

State of California  
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 GEOLOGIC ENERGY MANAGEMENT DIVISION

**California Environmental Quality Act  
 Notice of Exemption**

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**Project Title:** UIC THUMS 092023-002

**Project Applicant:** THUMS Long Beach Co.

**Project Location:**

Los Angeles County; Wilmington Oil Field; 08/05S/12W/SB; 33.75229263, -118.16032410

**Project Description:** The originally approved project consists of reworking an existing oil and gas production well by running and gravel packing an inner liner on the well. No permanent facilities will be constructed. No expansion of associated facilities will be required. Various mobile temporary equipment will be used including, but not limited to, drilling rig, workover rig, and vehicles to transport personnel and materials to/from the site. There will not be new ground surface disturbance associated with this project.

CalGEM has approved permits for THUMS Long Beach Co. to rework the oil and gas wells listed below, in the Wilmington oil field.

API #	Well Name
0423726820	B-602

**Exempt Status:** As the Lead Agency, CalGEM has determined that the proposed project is exempt from further environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to the specified exemptions marked in the section below. CalGEM further finds that the proposed project would not result in a significant adverse impact to the environment, or that any of the exceptions to the application of the exemptions apply (14 CCR § 15300.2).

Exemption Type		Statute (PRC)	Regulation (14 CCR)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Statutory Exemption:</b>		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing Project ( <i>pre-CEQA approval on April 5, 1973</i> )	21169	15261 (b)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial	21080 (b)(1)	15268

<input type="checkbox"/>	Declared Emergency	21080 (b)(3)	15269 (a)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Emergency Projects	21080 (b)(4)	15269 (b) or (c)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Categorical Exemption:</b>	21084		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Class 1:</b> Existing Facilities		15301	1684.1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Class 2:</b> Replacement or Reconstruction		15302	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Class 3:</b> New Construction/Conversion of Small Structures		15303	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Class 4:</b> Minor Alterations to Land		15304	1684.2
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Class 7:</b> Protection of Natural Resources		15307	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Class 8:</b> Protection of the Environment		15308	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Class 11:</b> Accessory Structures		15311	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Class 21:</b> Enforcement Actions to revoke a permit		15321	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Class 30:</b> Minor Actions to Prevent, Minimize, Stabilize, Mitigate, or Eliminate a Release (Actual or Threat) of Hazardous Substances (Waste or Material)		15330	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Class 33:</b> Small Habitat Restoration Projects		15333	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>General Exemption</b> (“common sense”)		15061 (b)(3)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Not a “Project” subject to CEQA</b>		15378 (b)(2)	

CEQA Exceptions to the Exemptions (14 CCR § 15300.2): where project is located (e.g. sensitive environment); Cumulative Impact; Significant Effect due to Unusual Circumstances; Scenic Highways; Hazardous Waste Sites; Historical Resources.

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:** The basis for CalGEM’s determination that the project is exempt from the requirements of CEQA is provided in the brief explanation below.

**Class 1 – Existing Facilities:** The project is categorically exempt from CEQA under the “Class 1” (14 CCR § 15301) exemption per the CEQA Guidelines because the project is a minor alteration with the purpose of continuing resource development. The well will remain a production well with generally the same production capacity. This rework does not propose any changes to the wellbore or structure of the well. Accordingly, there is no expansion of use beyond that previously existing. A CalGEM engineer has confirmed that the proposed work is within the scope of the UIC project 84942001 and is a continuation of operations within the confines of the project.

**Class 2 – Replacement or Reconstruction:** The project is categorically exempt from CEQA under the “Class 2” (14 CCR § 15302) exemption per the CEQA Guidelines because the project is a reconstruction of an existing well that will be located on the same site and have substantially the same purpose and capacity. The project is on an offshore man-made island with an area of about 12 acres and does not involve construction of new facilities or expansion of existing facilities. The operator indicates that there will be no new ground surface disturbance, which includes no developing of roads or other corridors. The well is and will remain a production well and will generally have the same production capacity. The location of the well will not change, nor will the underground structure of the well (the wellbore) or the purpose of the well, which is resource development. The use of the well and capacity of the operation is limited by the existing permits for UIC projects code 84942001 and engineering summary indicates the proposed work is within the scope of those approvals.

