

**ATTACHMENT 3
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Matt Young, 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.

APN: N/A

Case Nos.: N/A

Location: County of Santa Barbara

Project Title: County Comments on the Federal Pipeline & Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (Pipeline Safety Regulations)

Project Applicant: N/A

Project Description:

Authorize the Chair to execute a letter commenting on the PHMSA Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, dated October 13, 2015.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: N/A

Exempt Status: (Check one)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Ministerial
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Statutory Exemption
<input type="checkbox"/>	Categorical Exemption
<input type="checkbox"/>	Emergency Project
<input type="checkbox"/>	Declared Emergency

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: 15378(b)(5) – Organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not resulting direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Reasons to support exemption findings: Sending a comment letter on the PHMSA Notice of Proposed Rulemaking is not a project. It is an administrative government activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Matt Young Phone #: 568-2513
Department/Division Representative: _____ Date: _____

Acceptance Date: _____

Distribution: Hearing Support Staff

Project file (when P&D permit is required)
Date Filed by County Clerk: _____.