

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, Abbott Diabetes Care, Alameda, California

Project Location: 1360 South Loop Road, Alameda, CA 94502

County: Alameda

Project Applicant: Malleva Abenes, Abbot Diabetes Care

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 Abbott Diabetes Care, (EPA ID# CAR000059238) to treat hazardous waste through controlled reactions with chemical solutions. Specifically, two 1-liter containers and one 100-milliliter container of 2-methyltetrahydrofuran and two 100-milliliter containers of tetrahydrofuran must be stabilized prior to transport to an authorized hazardous wastes treatment, storage, and disposal facility.

The chemicals are currently being stored at Abbott Diabetes Care, located at 1360 South Loop Road in Alameda, CA. 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 chemicals noted above include peroxide former. These chemicals produce peroxide compounds as it degrades (i.e., after the product's expiration date). The peroxide produced may be unstable at low concentrations, resulting in fire and/or explosion if improperly handled. The chemicals noted above also include a shock and/or temperature sensitive material which can decompose or detonate with external energy when dry or concentrated. Solids are also prone to explosive decomposition if exposed to grinding or grinding for example with pestle and mortar. Static electricity or heating from sunlight may be enough to trigger some reaction, making transport of

non-stabilized chemicals 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 chemicals. 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 containers will be in accordance with established standards.

Within ten business days of the expiration of this permit, Abbott Diabetes Care 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 26, 2023, and shall expire on June 26, 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 these 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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