

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

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From: Department of Toxic Substances  
Control  
Permitting Division  
9211 Oakdale Avenue  
Chatsworth, CA 91311-650

**Project Title:** General Electric International, Inc. Class 1\* Permit Modification for Closure Plan

**Project Location:** 3601 East La Palma Avenue, Anaheim, CA 92806-2119

**County:** Orange County

**Project Applicant:** Dawn Varacchi-Ives, General Electric International, Inc., Legacy Site Project Manager

**Approval Action Under Consideration by DTSC:** Other (Closure plan modification)

**Statutory Authority:** California Health and Safety Code, Division 20, Chapter 6.5

**Project Description:** The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) approves of the revisions to the Closure Plan for the hazardous waste facility permit and subsequent Closure of the General Electric International, Inc. (GE) Facility (Facility) at 3601 East La Palma Avenue, Anaheim, CA 92806-2119.

The Facility must implement its closure plan, which has been revised to considering current regulatory standards. The Closure Plan includes cleaning, removing, demolishing, or disposing of any contaminated equipment and structures that may be present at the site, implementing sampling and monitoring plans, and any potential cleanup activities.

**Background:** The Facility is a former maintenance and repair shop for large industrial and utility electrical equipment such as motors, generators, transformers, circuit breakers, and switchgear. Customers send their old and/or failed equipment to the facility to be repaired, refurbished, or modified. A Hazardous Waste Storage Building (Storage Building) is used at the facility to temporarily store hazardous wastes generated from the repair of electrical equipment. The building is divided into two sections, one section stores hazardous materials, and the other section stores hazardous wastes. The hazardous waste portion of the building is subject to a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Part B Facility Permit. Upon affecting RCRA closure of the hazardous waste section, the

entire building would be closed, including the hazardous materials section. There are no current operations at the Facility presently.

**Project Activities:**

The following are a summary of the proposed changes to the Closure Plan as well as the proposed action for the Facility's Closure:

(1) The contaminated equipment and structures will be decommissioned, the contents will be removed, drummed, analyzed, and disposed of properly. The equipment and structures will be cleaned in a designated area by either steam cleaning, hydroblasting, or simple potable water washing with a surfactant, as appropriate. The cleaning residue will be carefully collected into drums, analyzed, and disposed of properly. (2) Building, Structures, and Equipment sampling includes taking samples in the interior and exterior of the Storage Building including the access ramps, chain link fence, and any discolored concrete. (3) Soil sampling will be completed by borings that will be drilled various locations that would accurately capture any potential contamination. All soil samples within each boring will be collected at surface grade (the previous interface between the concrete pavement and the soil surface), 5 feet Below Ground Surface (bgs), 10 feet bgs, and 15 feet bgs. During all subsurface activities, the soils will be logged if possible, according to the Unified Soil Classification System. Field information recorded will include drilling conditions and evidence of contamination including vapors, odors, and staining. (4) Soil vapor sampling will include the installation of soil vapor probes (SVPs) at 5 and 15 feet bgs in select borings advanced for soil sample collection. Soil vapor samples will be collected from the installed SVPs after an appropriate equilibration period has been met. If constituents of concern are not detected above applicable screening levels, abandon SVPs. If constituents of concern are detected, the SVPs will remain in place for potential future monitoring. (5) Groundwater sampling will include the installation of three groundwater monitoring plans to verify the presence, if any, of contamination, identify the type of contaminants present, and evaluate the groundwater as a baseline condition. (6) Define cleanup levels and closure performance standards. The closure plan determines the site-specific cleanup criteria for clean closure of the Storage Building. Currently, the most widely used approach for defining clean closure standards has been based on background levels. (7) Preparation of closure report will be completed with a final report detailing the decommissioning of the equipment and structures and sampling results will be prepared and signed by a California Professional Engineer.

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

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** General Electric International, Inc.

**Exempt Status:** Categorical Exemption: [CCR Title 14 Sec. 15308]

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:** DTSC has determined none of the exceptions to the categorical exemptions apply to this project, as described in Public Resources Code Section 21084(c), (d), and (e), and 14 CCR Section 15300.2. The Closure and Closure Plan revisions are consistent with the actions taken by regulatory agency, to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment.

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

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