

Chapter 2 Project Description

2.1 Introduction

This Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (Draft SEIR) evaluates potential impacts of the continued operation of the Berths 97-109 China Shipping (CS) Container Terminal under new and/or modified mitigation measures (the Revised Project), as described in more detail in Section 2.5 below. The CS Container Terminal is located within the Port of Los Angeles (Port), adjacent to the community of San Pedro in the City of Los Angeles. The Los Angeles Harbor Department (LAHD) administers the Port under the California Tidelands Trust Act of 1911 and the Los Angeles City Charter.

The LAHD is preparing this Draft SEIR to analyze and disclose the potential environmental impacts with respect to the modifications proposed by the Revised Project. In addition, this Draft SEIR, in evaluating the impacts of operation of the CS Container Terminal under the Revised Project, assumes and analyzes impacts of an incremental increase in the Terminal throughput level in future years, based upon re-assessment of Terminal capacity, compared to the assumptions in the 2008 EIS/EIR. This document supplements the Berths 97-109 (China Shipping) Container Terminal Project Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) certified by the City of Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners on December 18, 2008 (LAHD and USACE, 2008).

2.2 Background and Project Overview

2.2.1 Background

The Berth 97-109 terminal currently consists of a container shipping facility. Prior to its development as a container terminal the site was occupied by Chevron USA and Todd Shipyards. After the departure of those tenants, the area underwent demolition and remediation, and was used for construction staging and temporary storage for autos, containers, and truck chassis. In 1997, the Port prepared and certified the West Basin Transportation Improvements Project (WBTIP) EIR that assessed the construction and operation of terminal and infrastructure improvements in the West Basin of the Port (LAHD, 1997).

In March 2001, the Port executed a lease with China Shipping Lines for terminal construction and operation, as envisioned in the WBTIP and the Deep Draft Navigational Improvements Project. In June 2001, a group of petitioners filed lawsuits in state and federal courts alleging that LAHD did not comply with, among other things, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) or the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

1 in approving a permit to construct the Berth 97-109 Container Terminal and a lease with
2 the China Shipping Lines Company to occupy the terminal. In October 2002, the State of
3 California Second District Court of Appeals ordered a partial halt to ongoing construction
4 of Phase I of the Berth 97-109 (China Shipping) Container Terminal Project. The court
5 ordered the preparation of a project-specific EIR to evaluate all three phases of the
6 Project. In March 2003, the Superior Court of the State of California, Los Angeles
7 District, approved a Stipulated Judgment memorializing the Settlement Agreement
8 between the petitioners and LAHD to settle the state case. Subsequently, the Port and the
9 China Shipping petitioners negotiated an Amended Stipulated Judgment (ASJ), which
10 was finalized in June 2004.

11 Pursuant to the court order and the ASJ, the LAHD and the USACE prepared a
12 recirculated EIS/EIR to consider construction and operation of the CS Container
13 Terminal. The Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners certified the Berths 97-109
14 [China Shipping] Container Terminal Project FEIS/FEIR (hereafter, the “2008 EIS/EIR”)
15 for the construction and operation of the CS Container Terminal Project in 2008 (LAHD
16 and USACE, 2008). The project analyzed in the 2008 document (the “Approved
17 Project”), described in more detail in Section 2.2.2, consisted of three phases of
18 construction followed by operation of a two-berth, 142-acre container terminal under a
19 40-year lease (until the year 2045). Phase I of construction was completed in 2003,
20 before the document was prepared (that phase was originally considered in LAHD 1997),
21 but the 2008 EIS/EIR analyzed Phase I construction and its subsequent operation in
22 addition to the remaining construction and operation associated with Phases II and III.

23 **2.2.2 The 2008 Approved Project**

24 As described in Section 1.2.4.1 and in the Notice of Preparation (NOP) circulated in
25 September 2015, the 2008 EIS/EIR adopted 52 mitigation measures, including lease
26 measures, to reduce significant construction and operational impacts in the areas of
27 aesthetics, air quality, biology, cultural resources, geology, ground water, noise, public
28 services, and transportation. Some of the measures were developed in the course of
29 preparation of the 2008 EIS/EIR while others were incorporated into the document from
30 the ASJ.

31 The major elements of the original development analyzed in the 2008 EIS/EIR included:
32 constructing a new wharf at Berth 102 and lengthening the wharf at Berth 100, with
33 minor dredging to match the West Basin channel depth of -53 feet; the addition of 10
34 wharf cranes for vessel loading and unloading; installation of shore power (AMP)
35 facilities at both berths; the expansion and development of 142 acres of terminal
36 backlands; the construction of container terminal buildings, gate facilities and accessory
37 structures; the construction of two new bridges over the Southwest Slip to connect the
38 Berth 97-109 Container Terminal to the Berth 121-131 Marine Terminal; relocation of
39 the Catalina Express Terminal; and the construction of road improvements in the vicinity.
40 The new wharves would accommodate the largest vessels then envisioned (10,000 TEU
41 capacity). Construction was largely completed by 2013 (two terminal buildings have yet
42 to be constructed), and operations are ongoing.

43 The 2008 EIS/EIR assumed that at full capacity, in 2030, the CS Container Terminal
44 would handle approximately 1,551,000 TEUs per year, which is roughly equivalent to
45 838,380 standard shipping containers per year. That throughput would require 1,508,000
46 truck trips, 234 vessel calls, and 817 train trips per year. Those numbers were based on
47 cargo forecasting performed in 2005. The document assumed that at full capacity

1 approximately 83% of the containers would be moved in and out of the terminal by truck
 2 (including to and from regional intermodal railyards) and the rest would be moved by
 3 trains from the WBICTF.

4 **2.2.3 Revised Project Overview**

5 Most of the mitigation measures in the 2008 EIS/EIR have either been completed or will
 6 be completed within the time period for implementation; in addition, all of the
 7 requirements of the ASJ have been met. Accordingly, those measures and the ASJ
 8 requirements are outside of the scope of the Revised Project and are not considered in
 9 this Draft SEIR.

10 Of the 52 measures adopted in the 2008 EIS/EIR, 10 mitigation measures and one lease
 11 measure have not yet been fully implemented (Table 2-1). A re-evaluation of those
 12 measures, based on the feasibility of some of the measures, the subsequent availability of
 13 alternative technologies, and the actual need, has indicated that some may be
 14 unnecessary, others have been superseded by advances in technology, and still others
 15 need to be either modified to ensure their feasibility.

16 LAHD has determined that, as mentioned in Chapter 1, MM NOI-2, which was included
 17 in the NOP, is being implemented and therefore does not need to be re-evaluated in this
 18 SEIR.

19 **Table 2-1. Summary of 2008 EIS/EIR mitigation and lease measures for the CS**
 20 **Container Terminal being re-evaluated in this SEIR.**

Measure	Description	Status as of 2014
MM AQ-9 Alternative Maritime Power	China Shipping ships calling at Berths 97-109 must use AMP in the following percentages while hoteling in the Port. Jan-Jun 2005: 60%; July 2005: 70%; Jan 2010: 90%; Jan 2011: 100%. Additionally, by 2010, all ships retrofitted for AMP shall be required to use AMP while hoteling at a 100 percent compliance rate, with the exception of circumstances when an AMP-capable berth is unavailable due to utilization by another AMP-capable ship.	Compliance (% of vessel calls): 2005: 79% 2006: 74% 2007: 71% 2008: 78% 2009: 78% 2010: 76% 2011: 66% 2012: 12% 2013: 42% 2014: 98% .
MM AQ-10 Vessel Speed Reduction Program	Starting in 2001, all ships calling at Berths 97-109 shall comply with the expanded VSRP of 12 knots between 40 nm from Point Fermin and the Precautionary Area.	Compliance: 2009: 99% within 20 nm and 20% within 40 nm 2010: 97% within 20 nm and 42% within 40 nm 2011: 99% within 20 nm and 42% within 40 nm 2012: 93% within 20 nm and 47% within 40 nm. 2013: 98% within 20 nm and 89% within 40 nm. 2014: 99% within 20 nm and 96% within 40 nm;
MM AQ-15 Yard Tractors at Berth 97- 109 Terminal	All yard tractors operated at the Berth 97-109 terminal shall run on alternative fuel (LPG) beginning September 30, 2004, until December 31, 2014 Beginning January 1 2015, all yard tractors operated at the Berths 97-109 terminal shall be the cleanest available NO _x alternative-fueled engine meeting 0.015 gm/hp-hr for PM.	As of December 31, 2014 all yard tractors met requirement to run on LPG.

Measure	Description	Status as of 2014
MM AQ-16 Yard Equipment at Berth 121-131 Rail Yard	By December 31, 2014, all diesel-powered equipment operated at the Berth 121-131 terminal rail yard that handles containers moving through the Berth 97-109 terminal shall meet USEPA Tier 4 non-road engine standards.	As of the end of 2014, not all equipment that operates at the railyard met Tier 4 as shown in MM AQ-17 below.
MM AQ-17 Yard Equipment at Berth 97-109 Terminal	<p>Starting January 1, 2009, all RTGs shall be electric, all toppicks shall have the cleanest available NO_x alternative fueled engines meeting 0.015 gm/hp-hr for PM, and all equipment purchases other than yard tractors, RTGs, and toppicks shall be either (1) the cleanest available NO_x alternative-fueled engine meeting 0.015 gm/hp-hr for PM or (2) the cleanest available NO_x diesel-fueled engine meeting 0.015 gm/hp-hr for PM. If there are no engines available that meet 0.015 gm/hp-hr for PM, the new engines shall be the cleanest available (either fuel type) and will have the cleanest VDEC.</p> <p>By the end of 2012: all terminal equipment less than 750 hp other than yard tractors, RTGs, and toppicks shall meet USEPA Tier 4 on-road or off-road engine standards.</p> <p>By the end of 2014: all terminal equipment other than yard tractors, RTGs, and toppicks shall meet USEPA Tier 4 non-road engine standards.</p> <p>In addition to the above requirements, the tenant at Berth 97-109 shall participate in a 1-year electric yard tractor [truck] pilot project. As part of the pilot project, two electric tractors will be deployed at the terminal within 1 year of lease approval. If the pilot project is successful in terms of operation, costs and availability, the tenant shall replace half of the Berth 97-109 yard tractors with electric tractors within 5 years of the feasibility determination.</p>	<p>None of the RTGs is electric (one is hybrid diesel-electric and the others are diesel), none of the toppicks are alternative-fueled and only four meet the 0.015 gm/hp-hr PM standard, and none of the other equipment not covered by MM AQ-15 meets Tier 4.</p> <p>The 1-year electric yard tractor [truck] pilot project was not implemented.</p>
MM AQ-20 LNG Trucks	Heavy-duty trucks entering the Berth 97-109 Terminal shall be LNG fueled in the following percentages: 50% in 2012 and 2013, 70% 2014 through 2017, 100% in 2018 and thereafter.	6% of truck calls at WBCT (including the CS terminal) in 2014 were made by LNG trucks, which is lower than the port-wide average of 10%.
LM AQ-23 Throughput Tracking	If the Project exceeds project throughput assumptions/projections anticipated through the years 2010, 2015, 2030, or 2045, staff shall evaluate the effects of this on the emissions sources (ship calls, locomotive activity, backland development, and truck calls) relative to the EIS/EIR. If it is determined that these emission sources exceed EIS/EIR assumptions, staff would evaluate actual air emissions for comparison with the	LAHD Wharfingers throughput data was reported as 690,597 TEUs in 2010 and 1,074,788 TEUs in 2015. Actual TEU throughput slightly exceeded the 2008 EIR projection of 605,200 TEUs for 2010 but did not exceed the projection of 1,164,400 TEUs for 2015.

Measure	Description	Status as of 2014
	EIS/EIR and if the criteria pollutant emissions exceed those in the EIS/EIR the new or additional mitigations would be applied through MM AQ-22 Periodic Review of New Technology Regulations.	
MM TRANS-2 Alameda and Anaheim Streets	Provide an additional eastbound through-lane on Anaheim Street. This measure shall be implemented by 2015.	Not implemented.
MM TRANS-3 John S. Gibson Boulevard and I-110 NB Ramps	Provide an additional southbound and westbound right-turn lane on John S. Gibson Boulevard and I-110 NB ramps. Reconfigure the eastbound approach to one eastbound through-left-turn lane, and one eastbound through-right-turn lane. Provide an additional westbound right-turn lane with westbound right-turn overlap phasing. This measure shall be implemented by 2015.	Most of the requirement is being met through the completion of the John S. Gibson Blvd/I-110 Access Ramps and SR-47/I-110 Connector Improvements Project except to provide an additional westbound right-turn lane with westbound right-turn overlap phasing by 2015.
MM TRANS-4 Fries Avenue and Harry Bridges Boulevard	Provide an additional westbound through-lane on Harry Bridges Boulevard. Provide an additional northbound, eastbound, and westbound right-turn lane on Fries Avenue and Harry Bridges Boulevard. This measure shall be implemented by 2015.	Not implemented.
MM TRANS-6 Navy Way and Seaside Avenue	Provide an additional eastbound through-lane on Seaside Avenue. Reconfigure Modify Navy Way/Seaside Ave	Not implemented.

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LAHD has proposed certain changes to the operational mitigation measures in Table 2-1, and the impacts of those potential changes to the CS Container Terminal’s operations are analyzed and disclosed in this Draft SEIR. For the Revised Project under review in this Draft SEIR, some of the mitigation measures in Table 2-1 would be eliminated or modified, as summarized below.

- MM AQ-9 modified to require that by January 1, 2018, all ships calling at Berths 97-109 must use AMP while hoteling in the Port, with a 95 percent compliance rate.
- MM AQ-10 modified to require that by January 1, 2018, at least 95 percent compliance with Vessel Speed Reduction Program (VSRP) out to 40 nm for all vessels calling the CS Container Terminal, or alternative compliance plan approved by LAHD.
- MM AQ-15 modified to require that all LPG yard tractors of model years 2011 or older shall be alternative-fuel yard tractors that meet or exceed Tier 4 final off-road engine standards for PM and NO_x.
- MM AQ-16 combined with MM AQ-17 because there is no actual distinction between railyard equipment and terminal equipment as a whole.
- MM AQ-17 modified to require that: 1) all diesel-powered RTG cranes of model years 2004 or older shall be diesel-electric hybrid with diesel engines that meet or exceed Tier 4 final off-road engine standards for PM and NO_x, with some units

1 being all-electric, 2) diesel forklifts shall meet or exceed Tier 4 final off-road
2 engine standards for PM and NO_x, with some being all-electric, 3) top picks shall
3 meet or exceed Tier 4 final off-road engine standards for PM and NO_x, 4)
4 sweepers shall be alternative-fueled or cleanest available units by 2025, and 5)
5 shuttle buses shall be zero-emissions units by 2025.

- 6 • MM AQ-20 not included in the Revised Project; no feasible substitute or
7 modified mitigation measure has been identified, but with the implementation of
8 a new port-wide Clean Trucks Program currently under development as part of
9 the 2017 CAAP and subject to Board approval, future emission reductions from
10 drayage would be achieved (although no credit can be taken at this time). Some
11 reductions in drayage truck emissions would be achieved by implementation of
12 CAAP measures and Lease Measure LM AQ-2 (priority access for zero/near-
13 zero-emission trucks), which is described more fully in Section 3.1.
- 14 • MM AQ-23 (throughput tracking) re-designated a lease measure (LM AQ-23) in
15 the 2008 EIS/EIR's MMRP and not included in the Revised Project.
- 16 • MMs TRANS-2, TRANS-4, and TRANS-6 not included in the Revised Project.
- 17 • The remaining element of MM TRANS-3 (provision of additional right-turn lane
18 at the John S. Gibson/I-110 northbound ramps), which has not yet been
19 implemented, not included in the Revised Project.

20 The Draft SEIR analyzes environmental impacts of these modifications as the Revised
21 Project, under the assumption that the modifications would take effect starting in 2018
22 (because that is the earliest reasonable date that the Board of Harbor Commissioners
23 could take action to implement the Revised Project) and continue until 2045, when the
24 lease ends.

25 If the Draft SEIR concludes that the Revised Project would result in significant impacts
26 on the environment, the analysis examines whether the modifications can be further
27 revised, or if there are any additional feasible mitigation measures that could be adopted,
28 to address such impacts. If these proposed modifications, other changes to the mitigation
29 measures, or new mitigation measures are recommended as a result of the Draft SEIR, the
30 Board of Harbor Commissioners will consider amending Permit No. 999 for operations at
31 Berths 97-109 accordingly.

32 The Draft SEIR also contains informational analyses related to air quality (Appendix D)
33 that address past activities, describing the difference between the impacts that were
34 predicted, and mitigated, by the 2008 EIS/EIR and the impacts that actually occurred
35 between 2005 and 2014, given the level of terminal activity (throughput, vessels, trucks,
36 and trains) and degree of implementation of mitigation measures that actually occurred.

37 One analysis assesses the impacts of actual operations between 2005 and 2014, with the
38 mitigation measures that were actually implemented, and compares those impacts to the
39 impacts predicted in the 2008 EIS/EIR. The second analysis also assesses the impacts of
40 actual operations between 2005 and 2014, but assumes that all mitigation measures in the
41 2008 EIS/EIR were implemented. It then compares those impacts to the impacts
42 disclosed in the 2008 EIS/EIR. The difference between the two analyses represents the
43 impact of incomplete implementation of the original mitigation measures in the past, i.e.,
44 the "excess emissions" referred to in several of the public's comments on the NOP.

45 These analyses incorporate three issues: 1) the difference between 2008 EIS/EIR
46 throughput assumptions and actual throughput between 2005 and 2014; 2) the difference
47 between assumed and actual mitigation implementation; and 3) the difference in

1 analytical techniques between those used in the 2008 EIS/EIR and those currently in use.
2 As discussed in more detail in Section 3.1 Air Quality, the previous air quality and health
3 risk models are no longer available, and many of the emissions and health risk factors
4 used in modeling have been changed, so that the analytical techniques of 2008 are
5 outdated and would lead to misleading comparisons.

6 **2.3 Project Objectives**

7 In the 2008 EIS/EIR, the LAHD's overall objectives for the CS Container Terminal were
8 threefold: (1) provide a portion of the facilities needed to accommodate the projected
9 growth in the volume of containerized cargo through the Port; (2) comply with the
10 Mayor's goal for the Port to increase growth while mitigating the impacts of that growth
11 on the local communities and the Los Angeles region by implementing pollution control
12 measures, including the elements of the Clean Air Action Plan (CAAP) applicable to the
13 proposed Project; and (3) comply with the Port Strategic Plan to maximize the efficiency
14 and capacity of terminals while raising environmental standards through application of all
15 feasible mitigation measures.

16 The overall purpose of the Revised Project is to further the second and third objectives by
17 eliminating some previously adopted measures that have proved to be infeasible or
18 unnecessary, instituting new, feasible, mitigation measures, and modifying other existing
19 measures to enhance their effectiveness.

20 **2.4 Project Location and Setting**

21 **2.4.1 Project Location**

22 The Port is located at the southernmost end of the City of Los Angeles (Figure 1-1), in
23 the communities of San Pedro and Wilmington in the County of Los Angeles, California,
24 approximately 20 miles from downtown Los Angeles. The Port is within the Port of Los
25 Angeles Community Plan area. It encompasses 7,500 acres and 43 miles of waterfront,
26 and provides a major gateway for international goods and services. With 23 major cargo
27 terminals, including container, dry and liquid bulk, breakbulk, automobile, and passenger
28 facilities, the Port handled about 177 million metric revenue tons of cargo in fiscal year
29 2015 (July 2014–June 2015) (LAHD, 2017a). In addition to cargo operations, the Port is
30 home to commercial fishing vessels, shipyards, and boat repair facilities, as well as
31 recreational, community, and educational facilities.

32 **2.4.2 Project Setting**

33 The project site, at Berths 99-109 (Figure 2-1), is generally bounded on the north by the
34 Yang Ming container terminal; on the east by the West Basin, Main Channel, and Pier A;
35 on the south by the World Cruise Center and State Route 47; and on the west by Pacific
36 Avenue, Front Street, and the community of San Pedro. Land uses in the general vicinity
37 of the project site support a variety of cargo handling operations, including container,
38 liquid bulk, and dry bulk; commercial fishing and seafood processing; a power plant
39 (Harbor Generating Station); Port administration and maintenance facilities; maritime
40 support uses; and recreational and residential uses.

2.4.3 Existing Site Conditions

The 131-acre CS Container Terminal has vessel two berths and a container yard, and is operated by the West Basin Container Terminal LLC (WBCT) under a lease agreement (Permit No. 999) between China Shipping (North America) Holding Co., Ltd.) and LAHD. WBCT also operates the adjacent Yang Ming (YM) Container Terminal at Berths 121-136, and is partially owned by China Shipping and Yang Ming. WBCT owns the cargo-handling equipment that is used on both the CS and YM terminals, and the equipment is frequently shared between the two terminals. The two terminals share the on-dock West Basin Intermodal Container Transfer Facility (WBICTF), which is located on the Yang Ming terminal.

As described in more detail below (Section 2.6), the baseline for consideration of the air quality and related impacts of the Revised Project is 2014, which is the last full year of operation before the NOP was issued. In 2014 the terminal handled 1,088,639 twenty-foot-equivalent units (TEU: twenty-foot equivalent units, a measure of containerized cargo capacity) of containerized cargo, or approximately 595,000 containers. The majority of the containers left the terminal by truck, whether to transload destinations in the region for ultimate placement on eastbound trains or to warehouses and distribution centers for consumption within the region. The remainder were placed directly onto trains at the WBICTF for transport out of the southern California region. Export containers (those leaving the terminal on ships) made the reverse moves in roughly the same proportions. In total, these activities involved approximately 555,000 truck trips, 418 train trips to and from the WBICTF, and 163 vessel calls.

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Figure 2-1: Berths 97-109 (China Shipping) Container Terminal



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The CS Container Terminal handled the containers with a variety of cargo-handling equipment (CHE). Details of the CHE fleet are discussed below as various elements of the Revised Project are described, but in general, the WBCT’s inventory of CHE in 2014 included 180 LPG-powered yard tractors (hostlers), 18 rubber-tired gantry cranes (RTGs), 22 forklifts, 1 sweeper, 5 off-road trucks, and 39 toppick mobile cranes (a type of CHE that lifts containers onto and off of truck chassis, railcars, and container stacks). The CS Container Terminal is assumed, on the basis of the 2014 combined throughput of the YM and CS terminals (1,606,707 TEUs), to use an average of approximately 68% of the CHE (CS’s throughput was 1,088,639 TEUs).

12 **2.4.4 Operations 2005 - 2014**

The CS Container Terminal began operation in 2005 and has operated more or less continuously since then. As Table 2-2 shows, throughput has approximately doubled in the 10 years of operation.

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Table 2-2: CS Container Terminal throughput since 2005.

Year	2008 EIS/EIR Projected Throughput (TEUs)*	Actual Throughput (TEUs)
2005	403,200	456,739
2006	510,000	520,248
2007		559,026
2008		387,004
2009		607,630
2010	605,200	690,597
2011		613,252
2012		699,609
2013		813,845
2014	<1,164,000**	1,088,639

* From Table E1.2-1 of USACE & LAHD (2008)

https://www.portoflosangeles.org/EIR/ChinaShipping/DEIR/AppendixE1.2_Operations_Air_Quality_Calculations.pdf

** The projection for 2015 was 1,164,000 TEUs, so a projection of 2014 throughput would have been somewhat less.

2 Operation between 2005 and 2014 included implementation of most of the mitigation
3 measures imposed in the 2008 EIS/EIR, but, as described in Table 2-1, some were
4 incompletely implemented or not implemented at all. In the case of MM AQ-9, for
5 example, in 2011 China Shipping informed LAHD that it could not meet the target date
6 for 100% AMP. LAHD determined that the actual total PM emissions from ocean-going
7 vessels (OGV) in 2012 and 2013 would be below those analyzed in the EIR, primarily
8 because of the lower actual terminal throughput due to the recession, the use of larger
9 vessels, and implementation of CARB's low-sulfur marine fuel regulation (LAHD,
10 2011). Based on these findings, LAHD agreed to extend the 2011 deadline for 100%
11 AMP to December 31, 2013, to provide China Shipping with additional time to fit its
12 vessels with AMP capability. A subsequent analysis in 2013 (LAHD, 2013), which
13 included third-party vessels (primarily the shipping lines UASC and Yang Ming),
14 confirmed that projected emissions of PM, NO_x, and SO_x (annual and peak daily
15 emissions) covering ocean-going vessels were still below the emissions for milestone
16 years analyzed in the 2008 EIS/EIR. Because of the extension, in 2012 only 12% of
17 vessel calls used AMP and in 2013 34% used AMP. The use of AMP increased
18 thereafter: in 2014 80% of vessels calls used AMP. This figure is consistent with
19 CARB's regulation for at-berth vessel emissions control (17 CCR Section 93118.3)
20 requiring that, beginning 1 January 2014, at least 50% of ship calls either use shore
21 power or achieve 50% emission reduction through equivalent emission control
22 technologies (CARB, 2007a).

23 As another example, the requirements of MM AQ-17 were also not completely achieved
24 for most categories of CHE. By the end of 2014 none of the RTGs was electric-powered
25 (one was a diesel-electric hybrid), and most of the topicks and forklifts were non-
26 compliant.

27 The SEIR analyzes the "Actual" scenario – operation with actual throughputs, CHE
28 activity, trucks, vessels, and trains, as well as mitigation measures as actually
29 implemented. Thus, for example, the 2008 EIS/EIR assumed that between 2012 and

1 2014, 50% of the drayage trucks serving the CS Container Terminal would be LNG-
2 fueled. In fact, the percentage of LNG-fueled trucks was approximately 9%; accordingly,
3 the SEIR analyzes the difference in emissions and resultant health impacts between the
4 assumption of 50% LNG-fueled trucks and the actual drayage fleet, operating under the
5 requirements of the Clean Truck Program that served the terminal during that period.

6 A comprehensive review of the past performance of the China Shipping Terminal with
7 respect to the air quality mitigation measures imposed by the 2008 EIS/EIR was
8 performed. This review found that in the period 2005-2013, emissions of pollutants,
9 pollutant concentrations, and predicted health risk did not exceed the predicted levels in
10 the 2008 EIS/EIR. This review is presented in Appendix D.

11 **2.5 Revised Project**

12 The Revised Project involves the continued operation of the CS Container Terminal
13 under new and/or modified mitigation measures, described in Section 2.5.2, compared to
14 those set forth in the 2008 EIS/EIR for the Approved Project. The revisions to mitigation
15 measures in some cases modify details of the implementation of a measure, in other cases
16 substitute a new measure, and in still others eliminate the measure altogether as being
17 infeasible or no longer necessary. All other aspects of the Approved Project, including
18 construction and the physical operation of the CS Container Terminal and all other
19 mitigation measures, remain the same as those evaluated in the 2008 EIS/EIR, although
20 the circumstances surrounding operation of the CS Container Terminal have changed to
21 reflect an updated assessment of the terminal's maximum throughput (i.e., its capacity).
22 The modifications proposed under the Revised Project are analyzed in this Draft SEIR
23 with the physical elements of the Approved Project described in the 2008 EIS/EIR as
24 they now exist, and the operation of those elements, including the completed mitigation
25 measures and the ongoing mitigation measures, under updated cargo and activity
26 projections and using current analytical techniques.

27 **2.5.1 Operation of the CS Container Terminal, 2014 -** 28 **2045**

29 This Draft SEIR compares future operations as analyzed in the 2008 EIS/EIR and as now
30 projected to occur. This analysis is based on the recognition that changes in throughput,
31 technology, and other factors have occurred, and that the original mitigation measures
32 are, in many cases, obsolete or infeasible.

33 As Table 2-3 shows, there are differences in the analytical years between the original
34 document and the Draft SEIR. The 2008 EIS/EIR analyzed 2015 as one of its interim
35 years, but for the Draft SEIR the baseline year is 2014; the one-year difference is judged
36 not to affect the comparison of the two scenarios. In addition, the Draft SEIR analyzes an
37 additional interim year, 2023, which was not analyzed in the 2008 EIS/EIR. This year
38 has been chosen to provide information on conditions that would pertain when regulatory
39 requirements would be fully implemented.

Table 2-3: Comparison of Operation of the CS Container Terminal as Analyzed in the 2008 EIS/EIR and the SEIR.

Element	2008 Assumptions			SEIR Assumptions				
	Year:	2015	2030	2045	2014 (Actual)	2023	2030	2036-2045
Throughput (TEUs)		1,164,000	1,551,000	1,551,000	1,089,000	1,521,228	1,698,504	1,698,504
Vessel Calls/yr		182	234	234	82	156	156	156
Truck Trips/yr		1,192,000	1,508,000	1,508,000	1,109,873	1,348,380	1,501,817	1,514,062
Train Trips/yr		648	816	816	570	703	723	738
%TEUs by Truck		81%	83%	83%	81%	85%	86%	86%
%TEUs by On-Dock		20%	17%	17%	19%	16%	14%	14%

Notes:

1) Analysis years differ because 2015 was an interim year for the 2008 EIS/EIR but 2014 is the baseline year for the SEIR.

2) %TEUs by Truck includes trips to near-dock/off-dock railyards.

2.5.2 Revised Project Elements

2.5.2.1 Mitigation Measures

MM AQ-9 – Alternative Maritime Power (AMP)

MM AQ-9 (LAHD and USACE, 2008) required that China Shipping ships calling at Berths 97-109 must use AMP in the following percentages while hoteling in the Port: January 1 –June 30 2005: 60% of total ship calls; 1 July 2005: 70% of total ship calls (ASJ requirement); 1 January 2010: 90% of ship calls; 1 January 2011 and thereafter: 100% of ship calls. Additionally, by 2010, all ships retrofitted for AMP shall be required to use AMP while hoteling at a 100 percent compliance rate, with the exception of circumstances when an AMP-capable berth is unavailable due to utilization by another AMP-capable ship.

China Shipping vessels achieved the earlier requirements (Table 2-1): in 2005, 97% of vessel calls used AMP, and through 2009 rates of AMP exceeded 70% in every year except 2006 (46%). Thereafter, compliance did not meet the higher requirements, never achieving more than 80% through 2014.

Several factors affect the ability of a container terminal to achieve the goal of having 100% of vessel calls use shore power. These factors, recognized by CARB, are the reason why CARB's shore power requirement is 50% of calls until 2017 and is capped at 80 percent of vessel calls by 2020. First, very few terminals service only the vessels of a single shipping line; most, including the CS Container terminal, have a core business of vessels belonging to one shipping company or those of a consortium ("alliance") of a few shipping companies, but also accept third-party business. The core line of the CS Container Terminal, for example, is China Shipping, but the terminal accepts a number of third-party vessels, including Yang Ming and alliance members UASC and CMA-CGM. This business is important to international commerce and to the financial viability of individual terminals. This third-party business may involve vessels that have not been equipped to use shore power. Accordingly, some proportion of vessel calls cannot use AMP because the vessels are not equipped to do so. In 2014, 17 vessel calls (out of the

1 total of 83) did not use AMP; most of those belonged to the shipping lines UASC and
2 CMA-CGM. Those vessels either used the bonnet alternative emission reduction
3 technology, in which emissions were captured by a stack bonnet and treated by a barge-
4 mounted treatment unit, or stayed too short a time in port to use either technology.

5 Second, situations arise that prevent an AMP-capable vessel from utilizing AMP. These
6 include emergency situations, as defined in 17 CCR Section 93118.3(c)14, involving
7 either the vessel or the electric utility, and equipment failure involving the vessel, the
8 AMP facility at the berth, or the electric utility.

9 Finally, a small percentage of the vessels that call at a given container terminal are
10 operated by shipping lines that do not meet the CARB required minimum of 25 annual
11 calls (CARB, 2007b, c); those vessels tend not to be outfitted to connect to shore power.
12 For these vessels, alternative emissions control technology is the only possible option.

13 **Revised Project**

14 Although the goal of the Approved Project was 100 percent compliance for China
15 Shipping vessels, the LAHD (as well as CARB) recognizes that the factors summarized
16 above may prevent China Shipping from always achieving that goal. The Revised
17 Project requires that:

18 By January 1, 2018, all ships calling at Berths 97-109 must use AMP
19 while hoteling in the Port, with a 95 percent compliance rate.
20 Exceptions may be made if one of the following circumstances or
21 conditions exists:

- 22 1) Emergencies
- 23 2) An AMP-capable berth is unavailable
- 24 3) An AMP-capable ship is not able to plug in
- 25 4) The vessel is not AMP-capable.

26 In the event one of these circumstances or conditions exist, an
27 equivalent alternative at-berth emission control capture system shall
28 be deployed, if feasible, based on availability, scheduling,
29 operational feasibility, and contracting requirements between the
30 provider of the equivalent alternative technology and the terminal
31 operator. The equivalent alternative technology must, at a minimum,
32 meet the emissions reductions that would be achieved from AMP.
33 For analysis purposes, compliance with this mitigation measure shall
34 be assumed not to exceed 95%, in order to accommodate the
35 exceptional circumstances in 1-4, above.

36 The revised measure is consistent with the 2010 CAAP and AMP requirements for
37 recently certified EIRs. For calculating emissions, this analysis assumes (conservatively,
38 given how rarely those exceptional circumstances have occurred) that 95% of vessels
39 calling the CS Terminal will meet the requirements of the measure. That compliance rate
40 is substantially larger than the 80% overall maximum assumed by CARB and is
41 consistent with CARB's assumption that the shore-power regulation will affect
42 approximately 96 percent of container vessels (CARB 2007b, Table VI-1). The
43 emissions calculations also incorporate the CARB regulation's three-hour provision.
44 That provision acknowledges that connecting and disconnecting from the AMP system
45 takes time, and allows three hours for each process, during which the vessel can run its
46 auxiliary engines without violating the regulation.

MM AQ-10 – Vessel Speed Reduction Program

MM AQ-10 (LAHD and USACE, 2008) required that as of 2009, 100% of oceangoing vessels calling the CS Container Terminal comply with the Vessel Speed Reduction Program (VSRP) within a 40-nautical-mile (nm) radius of Point Fermin. The VSRP was initially (2005) established as a 20-nm-radius, but MM AQ-10 extended the radius to 40 nautical miles.

In 2014, vessels calling the CS Container Terminal achieved a compliance rate of 99% within the 20-nm radius, and between 20 and 40 miles the compliance rate was 98%. While these high rates of compliance were consistent with the other container terminals in the Port (Table 2-4), they fell somewhat short of the 100% required by the mitigation measure.

The need to slow down vessels within the VSRP 40 nm radius is built in to the voyage plans of most shipping lines. Vessels calling the Port's major container terminals typically achieve high rates of compliance, some maintaining 100% compliance in the inner portion of the VSRP radius (20 nm) and several, including China Shipping, achieving or approaching 100% throughout the entire VSRP.

Table 2-4: Container terminal compliance (percent) with the Vessel Speed Reduction Program, 2014.

Terminal	Within 20 nm	Within 40 nm
Eagle Marine	100	84
APM Terminals	86	71
California United Terminal	99	95
Everport	99	97
POLA Container Terminal	98	98
TraPac	99	97
Yang Ming (WBCT)	98	95
China Shipping (WBCT)	99	96
Yusen (YTI)	98	72
Average	95	84

Although the compliance rate of vessels calling the CS Terminal approached 100% in 2014, not all vessels will be able to meet the 100% requirement due to arrivals or departures that would have to increase speed for various reasons. Non-compliance with the VSR is typically the result of pressure on vessel schedules caused by weather, port delays, and mechanical problems. For example, meeting scheduled time slots for shorter voyages (e.g., to or from Oakland) may require higher vessel speeds. Schedule slippage can be made up by increasing vessel speed, and if a vessel is still behind schedule as it approaches Los Angeles Harbor, the vessel's master may elect either to operate at higher than economic speed outside the VSRP area for a period of time, or to increase vessel speed in some part of the VSRP control radius. For example, operating at 17 knots instead of 12 knots would allow a vessel to make up an hour of time in the 40-mile zone. In addition, vessel schedules are coordinated to avoid incurring container terminal labor standby costs, so that increased speed may be necessary to arrive at a berth in time to utilize labor efficiently. Accordingly, while 100% compliance may be achieved in any given year, that rate cannot be sustained over a period of years.

Revised Project Modification

The LAHD proposes that MM AQ-10 be revised to require that:

Beginning January 1, 2018, at least 95 percent of vessels calling at Berths 97-109 shall either 1) comply with the expanded VSRP of 12 knots between 40 nm from Point Fermin and the Precautionary Area or 2) comply with an alternative compliance plan approved by the LAHD for a specific vessel and type. Any alternative compliance plan shall be submitted to LAHD at least 90 days in advance for approval, and shall be supported by data that demonstrates the ability of the alternative compliance plan for the specific vessel and type to achieve emissions reductions comparable to or greater than those achievable by compliance with the VSRP. The alternative compliance plan shall be implemented once written notice of approval is granted by the LAHD.

The 95% requirement at 40nm is consistent with recent POLA EIRs and with how shipping lines at terminals have been performing at POLA. It incorporates the realities of oceangoing cargo vessel operation and the need to maintain economic competitiveness. Option 2 allows China Shipping to submit an alternative compliance plan that demonstrates to LAHD's satisfaction that the intent of the VSRP would be achieved.

MM AQ-15 – Clean-Diesel Yard Tractors

MM AQ-15 (LAHD & USACE, 2008) required all yard tractors to run on alternative fuel (LPG) between September 30, 2004, and December 31, 2014, and that beginning January 1, 2015, all yard tractors must be the cleanest available NO_x alternative-fueled engine meeting 0.015 gm/hp-hr for PM.

As of 2014, all yard tractors operating at the CS Container Terminal were alternative fuel-powered, and thus complied with the ASJ portion of MM AQ-15. However, all LPG tractors, regardless of model year, have a nominal PM emission factor of 0.08 gm/hp-hr (EPA Tier 3), and thus do not satisfy the requirement that they be cleanest available by 2015. Full compliance with this requirement would necessitate the replacement of all of the 122 yard tractors in use at the CS Terminal with new units. According to China Shipping (LAHD, 2017b), those tractors would cost approximately \$100,000 per unit, for an estimated total of \$12.2 million. Furthermore, LPG yard tractors meeting the current ultra-low NO_x standard (0.02 g/bhp-hr) are not commercially available; only a single demonstration unit has been tested at the Port of Savannah at this time. Accordingly, the original measure is technologically infeasible.

Revised Project Modification

For the Revised Project, MM AQ-15 requires that:

- By January 1, 2019 all LPG yard tractors of model years 2007 or older shall be alternative fuel yard tractors that meet or exceed Tier 4 final off-road engine standards for PM and NO_x.
- By January 1, 2023 all LPG yard tractors of model years 2011 or older shall be alternative fuel yard tractors that meet or exceed Tier 4 final off-road engine standards for PM and NO_x.

WBCT, the operator of the CS Terminal, prefers to continue to use LPG but the mitigation is written as alternative fuel to be technology neutral. WBCT confirmed that up to 40 yard tractors can be replaced each year. This figure is based on the time it takes

1 to place the order and have the units built. LAHD has independently confirmed that
2 information: one major manufacturer has indicated that they can produce 20 LPG units
3 per month or up to 200 LPG yard tractor units per year, if needed. Since that
4 manufacturer would have many other customers, and considering the size of the financial
5 commitment, 40 units per year is deemed appropriate.

6 **MM AQ-16 – Railyard Cargo-Handling Equipment**

7 In accordance with the ASJ, MM AQ-16 required that the CHE at the WBICTF on-dock
8 railyard be exclusively LPG-fueled from 2004 to 2014. The measure further required
9 that by end of 2014, all such equipment meet Tier 4 off-road or on-road engine standards.
10 The equipment used at the railyard is the same CHE used in the container yards of the CS
11 and YM terminals, i.e., yard tractors that transfer containers between the container yard
12 and the railyard, and toppicks that load and unload trains. Accordingly, the intent of this
13 measure is fulfilled by controlling CHE through MM AQ-15 and MM AQ-17.

14 **Revised Project Modification**

15 MM AQ-16 has been combined with MM AQ-17 because there is no feasible way to
16 identify railyard, as opposed to container yard, equipment, and because implementation
17 of AQ-15 and AQ-17 will control emissions associated with CHE handling CS cargo.

18 **MM AQ-17 – Container Yard Cargo-Handling Equipment**

19 In accordance with the ASJ, MM AQ-17 required that by September 30, 2004 all
20 toppicks be equipped with diesel oxidation catalysts (DOCs) and use emulsified diesel
21 fuel, which has been met. The few remaining older-model units are equipped with
22 DOCs (although emulsified fuel is no longer available) and the newer models (2008 and
23 newer) exceed the DOC's PM reduction efficiency by virtue of meeting cleaner engine
24 standards. All of the units use ultra-low-sulfur diesel fuel (ULSD), as required by state
25 and federal law, which further reduces emissions. MM AQ-17 further requires that,
26 beginning in 2009, all RTGs must be electric powered, all toppicks must have cleanest
27 available NO_x alternative fuel engine meeting EPA Tier 4 standards for PM, and new
28 equipment purchases must be either cleanest alternative fuel or cleanest diesel with
29 cleanest verified control equipment; by the end of 2012, all equipment less than 750 hp
30 (which includes all CHE at the CS terminal) must meet EPA Tier 4 off-road or on-road
31 engine standards; and by the end of 2014, all equipment must meet Tier 4 non-road
32 engine standards.

33 As Table 2-5 shows, in 2014 there were approximately 79 pieces of CHE operating at the
34 CS and Yang Ming terminals (WBCT); in addition, there were two diesel-powered
35 sweepers. All of the toppicks and RTGs, and more than half of the forklifts, were diesel-
36 powered, fueled by USLD. Given the proportion of the total cargo handled by WBCT at
37 the two terminals that moves through the CS Terminal (68%), it can be assumed that the
38 numbers of CHE working at that terminal in 2014 were approximately 13 RTGs, 15
39 forklifts, and 27 toppicks.

40 Two of WBCT's RTGs are diesel-electric hybrid models. These hybrids, called
41 EcoCranes, provide significant emission reductions compared to diesel RTGs (74% PM
42 and 84% NO_x reduction), but because they are partially diesel-powered they still do not
43 meet the requirements of MM AQ-17 as originally written.

44 All-electric RTGs are not only much more expensive to purchase than either diesel-
45 powered or hybrid units, but their installation at a container terminal requires substantial

1 and costly modifications of the container yard to accommodate the necessary power
 2 trenches and transformers. In addition, space constraints in much of the container yard
 3 prevent the installation of electric RTGs throughout the terminal. However, WBCT
 4 confirmed that four electric RTGs in what is known as the “surcharge area” at the
 5 terminal are feasible because infrastructure in that location has already been installed.
 6 The surcharge area is a block area in the northern portion of the terminal that lies south of
 7 the waterway and bridges connecting to the adjacent YM Terminal.

8 **Table 2-5: Cargo-handling equipment inventory of West Basin Container**
 9 **Terminal**

Model Year	RTGs	Forklifts		Toppicks	Yard Tractors
		Diesel	LPG		
2014		1		1	
2013	1				
2011	1		1	3	23
2009		1			
2008			2	15	43
2007		3		6	59
2006				6	
2005	5	3	3		
2004	2	4			53
2003	8				
2002			2	8	
Pre-2000	1	1	1		2
Total	19	13	9	39	180

10 With regard to the other CHE, the four model year 2011 and 2014 toppicks already meet
 11 the Tier 4 interim standard, which is the standard referenced by the mitigation measure.
 12 Assuming that those four units could be dedicated to the CS terminal, WBCT would need
 13 to purchase another 23 Tier 4 units and dedicate them to the CS terminal to comply with
 14 the measure. This could be achieved by first replacing the 2002 model year units, which
 15 are nearing the end of their service life, then replacing the 2006 and 2007 model year
 16 units, which still have several more years of service life. The estimated cost of the
 17 replacement is \$15 million (approximately \$650,000 per unit; LAHD 2014).

18 With regard to the forklifts, the two 2011 and newer units (LPG and diesel) already meet
 19 Tier 4 standards, and thus comply with the measure. Accordingly, compliance with the
 20 measure will require replacing at least 13 other units with Tier 4-compliant units and
 21 dedicating the new units to the CS terminal.

22 Revised Project Modification

23 For the Revised Project, MM AQ-17 is revised as follows: all yard equipment at the
 24 terminal except yard tractors shall implement the following requirements:

25 Forklifts:

- 26 • By January 1, 2019 all 18-ton diesel forklifts of model years 2004 and older shall
 27 be replaced with units that meet or exceed Tier 4 final off-road engine standards
 28 for PM and NO_x.

- 1 • By January 1, 2020 all 18-ton diesel forklifts of model years 2005 and older shall
2 be replaced with units that meet or exceed Tier 4 final off-road engine standards
3 for PM and NO_x.
- 4 • By January 1, 2020 all 5-ton forklifts of model years 2011 or older shall be
5 electric.
- 6 • By January 1, 2021 all 18-ton diesel forklifts of model years 2007 and older shall
7 be replaced with units that meet or exceed Tier 4 final off-road engine standards
8 for PM and NO_x.

9 Toppicks:

- 10 • By January 1, 2019 all diesel top-picks of model years 2006 and older shall be
11 replaced with units that meet or exceed Tier 4 final off-road engine standards for
12 PM and NO_x.
- 13 • By January 1, 2021 all diesel top-picks of model years 2007 and older shall be
14 replaced with units that meet or exceed Tier 4 final off-road engine standards for
15 PM and NO_x.
- 16 • By January 1, 2023 all diesel top-picks of model years 2014 and older shall be
17 replaced with units that meet or exceed Tier 4 final off-road engine standards for
18 PM and NO_x.

19 Rubber-Tired Gantries:

- 20 • By January 1, 2021 all diesel RTG cranes of model years 2003 and older shall be
21 diesel-electric hybrid with diesel engines that meet or exceed Tier 4 final off-road
22 engine standards for PM and NO_x.
- 23 • By January 1, 2023 all diesel RTG cranes of model years 2004 and older shall be
24 diesel-electric hybrid with diesel engines that meet or exceed Tier 4 final off-road
25 engine standards for PM and NO_x.
- 26 • By January 1, 2025 four RTG cranes of model years 2005 and older would be
27 replaced by all-electric units, and one diesel RTG crane of model year 2005 shall
28 be diesel-electric hybrid with a diesel engine that meets or exceeds Tier 4 final
29 off-road engine standards for PM and NO_x.

30 Sweepers:

- 31 • Sweeper(s) shall be alternative fuel or the cleanest available by 2025.

32 Shuttle Buses:

- 33 • Gasoline shuttle buses shall be zero-emissions units by 2025.

34 **MM AQ-20 – LNG Trucks**

35 The 2008 EIS/EIR proposed MM AQ-20 to reduce the emissions of drayage trucks
36 arriving at and departing from the CS Container Terminal. The measure required that
37 LNG-fueled drayage trucks be used to convey containers to and from the terminal. The
38 requirement has three phases: from 2012 through 2014, at least 50% of drayage trucks
39 calling the terminal must be LNG-powered, from 2015 through 2017 at least 70%, and
40 thereafter 100%. The 2008 EIS/EIR envisioned that LAHD would be responsible for the
41 trucks and WBCT (the terminal operator) would be responsible for necessary gate
42 modifications and operations to ensure compliance.

43 By the end of 2014, 8.2% of drayage trucks calling the CS Container Terminal were LNG
44 powered; accordingly, the requirements of MM AQ-20 were not being met. This

1 proportion of LNG-powered trucks is consistent with the drayage fleet as a whole in the
2 San Pedro Bay ports area. As described in LAHD (2017c), the requirement of MM AQ-
3 20 is considered infeasible at this time because of industry structural constraints, truck
4 technology constraints, and financial constraints.

5 Industry Structural Constraints: First, the structure of the drayage truck industry serving
6 the ports is incompatible with such a requirement. This requirement would have the CS
7 Terminal regulate its customers' (i.e., the ocean carriers that call at the terminal)
8 contractors (i.e., the licensed motor carriers that dray the cargo) or its customers'
9 customers (i.e., beneficial cargo owners [BCOs] and their agents). This approach would
10 be impracticable because the terminal is not a party to the contracts that determine what
11 vehicles will arrive at the terminal's gates. Container terminals are contracted to load and
12 unload ships, trains, and trucks, not to conduct or arrange for drayage. As described
13 more fully in LAHD (2017c), the great majority of drayage is contracted for by two
14 different entities: BCOs (about 75% of the time) and shipping lines (25% of the time).
15 BCOs and shipping lines hire drayage companies to move containers between the Port
16 and their warehouses and the near and off-dock railyards. The trucking companies
17 allocate resources, i.e., trucks, according to the demands of the cargo owners, not the
18 terminals, meaning that CS and WBCT have no role in the logistics of drayage.

19 Accordingly, a container terminal seeking to implement a requirement to use only LNG-
20 fueled trucks for moving cargo beyond its gates would have three basic approaches to
21 choose from:

- 22 • Turn away all non-LNG-fueled trucks at the terminal gates;
- 23 • Convert its existing truck fleet (if it has one) or form its own trucking company
24 with appropriate trucks;
- 25 • Contract with one or more trucking firms to dedicate LNG-fueled trucks to that
26 terminal.

27 The first approach, turning away non-LNG-fueled trucks at its gates, would be
28 impracticable because the beneficial cargo owners, their agents, and shipping lines would
29 simply send their cargo through other terminals that do not have the LNG requirement.
30 The CS Terminal is one of 13 container terminals in the San Pedro Bay ports: in 2014 the
31 terminal handled only 1 million of the 15 million TEUs that flowed through the San
32 Pedro Bay ports. A unilateral movement on its part would likely be rejected or avoided
33 by the shipping lines and cargo owners which, fearing delays and higher costs, could be
34 disposed to take their business to other shipping lines if advised that their containers
35 could only be drayed by LNG-fueled trucks. The current system of ocean carrier
36 alliances, which allows ocean carriers to send their ships to other terminals than the ones
37 with which they are nominally bound, would facilitate such a shift.

38 The second approach is infeasible partly because no terminal currently has an in-house
39 drayage truck fleet that could be converted, partly because shippers would have no
40 incentive to use such a fleet, which would certainly be more costly than the conventional
41 clean diesel fleet, and partly because, as described in LAHD (2017c), it is unrealistic to
42 suppose that a single container terminal could operate a large enough fleet of LNG-fueled
43 trucks to handle all of its containers not destined for on-dock rail. Furthermore, it is
44 unrealistic to suppose that a container terminal operator inexperienced in trucking
45 operations could successfully compete in the highly competitive, low-margin drayage
46 business. Neither CS nor WBCT is a trucking company; they are a shipping company
47 and a container terminal operating company, respectively. Their business is to transport
48 goods across oceans on ships, load and unload containers from the ships, trains, and

1 trucks that arrive at the CS Container Terminal to pick up or deliver cargo containers, and
2 store those containers pending their pickup.

3 The third approach would have trucking companies dedicate their LNG-fueled trucks to
4 the CS Terminal. This approach would be challenged by the fact that, as mentioned
5 above, the terminal is not involved in designating which trucking firm will pick up or
6 deliver containers at its facilities. In addition, it is not clear that there are enough LNG-
7 fueled trucks in service to handle CS' cargo, and, as described in LAHD (2017c) it is not
8 likely that there will be more such trucks entering the drayage fleet without substantial
9 government intervention in the form of subsidies and/or regulations.

10 Truck Technology Constraints: The CS Terminal has no control over the number of
11 LNG trucks in the drayage fleet. As discussed in LAHD (2017c), LNG-fueled trucks are
12 a minor component of the drayage fleet (700 in a fleet of 15,000), and that proportion is
13 likely to shrink as warranties expire and the units are not replaced. The LNG trucks are
14 not going to be replaced with new LNG trucks because LNG-fueled trucks cost at least
15 \$50,000 more per unit than clean diesel trucks, they are more expensive to maintain, and
16 the expected fuel cost savings have not materialized.

17 Furthermore, LNG-fueled trucks have proven to be unsuitable for the most rigorous duty,
18 namely the long haul over the steep grades leading out of the L.A. Basin (LAHD, 2017c).
19 This factor would preclude the CS Terminal from handling long-haul drayage cargo.

20 Financial Constraints: Meeting a requirement to accept only LNG-fueled trucks would
21 place CS and WBCT at a severe competitive disadvantage with respect to the other 12
22 container terminals in the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. Those terminals are
23 served by drayage trucks that are enrolled in each port's Clean Truck Program (CTP).
24 Less than 5% of the more than 15,000 trucks in the programs are LNG-fueled, and in
25 2014 those trucks hauled approximately 10% of the containers. The rest of the trucks are
26 2007-compliant diesel-powered trucks, i.e., clean trucks.

27 BCOs and ocean carriers face a wide variety of difficulties in moving goods. If they
28 were to continue to use a terminal that required LNG-fueled trucks, they would have the
29 added difficulty of finding enough trucks to handle their containers, the added expense of
30 the higher costs of using those trucks, and the fact that their long-haul cargo could not be
31 handled. They would avoid these difficulties by sending their goods through any one of
32 the 12 other port terminals (which ocean carriers can do through their vessel-sharing
33 alliances).

34 **Revised Project Modification**

35 There is no feasible mitigation measure that could be assured of reducing drayage truck
36 emissions by a quantifiable amount. Accordingly, the Revised Project does not include
37 MM AQ-20.

38 With the implementation of a new port-wide Clean Trucks Program currently under
39 development as part of the 2017 CAAP and subject to Board approval, future emission
40 reductions from drayage would be achieved; however, no credit can be taken at this time.
41 Furthermore, the Revised Project includes a new lease measure, LM AQ-2, below, that is
42 expected to further reduce emissions from drayage trucks.

43 **LM AQ-23 Throughput Tracking**

44 The 2008 EIS/EIR included MM AQ-23, which required China Shipping to provide
45 records of terminal throughput, in order to be able to assess whether actual future
46 operations of the CS Container Terminal exceeded throughput assumptions on which the

1 impact assessments, and therefore the mitigation measures, were based. If it was
2 determined that these emissions sources exceed 2008 EIS/EIR assumptions, then staff
3 would evaluate actual air emissions for comparison with the 2008 EIS/EIR. If that
4 evaluation showed that criteria pollutant emissions exceeded those in the 2008 EIS/EIR,
5 then new or additional mitigations would be applied through MM AQ-22 Periodic
6 Review of New Technology and Regulations.

7 The measure was re-designated a lease measure (LM AQ-23) in the FEIR because it did
8 not mitigate an identified impact. LM AQ-23 was to be applied through the LAHD's
9 lease with China Shipping. Although the lease amendment was never implemented, the
10 throughput tracking occurs through standard Port data collection.

11 As Table 2-2 shows, actual throughput has generally exceeded the projections in the 2008
12 EIS/EIR. However, the new analysis in the SEIR already takes into account the
13 maximum capacity of the terminal and growth in TEU volume, and applies all feasible
14 mitigation measures to address future air quality impacts. Accordingly, periodic reviews
15 of throughput are unnecessary. Furthermore, new technologies would continue to be
16 considered and applied under Lease Measure AQ-22 Periodic Review of New
17 Technology and Regulations, since this requirement is not being changed. Finally, new
18 Lease Measure AQ-1, below, would ensure a regular check-in process and evaluation of
19 the cleanest available technology when equipment is purchased or replaced by the tenant.

20 **Revised Project Modification**

21 LM AQ-23 is not included in the Revised Project.

22 **MM TRANS-2, TRANS-3, TRANS-4, and TRANS-6**

23 The 2008 EIS/EIR included several mitigation measures related to roadway
24 improvements needed to reduce the impacts of project truck traffic at certain Port-area
25 intersections. Three of those measures were not implemented by the dates specified in
26 the measures. In addition, as described more fully in Section 3.3.2.2, conditions have
27 changed since the certification of the 2008 EIS/EIR, which calls into question the need
28 for and/or effectiveness of some of these mitigation measures.

29 MM TRANS-2 requires LAHD to provide an additional eastbound through lane on
30 Anaheim Street at the intersection with Alameda Street by 2015. That project was never
31 implemented, and is not currently part of any planned or approved infrastructure project.
32 A screening analysis conducted by LAHD (Appendix E) indicated that this location
33 would no longer experience a traffic impact. Accordingly, MM TRANS-2 would not be
34 implemented under the Revised Project.

35 MM TRANS-3 requires that LAHD, by 2015, 1) provide additional southbound and
36 westbound right-turn lanes on John S. Gibson Boulevard and I-110 NB ramps; 2)
37 reconfigure the eastbound approach to one eastbound through-left-turn lane, and one
38 eastbound through-right-turn lane; and 3) provide an additional westbound right-turn lane
39 with westbound right-turn overlap phasing. The first two elements have been addressed
40 by the John S. Gibson/I-110 Project, but the third one (westbound lane with westbound
41 overlap phasing) was not part of the Gibson/I-110 Project and has not been completed. A
42 screening analysis conducted by LAHD (Appendix E) indicated that this location would
43 no longer experience a traffic impact. Accordingly, completion of MM TRANS-3 is not
44 included in the Revised Project.

45 MM TRANS-4 was intended to modify the intersection at Fries Avenue and Harry
46 Bridges Boulevard by providing an additional westbound through-lane on Harry Bridges

1 Boulevard and additional northbound, eastbound, and westbound right-turn lanes on Fries
 2 Avenue and Harry Bridges Boulevard. The measure was supposed to have been
 3 implemented by 2015, but has not been completed and is not part of any approved or
 4 planned infrastructure project. A screening analysis conducted by LAHD (Appendix E)
 5 indicated that this location would no longer experience a traffic impact. Accordingly,
 6 MM TRANS-4 would not be implemented under the Revised Project.

7 MM TRANS-6 required the LAHD to modify the Navy Way/Seaside Avenue
 8 intersection on Terminal Island by providing an additional eastbound through-lane on
 9 Seaside Avenue and reconfiguring the westbound approach to one left-turn lane and
 10 three through-lanes. The measure has not been completed and is not part of any approved
 11 or planned infrastructure project. However, a related transportation improvement project,
 12 the Navy Way and Seaside Interchange Project, would construct a new flyover connector
 13 from northbound Navy Way to westbound Seaside Avenue. The flyover improvement
 14 would provide direct ramp connections for existing left-turn movements, thereby
 15 eliminating conflicts between left-turn and through traffic. The improvement is
 16 scheduled to be implemented before 2026. Accordingly, MM TRANS-6 would not be
 17 implemented under the Revised Project.

18 **Revised Project Modification**

19 All four 2008 EIS/EIR mitigation measures are not included in the Revised Project.

20 **2.5.2.2 Revised Project New Lease Measures**

21 **LM AQ-1: Cleanest Available Cargo Handling Equipment**

22 For any measures that require the replacement, new purchase, or retrofit of cargo
 23 handling equipment, the tenant is required to notify LAHD in advance and engage in
 24 collaboration with LAHD on the cleanest available cargo handling equipment that is
 25 operationally and economically feasible and commercially available for the tenant's
 26 operations. LAHD will also assist with identification of potential sources of funding
 27 to assist with the purchase of such equipment.

28 This new lease measure would ensure a regular check-in process and evaluation of the
 29 cleanest available technology in order to be consistent with, and address, future 2017
 30 CAAP concepts for near-zero and zero-emissions equipment.

31 **LM AQ-2: Priority Access for Drayage**

32 A priority access system shall be implemented at the terminal to provide preferential
 33 access to zero- and near-zero-emission trucks.

34 Priority access would enable drivers with the cleanest trucks to get access to the terminal
 35 more quickly, thus allowing them to make more daily moves – called “turns” – and earn
 36 more revenue. Faster moves and higher earning potential could incentivize drivers and
 37 trucking companies to accelerate the investment in zero- and near-zero-emission trucks
 38 and to send these cleaner trucks to the CS Terminal because it would increase their
 39 business and reduce their fuel and idling time costs. Preferential access could involve
 40 giving drivers of clean trucks the first choice of coveted appointment/reservation slots,
 41 dedicating a gate for cleaner trucks, or a combination of several such strategies.

42 The actual structure of the priority access system will be determined based on outcome of
 43 drayage study and CAAP 2017 concept. Possible measures could include a priority
 44 access system that, once developed, would result in quicker turn times for the cleanest
 45 available trucks. In the near term this could be achieved by an enhanced terminal

1 appointment system that would allow appointment-making rules resulting in increased
2 efficiency and goods movement optimization measures. WBCT already operates an
3 appointment system for all imported cargo and, for some time periods, for export cargo.

4 For the priority access system concept shown here and in the Nov 2016 CAAP discussion
5 document, these trucks would experience preferred scheduling in the near-term, and
6 reduced wait times to pick up or drop off containers. The reduction in idling time and the
7 increased use of clean trucks would reduce the overall emissions from drayage at the CS
8 Terminal. The emissions reductions from this measure cannot be quantified at this time.

9 **LM AQ-3: Demonstration of Zero-Emissions Equipment**

10 Tenant shall conduct a one-year zero emission demonstration project with at least ten
11 units of zero-emission cargo handling equipment. Upon completion of the one-year
12 demonstration, Tenant shall submit a report to LAHD that evaluates the feasibility of
13 permanent use of the tested equipment. Tenant shall continue to test the zero-
14 emission equipment and provide feasibility assessments and progress reports in 2020
15 and 2025 to evaluate the status of zero-emission equipment technologies and
16 infrastructure as well as operational and financial considerations, with a goal of 100%
17 zero-emission cargo handling equipment by 2030.

18 **LM GHG-1: GHG Credit Fund.**

19 LAHD shall establish a carbon offset fund, which may be accomplished through a
20 Memorandum of Understanding with the California Air Resources Board or another
21 appropriate entity, to mitigate project GHG impacts to the maximum extent feasible.
22 The fund shall be used for GHG-reducing projects and programs on Port of Los
23 Angeles property. It shall be the responsibility of the Tenant to contribute to the fund.
24 Fund contribution shall be \$250,000, payable upon execution of a lease amendment.
25 \$250,000 has been identified as the maximum feasible contribution level. If LAHD
26 is unable to establish the fund within a reasonable period of time, Tenant shall instead
27 purchase credits from an approved GHG offset registry in the amount of \$250,000.

28 **2.6 Baselines and Analytical Framework for** 29 **Assessing Impacts of the Approved** 30 **Project and the Revised Project**

31 **2.6.1 Baselines Used in This SEIR**

32 An objective of this SEIR is to determine whether modifications to the Approved Project
33 would result in new or substantially more severe significant environmental impacts than
34 disclosed in the 2008 EIS/EIR. To make this determination, impacts resulting from
35 implementation of the Revised Project are compared to a baseline condition. The
36 difference between the Revised Project and the baseline is then compared to a threshold
37 to determine if the difference between the two is significant.

38 In accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15125, the CEQA baseline often represents
39 conditions at the time of the project's NOP circulation; however, Section 15125 also
40 authorizes the lead agency to choose a baseline that most accurately reflects actual

1 conditions, in cases where choosing the existing physical conditions at a single point in
2 time would be misleading or would misrepresent a proposed project's potential impacts.

3 **2.6.1.1 2008 Approved Project Baseline**

4 In the typical case, a supplemental EIR would adopt as its baseline the full build-out of
5 the approved project analyzed under the prior EIR, regardless of whether that project has
6 been fully constructed. Applying this concept here, it would be proper, for example, to
7 use the Approved Project, as mitigated, as the baseline conditions for evaluating the
8 impacts of the Revised Project and to disclose the incremental change in environmental
9 impacts between the Approved Project and the Revised Project.

10 LAHD has determined that this approach is appropriate for analysis of cumulative
11 Ground Transportation impacts to street intersections and at-grade rail crossings, areas in
12 which the basic analytical techniques have not changed since the 2008 EIS/EIR.
13 Therefore, this Draft SEIR will use, as its baseline for cumulative impacts to street
14 intersections and at-grade rail crossings, data previously disclosed in the 2008 EIS/EIR
15 for the approved project, "with mitigation," for 2015 and future baseline years 2030 and
16 2045. Nevertheless, this Draft SEIR's analysis of the street intersection and rail crossing
17 cumulative impacts of proposed modifications to mitigation measures under the Revised
18 Project will account for a number of changes to the methodologies and assumptions of
19 the modeling tools, including the port subarea model now known as PortTAM.

20 Other factors which will be taken into account in analysis of the cumulative Ground
21 Transportation impacts to street intersections and at-grade rail crossings of the Revised
22 Project include:

- 23 • Substantial revisions to input data related to future population and economic
24 growth conditions, largely in response to the changes caused by the 2008
25 financial crisis. As a result, the SCAG five-county socioeconomic projections,
26 the Regional Transportation Plan traffic projections, and the San Pedro Bay ports
27 cargo forecasts are substantially different from those used in the 2008 EIS/EIR.
- 28 • The Ports have developed new origin/destination data for marine terminal truck
29 traffic and have updated transportation network data. In addition, the Ports have
30 updated their long-term terminal improvement plans/proposals, which in turn
31 changes the long-term terminal capacities, on-dock railyard capacities, and
32 resulting truck/auto/rail volumes. These new terminal capacity and traffic figures
33 have altered the input data and assumptions for the modeling efforts.

34 The basic regional and local ground transportation network has been physically altered by
35 a number of projects, as described in Section 3.3.2.2. These changes have changed
36 intersection levels of service as well as traffic patterns.

37 **2.6.1.2 2014 Mitigated Baseline**

38 Changes in analytical and modelling techniques, as discussed in Sections 2.2.3 and 3.1,
39 and Appendix B1, since 2008 for other impact analyses have made it unworkable or
40 confusing to analyze impacts in this SEIR using a baseline drawn from data in the 2008
41 EIS/EIR. For these impacts areas, it was necessary to determine a different approach for
42 evaluating the impacts of the Revised Project and to disclose the incremental change in
43 environmental impacts between the Approved Project and the Revised Project. LAHD
44 has determined that the most informative and appropriate approach is to adopt an

1 alternative baseline for these analyses that represents existing conditions (2014) with full
2 implementation of the 2008 Approved Project.

3 CEQA provides for an EIR to assess the significance of a project's impacts in comparison
4 to a baseline that consists of the existing physical environmental conditions at and near
5 the project site. Baseline conditions are normally, but not always, measured at the time
6 of commencement of environmental review of the proposed project. CEQA Guidelines,
7 Section 15125, subdivision (a), provides:

8 *An EIR must include a description of the physical environmental conditions*
9 *in the vicinity of the project, as they exist at the time the notice of*
10 *preparation is published, or if no notice of preparation is published, at the*
11 *time environmental analysis is commenced, from both a local and regional*
12 *perspective. This environmental setting will normally constitute the baseline*
13 *physical conditions by which a lead agency determines whether an impact is*
14 *significant.*

15 The NOP for this Draft SEIR was published in September 2015. LAHD accounts for
16 throughput data over the course of a calendar year, even though throughput can vary from
17 month to month. The most recent data for a full calendar year is 2014. LAHD follows
18 this practice in describing baseline conditions and in describing projected throughput
19 under a proposed project to allow an “apples-to-apples” comparison for future year
20 conditions. For the 12-month period between January 1 and December 31, 2014, the CS
21 Container Terminal handled approximately 1,088,000 TEUs (Table 2-4).

22 Using the 2014 existing conditions, baseline alone would not be representative of the
23 conditions under the 2008 Approved Project because several mitigation measures were
24 not implemented. Thus, 2014 existing conditions would not provide an adequate
25 comparison of the Approved Project and Revised Project as required in a supplemental
26 EIR. This Draft SEIR includes 2014 existing conditions for informational purposes only.

27 For purposes of this Draft SEIR, the 2014 existing conditions baseline has been modified
28 to account for conditions if all 2008 Approved Project mitigation measures were fully
29 implemented. The 2014 Existing Conditions With Approved Project Mitigation Baseline
30 (“2014 Mitigated Baseline”) will disclose the incremental change in environmental
31 impacts between the Approved Project and the Revised Project for air quality and any
32 other environmental resource area.

33 While the 2014 Mitigated Baseline does not permit exact comparison of the impacts of
34 the Revised Project in comparison with the impact conclusions in the 2008 EIS/EIR, it is
35 nonetheless “conservative,” in its identification of the incremental impacts of the Revised
36 Project. As shown in Table 2-2, above, whereas the 2008 EIS/EIR estimated CS
37 Terminal throughput in year 2015 at about 1,164,000 TEUs, actual throughput levels
38 reflected in the 2014 Mitigated Baseline were lower, at 1,088,639 TEUs. This means that
39 comparison of impacts of the Revised Project to a 2014 Mitigated Baseline will assume a
40 greater incremental increase in throughput than would be assumed if the SEIR were to
41 use a baseline which reflected the throughput assumptions in the 2008 EIS/EIR.

42 As discussed in Section 2.6.2, the Draft SEIR also provides two sets of analysis for
43 understanding the impacts of the Approved Project as disclosed in the 2008 EIS/EIR.
44 First, the SEIR compares the impacts of terminal operations from 2005 to 2014 as they
45 actually occurred, without full mitigation, and compares those impacts to the impacts
46 disclosed in the 2008 EIS/EIR, with full mitigation. That analysis is provided for
47 informational purposes only. Second, the SEIR provides a comparison of future

1 operations of the CS Container Terminal as analyzed in the 2008 EIS/EIR and as now
2 projected to occur, based on changes in throughput, technology, and other factors that
3 have occurred.

4 The 2014 Mitigated Baseline would apply to the analysis of air quality, health risk,
5 greenhouse gas, and project-specific ground transportation and cumulative highway
6 traffic delay impacts. These areas have seen changes in analytical and modelling
7 techniques that make it necessary to use a different baseline approach. For example,
8 pursuant to standards in the 2004 County of Los Angeles Congestion Management
9 Program (CMP), only one freeway location was analyzed in the 2008 EIS/EIR. In
10 October 2013, “An Agreement Between the City of Los Angeles and Caltrans District 7
11 On Freeway Impact Analysis Procedures” was entered into by the City of Los Angeles
12 and Caltrans. The agreement described new freeway impact analysis screening criteria
13 and analysis methodology, mitigation options and coordination. In accordance with that
14 agreement, the SEIR includes many more highway traffic delay analysis locations than
15 were previously prescribed under the CMP. These changes in the required analytical
16 technique for highway traffic delay impacts make it infeasible to use a baseline drawn
17 from data in the 2008 EIS/EIR. Additionally, because of the technical limitations
18 discussed in Section 2.6.2, the computer models for air quality and related analyses
19 available now do not allow re-creation of the 2008 Approved Project. Accordingly, the
20 analyses in this SEIR for air quality, health risk, greenhouse gas, and project-specific
21 ground transportation and cumulative highway traffic delay impacts utilize baselines that
22 rely on 2014 existing conditions and current modelling techniques. This approach is
23 consistent with CEQA’s requirements.

24 **2.6.2 Analytical Framework for Air Quality and Related** 25 **Impacts (Health Risk and Greenhouse Gas)**

26 This SEIR contains several sets of analyses that employ:

- 27 • two baseline scenarios (2014 actual activity and 2014 as it would be with
28 implementation of all mitigations imposed by the 2008 EIS/EIR; see Section 2.6
29 for more detail); and
- 30 • two future conditions scenarios (2014 to 2045), one with the 2008 EIS/EIR
31 mitigation measures (the Approved Project) and one with the measures described
32 below (the Revised Project).

33 **2.6.2.1 Background**

34 All of these analyses are conducted using the most up-to-date models and data, which, in
35 the cases of air quality/health risk assessment and greenhouse gases, prevent the analyses
36 conducted for the 2008 EIS/EIR from being replicated. These changes to the models,
37 tools, and data, which are summarized below and described in detail in Appendix B, are
38 substantial enough that it is not possible to recreate the results of the 2008 EIR/EIS
39 analysis.

40 The Air Quality/Health Risk Assessment (HRA) analyses rely on three primary steps: (1)
41 the development of emissions from all source categories; (2) the use of those emissions as
42 inputs to dispersion modeling to predict pollutant concentrations; and (3) the use of the
43 predicted pollutant concentrations to estimate health risk impacts. Since the 2008
44 EIR/EIS, the regulatory agencies have made substantial revisions to the tools used in
45 these three steps.

1 Emissions analysis uses a variety of models to estimate emissions from specific source
2 categories. For onroad vehicles, CARB’s EMFAC2014 model (CARB, 2015, 2017a) has
3 replaced EMFAC2007, which was used in the 2008 EIS/EIR. The new model includes,
4 among other changes, updated vehicle population data and new emission factors. CARB
5 has also released the 2011 Inventory Model (CARB, 2017b) for cargo-handling
6 equipment, which replaced the OFFROAD2007 model used in the 2008 EIS/EIR, and the
7 VISION model for locomotive emissions (CARB, 2017c), which was not available for
8 the 2008 EIS/EIR analyses. Collectively, these model updates represent a substantial
9 change in the quantitative analysis of emissions at the project level.

10 Dispersion modeling analysis primarily uses EPA’s AERMOD modeling system (EPA,
11 2017). The AERMOD modeling system used in the 2008 EIS/EIR has undergone several
12 major technical changes that substantially alter how AERMOD analyzes input data,
13 meaning that the current model could not replicate the results of the version used for the
14 2008 EIS/EIR.

15 The health risk assessment (HRA) in the 2008 EIS/EIR used OEHHA’s 2003 guidance
16 manual (OEHHA, 2003). Since that time, OEHHA has worked with CARB to revise the
17 Technical Support Documents (TSDs) underlying the guidance in order to incorporate
18 new scientific information and approaches (OEHHA, 2008, 2009, and 2012). The
19 revised TSDs include new methodologies for deriving reference exposure levels and for
20 deriving, listing, and adjusting cancer potency factors, and they apply updated exposure
21 assumptions and risk assessment methodologies. OEHHA’s new guidance, the *Air*
22 *Toxics Hot Spots Program Guidance Manual for Preparation of Health Risk Assessments*
23 (OEHHA, 2015), incorporates the revised TSDs and supersedes OEHHA (2003).
24 Analysis indicates that the new methodologies likely produce substantially different risk
25 estimates than the previous methodologies, including much higher lifetime residential
26 risk from construction projects and inhalation exposure.

27 These changes make the air quality and greenhouse gases analyses used in the 2008
28 EIS/EIR inappropriate for describing baselines and future conditions; accordingly,
29 analyses based on a 2014 baseline are the appropriate approach to evaluating impacts of
30 the Revised Project. However, the impact results of the 2008 EIS/EIR are included for
31 reporting purposes in order to determine whether the Revised Project would cause any
32 new impacts or substantially more severe impacts.

33 **2.6.2.2 Baseline Scenarios for Air Quality and Related Impacts**

34 In the first analysis, the two baseline scenarios are compared to provide an estimate of the
35 difference in the air emissions (the “excess emissions” referred to in NOP comments),
36 and the resultant impacts on air quality and public health, that have occurred since the CS
37 Container Terminal began operations up to the present (i.e., 2014).

38 **2.6.2.3 Future Conditions Scenarios for Air Quality and Related Impacts**

39 For the future conditions analyses, the Revised Project and the Approved Project are each
40 carried forward using the vessel, truck, train, and CHE activity levels predicted on the
41 basis of the most recent cargo forecast and terminal capacity analysis (see Chapter 1,
42 Section 1.2.3). This approach provides a realistic assessment of the exhaust and
43 greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and traffic that will occur in the future under the
44 Revised Project and the Approved Project. In the Revised Project, the suite of mitigation
45 measures described below is assumed to take effect at the beginning of 2018. These
46 future conditions are compared to the 2014 baseline as it would be with implementation

1 of all mitigations imposed by the 2008 EIS/EIR to describe the impacts of each scenario
2 (Revised Project and Approved Project). Any significant impacts of the Revised Project
3 are evaluated to determine if additional mitigation can be applied. Finally, the two
4 impact assessments are compared to determine whether the Revised Project would cause
5 new impacts or would have more or less severe impacts than those of the Approved
6 Project.

7 An additional variable is the uncertainty regarding three proposed intermodal rail
8 projects: the expansion of the WBICTF at the adjacent YM Container Terminal, the
9 expansion of Union Pacific's Intermodal Container Transfer Facility (ICTF) a few miles
10 northeast of the CS Container Terminal, and the construction of BNSF's proposed
11 Southern California International Gateway (SCIG) intermodal facility immediately south
12 of the UP ICTF. By changing truck and locomotive activity in the region, these projects
13 would alter future traffic and air emissions. This Draft SEIR analyzes two of the many
14 possible scenarios involving the railyard projects, but because they involve possible
15 future related projects, they are included in the cumulative analysis (Chapter 4). In one
16 scenario, none of the railyard projects is constructed, so that the proportions of cargo
17 handled on-dock and at the near-dock and off-dock yards remain largely unchanged. In
18 the other scenario, all three railyard projects are built, eliminating the drayage of all but a
19 small fraction of CS's intermodal cargo to the downtown railyards.