

# Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
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County Clerk  
County of Imperial  
940 Main Street  
El Centro, CA 92243

From: (Public Agency):  
County of Imperial  
Planning & Development Services  
801 Main Street  
El Centro, CA 92243

FILE# 13-2022-013  
IMPERIAL COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Project Title: Heber Field Company & Ormat CUP#19-0028

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Project Applicant: Heber Field Company & Ormat

Chuck Storey - County Clerk  
By: [Signature], Deputy

Project Location - Specific: 895 Pitzer Road, Heber, CA. Imperial County.

Project Location - City: N/A Project Location - County: Imperial

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:  
Heber Field Company and ORMAT propose a Repower Project which will take the existing dual-flash steam turbine generator out of service and install two new OEC geothermal power generation units at the Heber 1 CUP 19-0028. In addition, OEC-11 and OEC-13 will be reconfigured into a combined two-level unit, OEC-11 ITLU. The steam turbine generator has become less effective as the temperature of the geothermal resource has decreased over time. The new and updated units operate by a different process and will perform better than the steam turbine generator at the current lower temperature of the geothermal fluid, improving efficiency of the operations.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Imperial County Board of Supervisors

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Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Jim Minnick

Exempt Status: (check one):

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- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15061 (Common-Sense)
- Statutory Exemptions, State Code Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Imperial County Clerk-Recorder  
California

15301 (Existing Facilities)  
15302 (Replacement or  
Reconstruction)  
15061 (Common-Sense)

The Board of Supervisors has determined based on the whole of the administrative record that the Project is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (Pub. Resources Code §§ 21000 et seq. [CEQA]), pursuant to the Class 1, Class 2, and Common-Sense Exemptions of the CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Code Regs. tit. 14, §§ 15000 et seq.), because the Project is a modification to an existing facility involving replacement or reconstruction with no expansion of the existing use, and that there are no exceptions to the exemptions or unusual circumstances that distinguish the Project from other projects covered under the categorical exemptions. A Mitigated Negative Declaration was also prepared for the Project and a corresponding Notice of Determination has been filed for the Project and MND.

Lead Agency \_\_\_\_\_ Area Code/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person: Jim Minnick, Director Telephone Extension: 442-265-1736

### 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: [Signature] Date: 02/16/2022 Title: Director

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Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for Filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.