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Mr. Sam A. Joublat, Executive Director
Intermodal Container Transfer Facility
Joint Powers Authority
P.O. Box 570
Long Beach, CA 90801

Dear Mr. Joublat:

**INITIAL STUDY AND NOTICE OF PREPARATION
FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
INTERMODAL CONTAINER TRANSFER FACILITY EXPANSION
AND MODERNIZATION PROJECT
CITY OF LONG BEACH**

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Initial Study/Notice of Preparation for the subject project. The proposed project would increase the number of containers handled at the San Pedro Bay Ports and modernize existing equipment and rail yard operation methods by replacing the existing diesel-fueled, rubber-tired gantry cranes with electric-powered, wide-span gantry cranes.

The following comments are for your consideration and relate to the environmental document only:

Building and Safety Issues

- The Los Angeles County Building Code, Section 110.4, requires that buildings or structures adjacent to or within 200 feet (60.96 m) of active, abandoned, or idle oil or gas well(s) be provided with methane gas protection systems. If the project site contains or lies within 200 feet of active, abandoned, or idle oil or gas wells, this issue should be addressed and mitigation measure provided, and the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works' Environmental Programs Division must be contacted for issuance of necessary permits.

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- The Los Angeles County Building Code, Section 110.3, requires that a building or structure located on or within 1,000 feet (304.8 m) of a landfill containing decomposable material must be protected against landfill gas intrusion. The project site is located on or within 1,000 feet of the former Hardwick's Disposal Pit No. 44, Alameda Street Dump, Calie Byproducts Dump, and the Watson Land Company landfill. This issue should be addressed and mitigation measures provided. The discussion should include subsurface lateral migration of landfill gas, migration detection, and control and protection systems for affected enclosed buildings and structures. Public Works' Environmental Programs Division must be contacted for issuance of necessary permits.

Underground Storage Tanks/Industrial Waste/Stormwater Comments

Should any operation within the subject project include the construction, installation, modification, or removal of underground storage tanks, Public Works' Environmental Programs Division must be contacted for required approvals and operating permits.

For any questions regarding the environmental comments above, please contact Mr. Corey Mayne at (626) 458-3524.

If you have any other questions or require additional information, please contact Mr. Toan Duong at (626) 458-4921.

Very truly yours,

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