

**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT**  
**NOTICE OF DETERMINATION**

To: Office of Planning and Research  
State Clearinghouse  
P.O. Box 3044, 1400 Tenth Street, Room 212  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: Department of Toxic Substances Control  
Permitting Division  
8800 Cal Center Drive  
Sacramento, CA 95826

**Subject:** Filing of Notice of Determination in Compliance with § 21108 of the Public Resources Code

**Project Title:** NAWS China Lake, Burro Canyon Open Burn/Open Detonation Units, Approval of a Class 1\* Permit Modification

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2003081058

**Project Location:** 1 Administration Circle China Lake, CA 93555

**County:** Kern

**Project Applicant:** Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, Environmental Management Division

**Project Description:** The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), pursuant to authority granted under Division 4.5, California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Chapter 20 prepared an approval for a Class 1\* Permit Modification (Permit Modification) pursuant to California Health and Safety Code section 25200 at the China Lake Naval Air Weapons Station (NAWS) (Facility) located at 1 Administration Circle in China Lake, CA 93555. The Permit Modification is required due to updates to the Emergency coordinator information and other minor text updates in the Part B Permit Application. There are no anticipated operational changes and no ground disturbing activities proposed by Facility for this Permit Modification. An Addendum was prepared to amend the previously certified Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has been prepared to address activities associated with the Permit Modification.

The China Lake NAWS Facility is located at the northwestern part of the Mojave Desert and approximately 150 miles northeast of Los Angeles, CA. China Lake lies within Kern, Inyo, and San Bernardino counties. The China Lake land area consists of 1.1 million acres and is composed of two major areas: The China Lake is the principal site for the naval Air Warfare Center, Weapons Division. The Mission of the NAWS is to be the principal Navy research, development, test, and evaluation (RDT&E) center for warfare systems and missile weapons systems. The NAWS holds a hazardous waste facility permit to store hazardous waste in containers and/or tanks in two hazardous waste management unit areas: the NAWS Hazardous Waste Storage and Transfer Facility (HWSTF) and the PCB storage Building (PCBSB) which provides the capability to safely receive, segregate,

transfer, and store hazardous waste prior to final transport to an appropriate off-site disposal/treatment facility. A third permitted area is the Burro Canyon Treatment Facility (BCTF) which includes the Open Burn/Open Detonation units. The China Lake NAWS treats the reactive waste generated from the China Lake RDT&E activities.

This project would not affect any aspect of the environment and requires no new construction. All additional activities will continue to be consistent with the Hazardous Waste Permit and will not result in physical changes. There are no proposed physical changes to the Facility that were not included in the previously certified EIR, for which the prepared addendum is updating.

As Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), DTSC approved the above-described project on August 22, 2023, and has made the following determinations:

1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were not made a condition of project approval by DTSC.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was not adopted for this project by DTSC.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for this project by DTSC.
6. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA by DTSC.

The administrative record for this project is available to the public by appointment at the following location:

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Additional project information is available on EnviroStor: [www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/](http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/)

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