

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
700 Heinz Avenue
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Project Title: Corteva Agriscience LLC – Pittsburg Operations, formerly The Dow Chemical Company – Pittsburg Operations, Boilers and Industrial Furnaces Permit, Class 1* Permit Modification

Project Location: 901 Loveridge Road, Pittsburg, CA 94565

County: Contra Costa County

Project Applicant: Corteva Agriscience LLC – Pittsburg Operations

Approval Action Under Consideration by DTSC: Permit 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 Class 1* Permit Modification (Permit Modification) for Corteva Agriscience LLC – Pittsburg Operations, formerly The Dow Chemical Company – Pittsburg Operations, Boilers and Industrial Furnaces Permit (Facility) for the ownership transfer and change of legal entity names associated with the Facility. The Permit Modification (and subsequent updates to the initial request) updates the Owner name, Operator name, and Owner of real property from The Dow Chemical Company to Corteva Agriscience LLC. The Permit Modification is for a change of Owner, Operator and real property Owner name with no physical or operational changes and no ground disturbing activities.

Project Activities:

The Facility has been in operation since the early 1980's and was permitted by DTSC on March 19, 2003. The Facility currently operates 24-hours per day, seven days per week. Operations include research and development and the manufacture of products for agricultural operations, pest control services, paper manufacturers, carpet mills, and biocides. During the manufacture of chemical products at the Facility, specific liquid byproducts are produced that are thermally oxidized in the Halogen Acid Furnace (HAF) units. Aqueous hydrochloric (HCl) acid is produced as a result of thermally oxidizing the chlorinated liquids and gas streams in the HAF units. The HCl acid is sold as

a product to various industrial customers and is used for pH control at the Brine/Condensate Plant within the Corteva Chemical plant. The HAF units have been in operation since the early 1980's. Both units utilize computer process controls to maintain continuous steady-state conditions. The HAF units are considered an integral part of production operations since the units are used to manufacture HCl acid product. The HAF units treat hazardous wastes generated by on-site by Corteva to convert the hazardous wastes into products.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Permit Modification

Exempt Status: Categorical Exemption: [CCR Title 14 Sec. 15301]

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 Permit Modification updates the Owner name, Operator name, and Owner of real property from The Dow Chemical Company to Corteva Agriscience LLC. and involves negligible or no expansion of use.

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

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