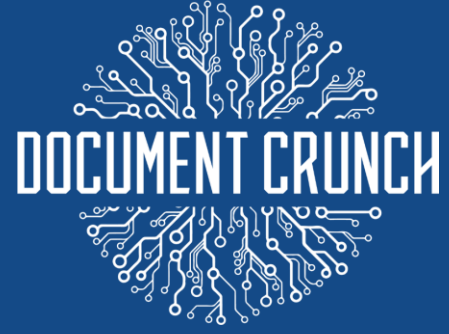


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How AI is Helping Builders Navigate Their Contracts and the Tariffs





TARIFFS & CONSTRUCTION OVERVIEW

Tariff Snapshot

Jan 20 – New trade agenda announced under “America First.”

Feb 1 – 25% tariffs on Canada/Mexico goods, 10% on China, effective Feb 4.

Feb 10 – Steel tariffs set to 25%, aluminum increased to 25%, effective Mar 12.

Mar 12 – Section 232 metal tariffs take effect.

Mar 26 – 25% tariffs on foreign autos and parts announced.

Apr 2 (“Liberation Day”) – 10% universal tariff + steep country-specific hikes begin Apr 5–9.

Apr 9 – Up to 125% tariffs applied to China; others include EU (20%), Vietnam (46%).

May 14 – China tariffs eased to 30% after Geneva talks.

Jun 4 – Steel and aluminum tariffs doubled to 50%.

Jun 11 – U.S. begins phased rollback on some China tariffs.

Tariff Snapshot – Extremely Fluid

POLITICS

U.S. tariffs on China won't change again, Lutnick says after trade talks

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KEY POINTS

- Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick assured Americans that U.S. tariff levels on China would not change from this point onward.
- President Donald Trump earlier said that U.S. duties on China will total 55%, though a White House official told CNBC that that figure is not new.

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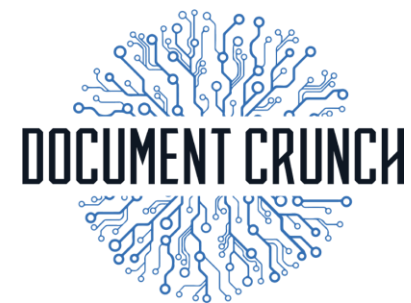
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Major Things That Can Go Wrong

**Price
Escalation**

**Shipping &
Receiving
Delays**

**Dispute
Resolution**



Supply Chain Whiplash – The Train Analogy

FULLY LOADED COAL TRAIN



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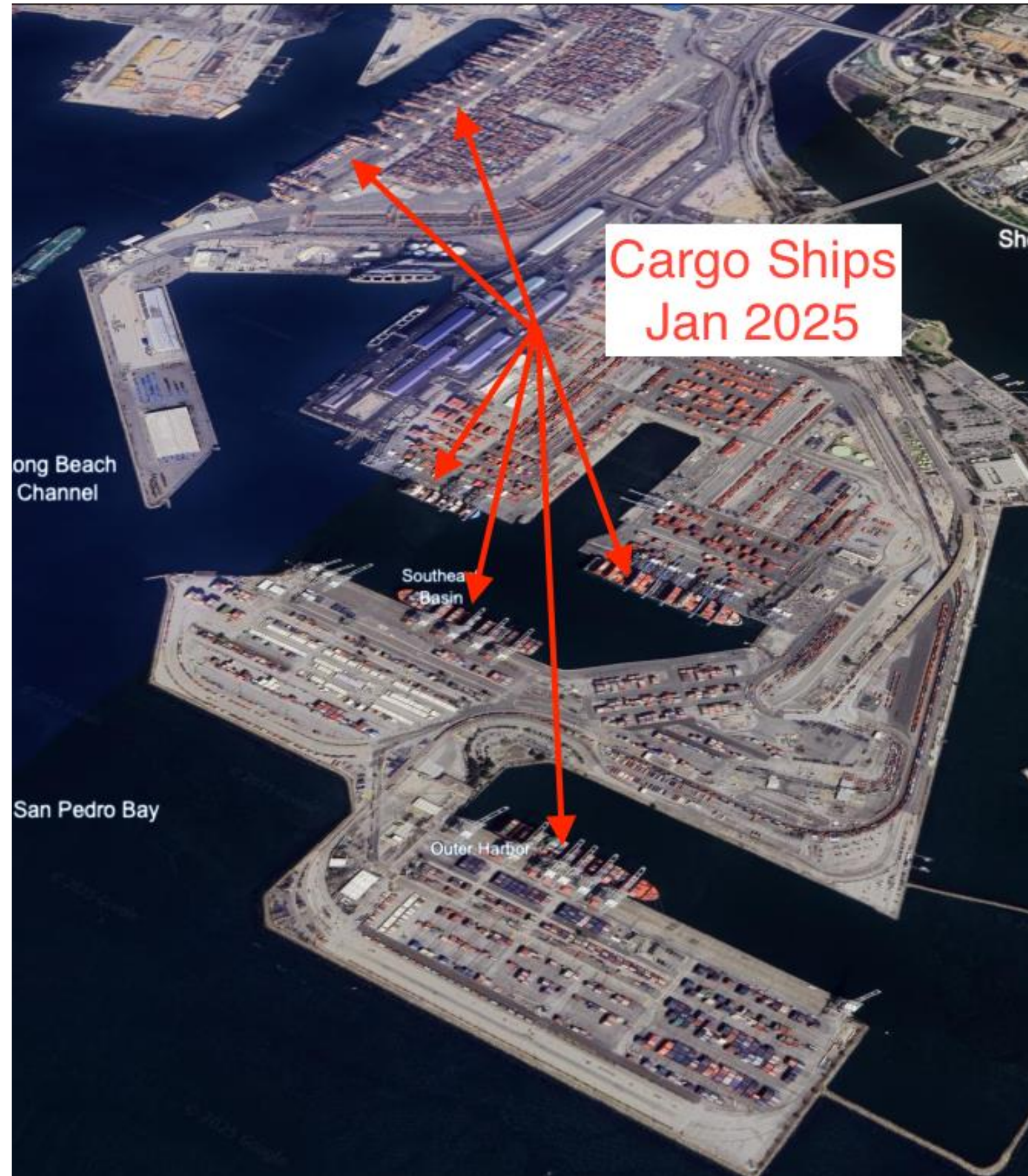
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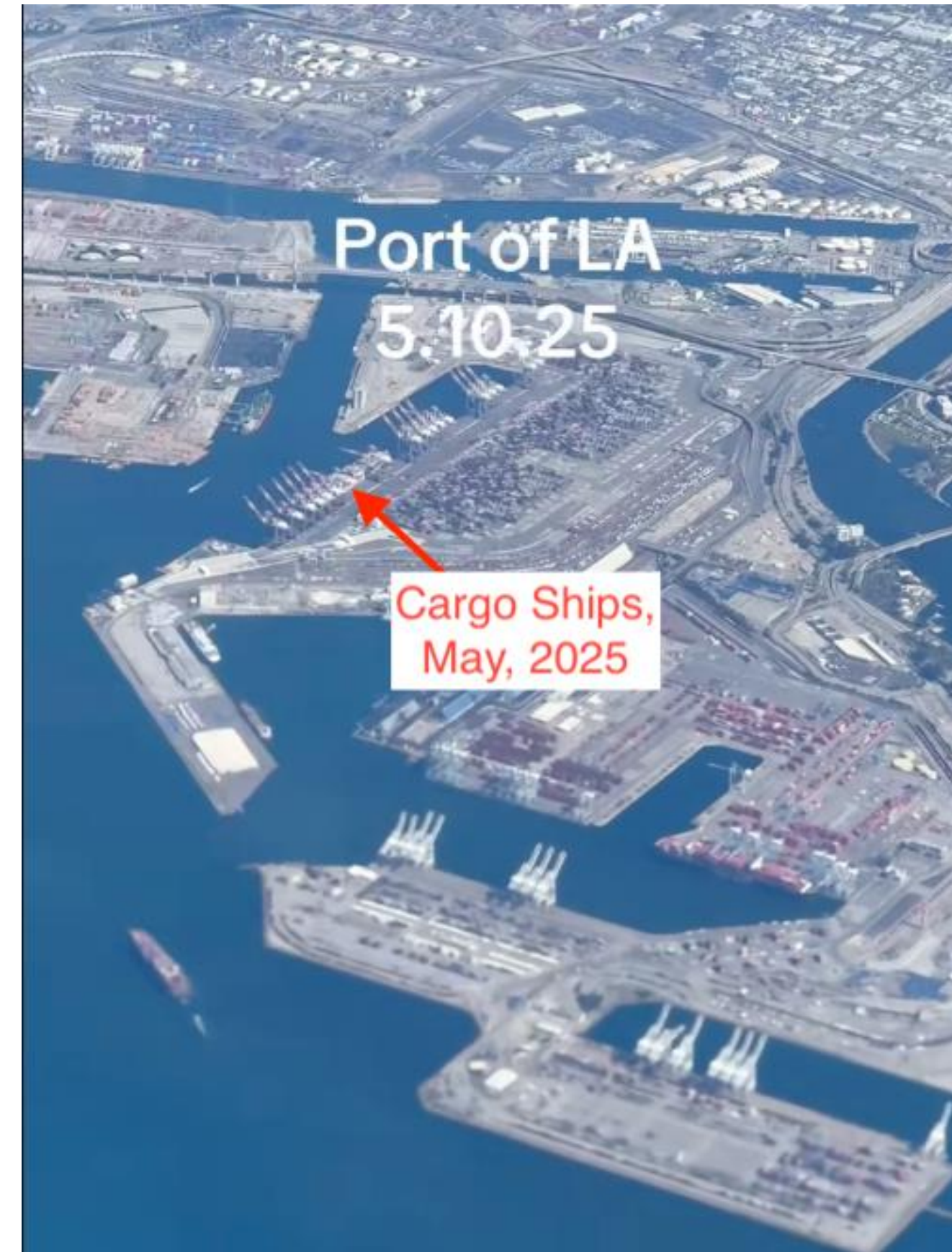


**5-10 MINUTES
OR MORE**

Supply Chain Whiplash – Ports



Source: Google Earth Historical, 1/2025 Snapshot



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Supply Chain Whiplash – Customs Delays

Job opportunities at the Port of Los Angeles are dwindling as President Trump's steep tariffs take a hit on global trade and a major economic engine for the regional economy.

Nearly half of the longshoremen who support operations at the port went without work over the last two weeks, Gene Seroka, executive director of the Port of Los Angeles, said in an interview.

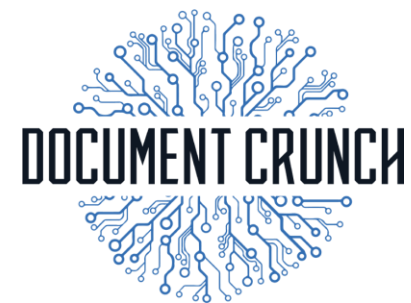
The port processed 25% less cargo than forecast for May, he said.

Key Tariff Considerations for Builders

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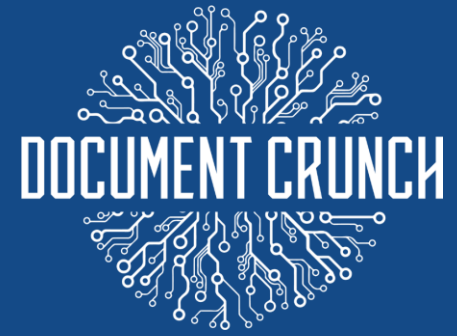
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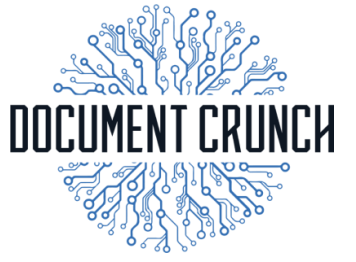
Questions to ask:

- ✓ **Do you have visibility into your risk exposure?**
- ✓ **Have you reviewed your contracts already in motion?**
- ✓ **Do you have a gameplan if your material costs spike again?**



**The answers are
in your contract.
Let's find them.**

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A screenshot of the Document Crunch web application. The interface is clean and professional, with a white background and blue accents. At the top left, the "DOCUMENT CRUNCH" logo is displayed. Below it, a navigation bar shows "Dashboard" and the current document title "University of Florida - GMP (General Conditions Only).pdf". On the right side of the navigation bar, there are icons for help, settings, and a user profile. Below the navigation bar, there are icons for home, list, document, and copy. The main content area is divided into two sections. On the left, there is a "Checklists" sidebar. It shows a "Tariff Preparedness - Checklist" with a progress indicator of 1/10. Below this, there is a section for "Key Areas for Tariff-Related Impacts" with a list of items: Material Price Escalation, Changes in Laws & Regulations, Delays & Force Majeure, Change Orders for Tariff-Related Impacts, Preservation of Rights for Additional Remedies, Contingency, Insurance & Bonds, Termination & Suspension Rights, and Dispute Resolution. Each item has a checkbox and a bookmark icon. At the bottom of the sidebar, there is a "Labor & Workforce" section with a "Start" button. The main content area displays a document page titled "ARTICLE 10 - CHANGE ORDERS, CHANGES TO THE WORK, AND CHANGED CONDITIONS". The document text is clearly legible and includes sections for "10.1 Change Order Proposals and Requests" and "10.2 Owner-Directed Changes". A "DC Changes in the..." sidebar is visible on the right side of the document. At the bottom right of the document, there is a blue button that says "Chat with your contract".

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