

ATTACHMENT 4
CEQA Exemption (Emergency Permit)

ATTACHMENT C
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Kathryn Lehr, Planning & 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.

APNs: 081-220-014

Case Nos.: 16EMP-00000-00001

Location: 12000 Calle Real, Goleta, CA 93117

Project Title: ExxonMobil Temporary Trucking

Project Applicant: ExxonMobil Corporation

The project description is as follows:

The proposed project will allow for the temporary trucking through Santa Barbara County of approximately 425,000 barrels (bbls) of oil from the ExxonMobil, Las Flores Canyon (LFC) facility to receiver destinations in the northern Santa Barbara County area and Kern County (as further described below) over a 3 to 6 month period. The project includes minor modification to piping to allow for tanker truck loading; and installation of two Lease Automatic Custody Transfer (LACT) units at pre-disturbed locations within the facility's Transportation Terminal. The piping modifications (see Attachment A) will extend an existing 6 inch oil line and 2 inch vapor line to the proposed loading area to allow for the simultaneous loading of up to two tanker trucks. As required by Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE), a LACT unit will be installed at each site and used for royalty determination purposes. No more than 30 tanker trucks per calendar day will be allowed to leave the facility. Project details are contained in the Emergency Permit application materials dated January 4, 2016, specifically attachments A.4, B.5, B.6 and C.4.

Empty southbound trucks will reach LFC via Refugio Road off-ramp, and Calle Real. Loaded trucks will exit LFC via Calle Real and use Refugio Road onramp to travel northbound on Highway 101 to the two receiver sites; the Phillips 66 Pump Station located in Santa Maria, and the Plains All American's Pentland Pump Station located in Kern County. Both receiver sites are currently permitted to handle oil transportation via tanker truck and maintain the capacity necessary to accommodate the expected number of trucks per day for the proposed activity.

The project will occur on APN 081-220-014, a 549.67 acre parcel, zoned as Coastal Related Industry (M-CR) located at 12000 Calle Real in the Gaviota Area, 3rd Supervisorial District.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: ExxonMobil Corporation

Exempt Status: (Check one)

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

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: 15269(c) – Emergency Projects, specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency.

Reasons to support exemption findings: The shut-in of ExxonMobil’s oil production facilities at Las Flores Canyon (LFC) and subsequent onsite oil storage constitutes an emergency situation because of the following:

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If a natural disaster (fire, flood, earthquake, etc.) were to occur and impact the facility, it would be infeasible for ExxonMobil to promptly and safely empty the storage tanks to prevent a potential release to the environment. An individual tanker truck is capable of transporting approximately 150 barrels of oil. With Line 901 out of service, it would likely take several months of continuous truck loading operations to empty the two storage tanks which currently hold a total of approximately 425,000 barrels of oil. If Line 901 were in service, the same volume could be shipped in approximately 3-4 days via the pipeline. However, under normal operating procedures, ExxonMobil would typically retain approximately 50,000 barrels of oil in each storage tank which would require approximately 24 hours to evacuate with Line 901 available. In the event of structural failure at LFC, an oil spill could be contained within the facility, however, the facility’s secondary containment is not intended to act as a means of storage; it is merely a diversionary tool for a potential oil spill to a backup containment and should not be relied upon for long term storage. Additionally, oil left in secondary containment would still pose a safety hazard, releasing toxic and flammable vapors if ignited and if the spill containment were to fail for any reason, the oil would be released into the environment, possibly entering creeks and ultimately into the ocean. If heavy rains were to occur in concert with a tank rupture, ExxonMobil’s ability to safely manage a potential onsite oil spill would be significantly compromised. The inability to promptly and safely empty the tanks poses clear and imminent risk. By emptying the storage tanks, ExxonMobil will be able to comply with facility and operational safety requirements including maintenance and inspections. Therefore, to prevent loss or damage to life, health, property and the environment, the stored crude oil should be transported by tanker truck to an appropriate facility as soon as practicable.

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 Project file (when P&D permit is required)

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