

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Permitting Division
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Project Title: EMERGENCY PERMIT FOR TREATMENT OF HAZARDOUS WASTE, HUMBOLDT WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY		
Project Address: 1059 W. Hawthorne Street	City: Eureka	County: Humboldt
Project Applicant: Loral Uber, Humboldt Waste Management Authority		
Approval Action Under Consideration by DTSC:		
<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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emergency Permit	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):	
Statutory Authority:		
<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:

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), pursuant to authority granted under California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 4.5, Chapter 20, Section 66270.61, has issued an Emergency Permit to Humboldt Waste Management Authority (EPA ID: CAH111001285) to treat hazardous waste through a controlled reaction with a chemical solution. Specifically, one 4-Liter container of Tetrahydrofuran, must be stabilized prior to transport to a permitted treatment, storage, and disposal facility.

The hazardous waste item was forfeited by a resident and is currently being stored at Humboldt Waste Management Authority located at 1059 W. Hawthorne Street in Eureka, California. DTSC has determined as a safety precaution to prevent an accident or severe injury, an Emergency Permit should be issued to chemically stabilize the hazardous waste prior to storage and eventual transportation off-site by Clean Harbors Environmental Services.

Background:

Tetrahydrofuran produces peroxide as it degrades (i.e. after the product's expiration date). The peroxide produced may be unstable at relatively low concentrations, resulting in fire and/or explosion if improperly handled. Static electricity or heating from sunlight may be enough to trigger some peroxide reaction, making transport of non-stabilized Tetrahydrofuran hazardous. Chemical stabilization is recommended prior to transport to a permitted treatment, storage, and disposal facility.

Project Activities:

The treatment of the hazardous waste involves the addition of solution to the containers in a controlled manner to reduce the reactive or ignitable characteristics of the chemical. Treatment will take place within a designated exclusion zone. Only technicians from CHES will be allowed in the exclusion zone. Movement, preparation, and treatment of the items will be in accordance with established standards.

Within 10 business days of the expiration of this permit, Humboldt Waste Management Authority will submit a final report, signed in accordance with Title 22, California Code of Regulations section 66270.11(d). The report shall include certification that the treatment area has been cleared of all residual hazardous waste generated from this emergency treatment and all generated waste has been properly managed.

The Emergency Permit is effective beginning September 20, 2019 and shall expire on November 18, 2019.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Clean Harbors Environmental Services on behalf of Humboldt Waste Management Authority

Exempt Status: (check one)

Ministerial [PRC, Sec. 21080(b)(1); CCR, Sec. 15268]

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- Declared Emergency [PRC, Sec. 21080(b)(3); CCR, Sec.15269(a)]
- Emergency Project [PRC, Sec. 21080(b)(4); CCR, Sec.15269(c)]
- Categorical Exemption: [CCR Title 14, Sec. 153##]
- Statutory Exemptions: [State Code Section Number]
- Common Sense Exemption [CCR, Sec. 15061(b)(3)]

Exemption Title: Specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency.

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: This action is necessary to prevent an emergency. Chemical stabilization of the Tetrahydrofuran is necessary prior to transportation to a permitted treatment, storage, and disposal facility to prevent accidental fire and/or explosion during transport.

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

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