

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Project Title: EMERGENCY PERMIT FOR TREATMENT OF HAZARDOUS WASTE, NAVAL AIR WEAPONS STATION, CHINA LAKE, CALIFORNIA

Project Location: 429 East Bowen Road, M.S. 4014, China Lake, CA 93555

County: Kern

Project Applicant: Michael Akoto, RCRA Program Manager

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 Naval Air Weapon Station, China Lake (NAWS-CL), (EPA ID# CA2170023152) to treat hazardous waste through a controlled reaction with a chemical solution. Specifically, two (2) containers of Ethylene Glycol Monobutyl Ether, one (1) container of Cyclohexene, six (6) containers of Diethyl Ether, one (1) container of 2-Methoxyethyl Ether, one (1) container of T-Butyl Methyl Ether, two (2) containers of Dicyclopentadiene, one (1) container of Ethylene Glycol Monoethyl Ether, one (1) container of Diethylene Glycol Methyl Ether, two (2) containers of 2,5 Dimethylfuran, one (1) container of Isoamyl Ether, one (1) container of Cumene, two (2) containers of Isopropyl Ether, one (1) container of Ethyl Vinyl Ether, one (1) container of Isoprene, one (1) container of Butyl Vinyl Ether, one (1) container of Acryloyl Chloride, one (1) container of Styrene/Butadiene, one (1) container of Methyl Methacrylate, one (1) container of Distilled Turpentine in Monomers, one (1) container of Acrolein, one (1) container of Hexyl Methacrylate, one (1) container of Isobornyl Methacrylate, two (2) containers of 2-Isocyanatoethyl Methacrylate, one (1) container of 2,4 Dinitrophenol, one (1) container of 2,4 Dinitrophenylhydrazine, one (1) container of Diethyl Azodicarboxylate, three (3) containers of Borane Tetrahydrofuran, and one (1) container of Sodium Azide, must be stabilized prior to transport to an authorized hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal facility.

These chemicals are currently being stored at NAWS-CL located at 429 East Bowen Road, M.S. 4014, China Lake, CA 93555. 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 are peroxide forming material. The chemical produces peroxide compounds as it degrades (i.e., after the product's expiration date). The peroxide produced may be unstable at relatively low concentrations, resulting in fire and/or explosion if improperly managed. Static electricity or heating from sunlight may be enough to trigger a 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 chemical. Treatment will take place within a designated exclusion zone. Only technicians from Clean Harbors Environmental Services will be allowed in the exclusion zone. Movement, preparation, and treatment of the containers will be in accordance with established standards.

Within 10 business days of the expiration of this permit, NAWS-CL 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 September 6, 2023, and shall expire on November 6, 2023.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Clean Harbor 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 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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