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Subject: DEIS/R for Berths 136-147 Container Terminal Project, Port of Los Angeles

Dear Dr. MacNeil and Dr. Appy:

The Coastal Commission's Energy, Ocean Resources and Federal Consistency Division received the above-referenced document and submits the following comments. Should the Port of Los Angeles select a project alternative that includes disposal of dredged materials at either the EPA-approved LA-2 or LA-3 ocean disposal sites, the Port will need to prepare and submit to the Commission a federal consistency certification for that disposal activity. The certification should include sediment test results that document the suitability of the dredged materials for unconfined aquatic disposal, and should also document why beneficial reuse of the dredged materials targeted for ocean disposal is not a viable alternative.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments. Please contact me at (415) 904-5288 should you have any questions regarding the federal consistency process for this project.

Sincerely,

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cc: Al Padilla, CCC – South Coast District