

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Planning and Research State Clearinghouse P.O. Box 3044, 1400 Tenth Street, Room 212 Sacramento, California 95812-3044	From: Department of Toxic Substances Control Permitting Division 8800 Cal Center Drive Sacramento, California 95826
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Project Title: Emergency Permit for Treatment of Hazardous Waste, California State University, Monterey Bay, Seaside, California

Project Location: 6133 5th Avenue, Seaside, CA 93955

County: Monterey

Project Applicant: Mitchell Reid, EHS Specialist

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 California State University, Monterey Bay, (EPA ID# CAL000156786) to treat hazardous waste through a controlled reaction with a chemical solution. Specifically, two (2) 1-liter containers of Methyl Methacrylate must be stabilized prior to transport to an authorized hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal facility.

These chemicals are currently being stored at California State University, Monterey Bay located at 6133 5th Avenue, Seaside, CA 93955. 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 containers have peroxide formation present on either the inside, outside, or the bottom of the chemical's containers, as well as the thread container caps. 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. Due to the presence of peroxide formation, DTSC considers these chemicals to be an imminent and substantial endangerment to human health and the

environment. 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 CHES 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, California State University, Monterey Bay 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 September 27, 2023, and shall expire on November 27, 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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