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FINAL GENERAL CONFORMITY DETERMINATION FOR THE PIER S MARINE TERMINAL & BACK CHANNEL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, Regulatory Division (Corps) has made a final general conformity determination for the Federal action associated with the following project within the Port of Long Beach, Los Angeles County, California:

Pier S Marine Terminal and Back Channel Improvements Project (hereinafter, the Project)

On November 8, 2013, the Corps and the Port of Long Beach published the Pier S Marine Terminal and Back Channel Improvements Project Final Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR). As part of the Final EIS/EIR, the Corps published a draft general conformity determination for the Federal action associated with the Project. Comments were received on these documents for a 30-day period, ending December 9, 2013. In addition, the Corps submitted a revised draft conformity determination (dated October 2013) directly to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the California Air Resources Board, the South Coast Air Quality Management District, and the Southern California Association of Governments. Comments were received on this document for a 30-day period, ending December 13, 2013. On December 23, 2013, the Corps completed a final general conformity determination for the Federal action associated with the Project.

A general conformity determination was necessary because Project construction would require Federal action and not all the Federal action's direct and indirect emissions would be below specified de minimis thresholds (40 C.F.R. §51.853(b)). In this circumstance, the Federal action consists of the issuance of a Corps permit pursuant to section 10 of the River and Harbors Act, section 404 of the Clean Water Act, and Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act.

Document Requests/Additional Information:

A copy of the final general conformity determination is available for public review at the following locations:

- Port of Long Beach Harbor Administration Building, 925 Harbor Plaza, Long Beach
- Long Beach City Clerk, 333 W. Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach
- Long Beach Main Library, 101 Pacific Avenue, Long Beach
- San Pedro Regional Branch Library, 931 Gaffey Street, San Pedro
- Wilmington Branch Library, 1300 N. Avalon Boulevard, Wilmington

The final general conformity determination also will be made available for public review at the following website: <u>http://www.polb.com/environment/docs.asp</u>.

Alternatively, requests for copies of this document may also be directed to:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District Regulatory Division, Ventura Field Office (ATTN: CESPL-RG-N-2006-02062-JWM) 2151 Alessandro Drive, Suite 110 Ventura, California 93001

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