

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Project Title: EMERGENCY PERMIT FOR TREATMENT OF HAZRDOUS WASTE, LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT (LAPD) FORENSIC SCIENCE DIVISION, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Project Location: 1800 Paseo Rancho Castilla, California 90032

County: Los Angeles

Project Applicant: Kevin Hollomon, Criminalist LAPD

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 Los Angeles Police Department Forensic Science Division, (EPA ID# CAL000345294) to treat hazardous waste through a controlled reaction with a chemical solution. Specifically, 205 milliliters of ethyl ether must be stabilized prior to transport to an authorized hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal facility.

This chemical is currently being stored at Los Angeles Police Department Forensic Science Division located at 1800 Paseo Rancho Castilla. 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 container has peroxide formation present on either the inside, outside, or the bottom of the chemical's container, as well as the thread container cap. The presence of peroxide formation may become explosive, and reactions are easily triggered if shipped untreated prior to disposal. Because of the presence of peroxide formation, DTSC considers this chemical 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 solutions 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 CHES will be allowed in the exclusion zone. Movement, preparation, and treatment of the container will be in accordance with established standards.

Within 10 business days of the expiration of this permit, Los Angeles Police Department Forensic Science Division 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 responsibly managed.

The Emergency Permit is effective beginning April 19, 2023, and shall expire on June 19, 2023.

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(b)(c)]

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: This action is necessary to prevent an emergency. Chemical stabilization of the chemical 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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