

SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

**To:** Governor’s Office of Planning and Research - State Clearinghouse  
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**From:** South Coast Air Quality Management District  
21865 Copley Drive  
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

**Subject:** Filing of Notice of Determination in Compliance with Public Resources Code Section 21152

**Project Title:** Tesoro Los Angeles Refinery Integration and Compliance Project

**Lead Agency:** South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD)

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Kevin Ni **Telephone Number:** (909) 396-2462

**State Clearinghouse No:** 2014091020 **Date Certified:** October 11, 2024

**Project Applicant:** Tesoro Refining and Marketing Company LLC (Tesoro, South Coast AQMD Facility ID Numbers: 800436 – Wilmington Operations, 174655 – Carson Operations, and 174694 – Carson Crude Terminal)

**Project Location:** Wilmington Operations located east of the intersection of Pacific Coast Highway and Alameda Street at 2101 East Pacific Coast Highway, Wilmington, CA 90744; Carson Operations (former BP Carson Refinery) located northeast of the intersection of South Wilmington Avenue and East Sepulveda Boulevard at 2350 East 223<sup>rd</sup> Street, Carson, CA 90810; and Carson Crude Terminal located northeast of the intersection of East Lomita Boulevard and South Wilmington Avenue at 24696 South Wilmington Avenue, Carson, CA 90745; Los Angeles County

**Project Description:** The Tesoro Refining and Marketing Company LLC proposed the original project, the Los Angeles Refinery Integration and Compliance Project (“LARIC Project”), which was previously analyzed in the Final Environmental Impact Report that was certified on May 12, 2017 (“May 2017 Final EIR”). The LARIC Project evaluated in the May 2017 Final EIR was comprised of modifications necessary to more fully integrate the Tesoro Los Angeles Refinery’s Carson and Wilmington Operations to form the Tesoro Los Angeles Refinery. The Los Angeles Refinery includes: 1) the Wilmington Operations located at 2101 East Pacific Coast Highway in the Wilmington District of the

City of Los Angeles; and 2) the Carson Operations, which is the former BP Carson Refinery located at 2350 East 223<sup>rd</sup> Street in the City of Carson. In addition, the LARIC Project included modifications at the Carson Crude Terminal located at 24696 South Wilmington Avenue in the City of Carson.

In 2019, revisions to the LARIC Project (“October 2019 Project Revisions”) were proposed and the corresponding October 2019 Addendum to the May 2017 Final EIR (“October 2019 Addendum”) was certified on November 5, 2019. The October 2019 Project Revisions would: 1) relocate the propane recovery project component from the Carson Operations Naphtha Isomerization Unit to the Carson Operations C3 Splitter Unit; 2) increase the throughput of the Carson Operations Tank 35; and 3) update the construction schedule. The October 2019 Addendum also analyzed updated toxic air contaminant (TAC) crude oil speciation data for six crude oil storage tanks at the Carson Crude Terminal that were approved as a part of the LARIC Project.

To address requirements of the federal Clean Air Act, Tesoro’s Title V Permits containing the October 2019 Project Revisions were circulated for public comment. To address one comment letter received relative to the proposed Title V Permits and the October 2019 Addendum, the South Coast AQMD prepared a Revised Addendum to the May 2017 Final EIR (“June 2021 Revised Addendum”), which was certified on September 15, 2021. The June 2021 Revised Addendum contained additional analysis but did not include any further project modifications.

Additional modifications to the LARIC Project are proposed which seek to: 1) add gas oil as a commodity that can be stored in three of the six crude oil storage tanks at the Carson Crude Terminal; 2) retire Reservoir 502 at the Carson Operations, which is located north of the Carson Crude Terminal. Tesoro’s proposal qualifies for a minor Title V Permit revision pursuant to South Coast AQMD Regulation XXX – Title V Permits; and 3) further update the construction schedule. The construction and operation activities associated with the six new crude oil storage tanks were previously analyzed in the May 2017 Final EIR. South Coast AQMD has prepared an Addendum to the May 2017 Final EIR (“October 2024 Addendum”) to evaluate these currently proposed modifications to the LARIC Project which will involve potential changes in emissions, both increases and reductions associated with storing gas oil in three of the six new storage tanks at the Carson Crude Terminal in addition to crude oil and retiring Reservoir 502.

This is to advise that the South Coast AQMD, as the Lead Agency for the above-described project, has certified the October 2024 Addendum, and has made the following determinations:

1. The South Coast AQMD, as lead agency, has evaluated the potential environmental effects of the proposed revisions to the project analyzed in the October 2024 Addendum pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

2. The South Coast AQMD has determined that the proposed revisions to the project analyzed in the October 2024 Addendum: 1) meet all the conditions for the preparation of an addendum pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 15164; 2) are not outside of the scope of the analyses already contained in the previously certified May 2017 Final EIR, October 2019 Addendum, and June 2021 Revised Addendum; and 3) do not meet the conditions that would require the preparation of a subsequent EIR pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15162.
3. The South Coast AQMD has caused to be prepared and participated in the preparation of the October 2024 Addendum for the currently proposed revisions as well as the June 2021 Revised Addendum and the October 2019 Addendum for the previously proposed revisions, and the May 2017 Final EIR for the original project.
4. The mitigation measures that were made a condition of approval of the LARIC Project analyzed in the May 2017 Final EIR and the corresponding Mitigation, Monitoring, and Reporting Plan that was adopted at that time will remain in effect. No new or modified mitigation measures were made a condition of the approval of this revised project.
5. Findings and a Statement of Overriding Considerations were made as a condition of approval of the LARIC Project analyzed in the May 2017 Final EIR, and thus, remain in effect as a condition of approval of this revised project.
6. The South Coast AQMD Executive Officer, prior to making a decision on this revised project, has reviewed and considered: a) the project revisions and the proposed Title V permit; b) the October 2024 Addendum and its Findings; c) the June 2021 Revised Addendum and its Findings; d) the October 2019 Addendum and its Findings; e) the May 2017 Final EIR and its Findings, Statement of Overriding Considerations, and Mitigation, Monitoring, and Reporting Plan; and f) supporting documentation.

The proposed Title V permit, the October 2024 Addendum and its Findings, the June 2021 Revised Addendum and its Finding, the October 2019 Addendum and its Findings, the May 2017 Final EIR and its Findings, Statement of Overriding Considerations, and Mitigation, Monitoring, and Reporting Plan, supporting documentation, and record of project approval may be examined at South Coast AQMD Headquarters located at 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765.

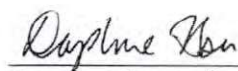
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South Coast Air Quality Management District



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