

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:** Department of Toxic Substances Control  
Permitting Division  
700 Heinz Ave.  
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| <b>Project Title:</b> Class 1* Permit Modification for Atlas Precious Metals, Inc. Change of Ownership to A&A Feros Non Feros Metal, LLC                     |   |   |
| <b>Project Applicant:</b> ?????, A&A Feros Non Feros Metal, LLC.   |   |   |
| <b>Project Address:</b><br>640 South Hill Street, Suite 743  | <b>City:</b><br>Los Angeles                             | <b>County:</b><br>Los Angeles               |
| <b>Approval Action Under Consideration by DTSC:</b>  |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Removal Action Workplan   | <input type="checkbox"/> Initial Permit Issuance        | <input type="checkbox"/> Permit Re-Issuance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corrective Measure Study/Statement of Basis   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permit Modification | <input type="checkbox"/> Closure Plan       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Remedial Action Plan  | <input type="checkbox"/> Regulations                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Interim Removal    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):  |   |   |
| <b>Statutory Authority:</b>  |   |   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> California H&SC, Chap. 6.5 <input type="checkbox"/> California H&SC, Chap. 6.8 <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): |   |   |

**Project Description:**

Atlas Precious Metal, Inc. requested a change of ownership on January 29, 2019 to A&A Feros Non Feros Metal, LLC for the existing precious metal recovery facility at 640 South Hill Street, Suite 743, Los Angeles (Facility). The change in ownership requires modification to the existing Small Quantity C Standardized Hazardous Waste Facility Permit. No other changes are proposed at the Facility, only the change for the transfer of ownership and related administrative updates, such as financial responsibility documentation and cost estimate updates, are included with the permit modification.

**Background:**

The Facility recovers precious metal from jewelry sweeps received from jewelry manufacturers. The Facility is located within a small part of a large commercial building. The Facility includes two roasting kilns, two ball mills, two vibratory screens, one cone blender, an in-process storage area, and a shipping area. Upon acceptance, the Facility puts the jewelry sweeps into a kiln to remove polishing mediums and other materials. The jewelry sweeps are then milled, blended, sampled and sent offsite to a metal refiner for final processing.

Jewelry sweeps are produced when a jewelry manufacturer grinds the final jewelry product to polish it. Jewelry sweeps are regulated as hazardous waste because the fine particulates contain heavy metals which may pose an inhalation risk to workers and nearby receptors if not properly managed.

The Facility was originally permitted in 2006 under ownership of Unique Premium Metals, Inc. The issuance was determined to be exempt from CEQA, and a Notice of Exemption was filed (SCH 2006068062). The permit was modified in 2011 to change the ownership to Atlas Precious Metal, Inc. The modification was determined to be exempt from CEQA. The permit was last renewed in 2017, which was also determined to be exempt from CEQA.

**Project Activities:**

The project only includes an administrative change to ownership and related administrative changes. No physical or operational modifications are proposed. No updates to the activities in the closure plan are proposed.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Department of Toxic Substances Control

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** A&A Feros Non Feros Metal, LLC.

**Exempt Status:** (check one)

- Ministerial [PRC, Sec. 21080(b)(1); CCR, Sec. 15268]  
 Declared Emergency [PRC, Sec. 21080(b)(3); CCR, Sec. 15269(a)]  
 Emergency Project [PRC, Sec. 21080(b)(4); CCR, Sec. 15269(b)(c)]  
 Categorical Exemption: [CCR Title 14, Sec. 15301]

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- Statutory Exemptions: [State Code Section Number]
- Common Sense Exemption [CCR, Sec. 15061(b)(3)]

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**Exemption Title:** Existing Facilities

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:**

The only change is ownership of the existing Facility. No construction, operational, waste stream changes, or any other physical changes or expansions will result from the modification. DTSC has evaluated whether any of the exceptions to the categorical exemptions apply to this project, as described in Public Resources Code Section 21084(c), (d), and (e), and CEQA guidelines Section 15300.2. DTSC has determined that no exceptions to the categorical exemption apply to this project.

The administrative record for this project is available for inspection at:

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|  | Branch Chief's Signature      | 5/15/2019    |
|   |                               | Date         |
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