

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: Class 1* Permit Modification for the Pacific Scientific Energetic Materials Company (PSEMC Facility)

Project Location: 3601 Union Road, Hollister, CA 95023

County: San Benito County

Project Applicant: Pacific Scientific Energetic Materials Company

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) regarding changes to formally incorporate deviations in the laboratory analytical methods used to analyze groundwater samples into the Monitoring and Response Plan and revise the Monitoring and Response Plan to include the use of direct push drilling methods to collect soil samples at the PSEMC Facility located at 3601 Union Road, Hollister, CA 95023.

Background: PSEMC and predecessor companies have manufactured explosives and explosive devices for aerospace, military, and commercial applications and produced specialty chemicals on a contract basis. Hazardous waste generated from these activities include solvents, toxic chemicals, metal powders, reactive compounds, explosives, flammable liquids, and corrosive solids and liquids. Hazardous wastes generated at the Facility are either treated at the Facility or sent to an approved off-site treatment or disposal site. Hazardous waste generated off-site is not accepted at the Facility. The proposed revisions to the groundwater sampling methods and soil sampling procedures do not include any significant operational changes at the Facility. This Permit Modification would improve the existing Monitoring and Response Plan to more effectively be able to collect soil samples and ensure that the sampling is accurate. The Permit Modification is consistent with the purpose of the existing Monitoring and Response Plan and would not require additional construction. The Permit Modification would not result in new or substantially more severe significant impacts on the environment.

Project Activities: All groundwater samples will be submitted to a laboratory that will use the revised laboratory analytical methods specified in the Monitoring and Response Plan, as approved by DTSC. The Monitoring and Response Plan will be will also be revised to include the use of direct push drilling methods to

collect soil samples. The proposed revisions to the laboratory analytical methods for sampling groundwater and revision to soil sampling procedures do not include any significant operational changes at the Facility. These project changes would not affect any aspect of the environment and require no additional construction. The Permit Modification would not result in a new or substantially more severe significant impacts on the environment.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Pacific Scientific Energetic Materials Company

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 Permit Modification is 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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