

**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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From: Department of Toxic Substances Control
Site Mitigation & Restoration Program
9211 Oakdale Avenue
Chatsworth, CA 91311

Project Title: Bodycote Thermal Processing Facility - Removal Action Workplan		
Project Applicant: Bodycote Thermal Processing, Inc.		
Project Address: 2900 South Sunol Drive	City: Vernon	County: Los Angeles
Approval Action Under Consideration by DTSC:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Removal Action Workplan <input type="checkbox"/> Interim Removal <input type="checkbox"/> Initial Permit Issuance <input type="checkbox"/> Permit Re-Issuance <input type="checkbox"/> Corrective Measure Study/Statement of Basis <input type="checkbox"/> Permit Modification <input type="checkbox"/> Closure Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Remedial Action Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Regulations <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):		
Statutory Authority:		
<input type="checkbox"/> California H&SC, Chap. 6.5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> California H&SC, Chap. 6.8 <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):		

Project Description: The project includes installation and operation of a full-scale Soil Vapor Extraction (SVE) system to address elevated concentrations of volatile organic compounds (VOCs), specifically tetrachloroethylene (PCE) and trichloroethylene (TCE) detected in soil at the Bodycote Thermal Processing Facility (Site). This determination is based upon the findings of the investigation report (July 2017) and is described in the Removal Action Workplan. Appropriate environmental screening levels were used as conservative removal action goals for the protection of human health and the environment under the current industrial land use.

Background: The Site is approximately 76,000 square feet and consists of several connected buildings and warehouses containing office space, manufacturing facilities, and shipping/receiving areas. Outside of the building footprint, the Site is paved with a combination of concrete and asphalt. It is in a predominantly industrial/commercial area within the City of Vernon. The Site is an active facility involved in industrial steel heat treatment as well as the shipment and storage of completed products. The site is located northeast of the intersection of South Sunol Drive and Ayers Avenue and is bound by commercial businesses to the north and east. The Los Angeles River is approximately 800 feet south of the Site. The site is also situated approximately 2500 feet west of the Interstate 710 Freeway.

Based on the July 2017 investigation and previous investigations, the area of potential concern is located in the eastern portion of the Site. The investigations identified elevated PCE at soil boring location BC-23 with concentrations of 230 micrograms per kilogram ($\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$) and 380 $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$ in soil found at 5 and 20 feet below ground surface (bgs), respectively, as well as 6,600 $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$ at 5 feet bgs at soil boring location BC-25.

Project Activities: Project activities include Installation of an activated-carbon-based SVE system. The initial startup and operation of the SVE system will be performed under a South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) "various locations" permit to operate. A site-specific SCAQMD permit will be obtained for system operation after the initial year. Monitoring and maintenance of the SVE will take place on a weekly and monthly basis. All spent granular-activated-carbon, which the VOCs adsorb to, will be disposed of properly and replaced as needed. It is expected that system startup will occur during the third or fourth quarter of 2019.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Bodycote Thermal Processing, Inc.

Exemption 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: Class 30 [Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 14, §15330]
 Statutory Exemptions: [State code section number]
 General Rule [CCR, Sec. 15061(b)(3)]

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Exemption Title: Minor Actions Taken to Prevent, Minimize, Mitigate or Eliminate the Release or Threat of Release of a Hazardous Waste or Hazardous Substance.

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

1. The project is a minor action designed to prevent, minimize, stabilize, mitigate or eliminate the release or threat of release of hazardous waste or hazardous substances.
2. The project will not exceed \$1 million in cost.
3. The project does not involve the onsite use of a hazardous waste incinerator or thermal treatment unit or the relocation of residences or businesses and does not involve the potential release into the air of volatile organic compounds as defined in Health and Safety Code Section 25123. The SVE system is permitted by the SCAQMD.
4. The exceptions pursuant to Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15300.2 have been addressed as follows:
 - Cumulative Impact. The final remedy will not lead to a succession of projects of the same type in the same place over time.
 - Significant Effect. The environmental safeguards and monitoring procedures that are enforceable and made a condition of project approval will prevent unusual circumstances from occurring so that there is no possibility that the project will have a significant effect on the environment.
 - Scenic Highways. The project will not damage scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, because it is not located within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway.
 - Hazardous Waste Sites. The project is not located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.
 - Historical Resources. The project will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource at the Site because there are none at the Site.

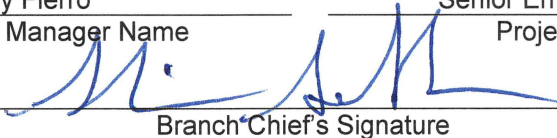
Evidence to support the above reasons is documented in the project file record, available for inspection at the:

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