

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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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, Phenomenex, Torrance, California

Project Location: 431 Amapola Ave., Torrance, CA 90501

County: Los Angeles

Project Applicant: Roy Appleman, Facility Coordinator, Phenomenex.

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 Phenomenex (EPA ID# CAD982320574) to treat hazardous waste through a controlled reaction with a chemical solution. Specifically, 500 grams of ethylene glycol diglycidyl ether, 500 milliliters ethyl ether, 16 liters of divinylbenzene, 500 grams of benzoyl peroxide, and 500 milliliters ethyl methacrylate of must be stabilized prior to transport to an authorized hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal facility.

This chemical is currently being stored at Phenomenex located at 431 Amapola Avenue. 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 (CHES).

Background: The containers may have shock sensitive materials present on either the inside, outside, or the bottom of the chemicals' containers, as well as the threaded containers' caps. The presence of shock sensitive materials may become explosive, and a reaction is easily triggered if shipped untreated prior to disposal. Because of the presence of this shock sensitive materials, DTSC considers these chemicals to be an imminent and substantial endangerment to human health and the environment. Therefore, DTSC has determined that the chemical must be treated under an emergency permit prior to being shipped to a fully permitted 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, Phenomenex 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 April 12, 2022 and shall expire on June 11, 2022.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Clean Harbors Environmental Services

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:

Department of Toxic Substances Control
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Date:

April 8, 2022

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