

**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT****NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

To: Office of Planning and Research  
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From: Department of Toxic Substances Control  
Permitting Division  
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**Project Title:** EMERGENCY PERMIT FOR TREATMENT OF HAZARDOUS WASTE, SONOMA STATE UNIVERSITY, ROHNERT PARK, CALIFORNIA

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**Project Location:** 1801 E. Cotati Avenue, Rohnert Park

**County:** Sonoma County

**Project Applicant:** Ruth LeBlanc, Sonoma State University

**Approval Action Under Consideration by DTSC:** Emergency Permit

**Statutory Authority:** California Health and Safety Code, Chapter 6.5

**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 the Sonoma State University (EPA ID# CAD982508426) to treat hazardous waste through a controlled reaction with a chemical solution. Specifically, one 750ml Ethylene Glycol Monoethyl Ether, must be stabilized prior to transport to an authorized hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal facility.

This chemical is currently being stored at Sonoma State University located at 1801 E. Cotati Avenue, Rohnert Park, 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:** This chemical produces peroxide as it degrades (e.g. 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 this peroxide forming chemical 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 container 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 Clean Harbors Environmental Services will be allowed in the exclusion zone. Movement, preparation, and treatment of the containers will be in accordance with established standards.

Within 10 business days of the expiration of this Emergency Permit or the execution of the treatment operation in whichever is shorter, Sonoma State University will submit a signed Final Report 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 January 13, 2020 and shall expire on March 12, 2020.

**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 Sonoma State University

**Exempt Status:** Emergency Project [PRC, Sec. 21080(b)(4); 14 CCR, Sec. 15269(c)]

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

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

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Date:

January 13, 2020

Approver's Name  
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