board and the Navy. DTSC requires at least 30 days to review the plans and additional 30 days to review responses to comments and revised plans.
2. The Initial Study should depict the land restricted areas on the Project plot plans/figures. In addition, the area where contaminated sediment had been deposited during the previous Long Beach Harbor dredging should be depicted on the Project plot plans/figures to make sure it is not disturbed.
3. DTSC recommends a cumulative health risk assessment of the sediment in consultation with DTSC be conducted before reuse of the dredged material at the terminal or elsewhere at the Port of Long Beach.
4. Contaminated sediment is located in the Long Beach Harbor/ former IR Site 7. The Port of Long Beach should prepare sediment dredging plans and quality assurance plans to ensure that the Project does not disturb the sediment and prevent a release of the contaminants back into the water.
5. DTSC recommends all imported soil/fill material be tested to ensure all contaminants of concern (COCs) meet screening levels as outlined in [DTSC's Preliminary Endangerment Assessment \(PEA\) Guidance Manual](#). Furthermore, DTSC advises referencing the [DTSC Information Advisory Clean Imported Fill Material Fact Sheet](#) if importing soil/fill is necessary. To minimize the possibility of introducing contaminated soil/fill material, there should be documentation of the origins of the soil/fill material and, if applicable, sampling should be conducted to ensure that the imported soil/fill material is suitable for the intended land use. The sampling should include analysis based on the source of the soil/fill and knowledge of prior land use.
6. If buildings or other structures are to be demolished on any Project sites included in the proposed Project, surveys should be conducted for the presence of lead-based paints or products, mercury, asbestos containing

materials, and polychlorinated biphenyl caulk. Removal, demolition, and disposal of any of the above-mentioned chemicals should be conducted in compliance with California environmental regulations and policies. In addition, sampling near current and/or former buildings should be conducted in accordance with [DTSC's PEA Guidance Manual](#).

7. The Navy has not completed the PFAS investigation at LBNC. Therefore, DTSC recommends sampling for PFAS before excavating or grading the soil at the Port of Long Beach.
8. There may be previously undetected munitions at the bottom of the Long Beach Harbor. Therefore, DTSC recommends that a Recognize, Retreat, and Report Explosives Safety Guide be included in the health and safety plan for any sediment disturbing activities in the Long Beach Harbor.
9. The former LBNC was remediated to risk levels protective of workers at industrial use sites. Therefore, DTSC recommends that all plans for offsite soil disposal state that the excavated soil would not be transported for reuse at an unrestricted or sensitive use site, residential, school, or day care facility for children.

DTSC appreciates the opportunity to comment on the NOP of a DEIR for the Pier T Marine Terminal Redevelopment Project. Thank you for your assistance in protecting California's people and environment from the harmful effects of toxic substances. If you have any questions or would like clarification on DTSC's comments, please respond to this letter or via the [CEQA Review email](#) for additional guidance.

Sincerely,



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