

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Dianne Black, Director of Development Services, Planning and Development

The project or activity identified below is determined to be exempt from further environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970, as defined in the State and County Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA.

APN(s): Countywide

Case No.: 10ORD-00000-00005

Location: Countywide

Project Title: Petroleum Ordinance Amendments

Project Description: Amendments to County Code Chapter 25 (Petroleum Ordinance) to amend the regulation of "High Risk" Petroleum Operations and their Operators.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: County of Santa Barbara

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Declared Emergency

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section(s): 15307 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources) & 15308 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment).

Reasons to support exemption findings (attach additional material, if necessary):

The ordinance amendments address the regulation of Onshore Petroleum Operations that are considered "High Risk" to the environment and to the County's natural resources. Such actions are categorically exempt from CEQA review per the cited CEQA sections above.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Dianne Black, Director of Development Services

Phone #: (805) 568-2086

Acceptance Date: _____

Note: A copy of this form must be posted at P&D 6 days prior to a decision on the project. Upon project approval, this form must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board and posted by the Clerk of the Board for a period of 30 days to begin a 35 day statute of limitations on legal challenges.

Distribution: Hearing Support Staff
Project file (when P&D permit is required)

Date Filed by County Clerk: _____