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From: California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, MS-48
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Project Applicant: The Regents of the University of California, on behalf of the Los Angeles Campus

Project Title: Seismic Risk Assessment and Management of Natural Gas Storage and Pipeline Infrastructure in CA

Project Location – Specific: _____

Project Location – City: _____ **Project Location – County:** _____

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project has been funded to develop a seismic risk assessment computer tool of natural gas storage and pipeline infrastructure. This tool will address earthquake hazards and their effects on the California gas infrastructure as well as determine mitigation strategies.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: The Regents of the University of California, on behalf of the Los Angeles Campus

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial Exemption (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(1); Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, § 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(3); Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, § 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(4); Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, § 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number
Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, § 15306
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number.
- Common Sense Exemption. (Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, §15061(b)(3))

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project will assess the potential impacts that earthquake hazards could have on California's gas infrastructure. Project activities include computer modeling and creation of a software tool that will identify and mitigate risks before an earthquake happens. The project does not involve any field work or any other activities that could cause direct or foreseeable indirect physical changes to the environment.

This project is therefore exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), the "common sense exemption", because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the project will have a significant effect on the environment. This project is also categorically exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15306 as a project that consists of basic data collection, research and resource evaluation activities which does not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. Further, none of the exceptions listed in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply to this project.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Reta Ortiz **Area code/Telephone/Ext:** 916-327-1494

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: Reta Ortiz **Date:** 05/30/2019 **Title:** ECS I

Signed by Responsible Agency

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

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