

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, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Berkeley, California

Project Location: 1 Cyclotron Road, Berkeley, California, 94720

County: Alameda

Project Applicant: Evelyn Davies, Chemical Hygiene and Safety Officer

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 (CCR), Title 22, Division 4.5, Chapter 20, Sec. 66270.61, has issued an Emergency Permit to the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, (EPA ID# CA4890008986) to treat hazardous wastes through a controlled reaction with chemical solutions. The following chemicals must be stabilized prior to transport to an authorized hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal facility: Eight (8) containers of Potassium, two (2) containers of Benzoyl Peroxide, one (1) container of 2,2-Azobis (2-Methylpropionitrile), one (1) container of 4,4-Azobis (4-Cyanovaleric Acid), two (2) containers of Sodium Azide, one (1) container of 2-Methoxy Ethanol, one (1) container of Butyl Methacrylate, one (1) container of Triethyl Orthoformate, one (1) container of Methyl Tert-Butyl Ether, one (1) container of Dibenzyl Ether, one (1) container of 2-Ethoxyethanol, one (1) container of 2-Vinylpyridine, one (1) container of 4-Vinylpyridine, one (1) container of Acrylic Acid, and one (1) container of Acryloyl Chloride.

These chemicals are currently being stored at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory located at 1 Cyclotron Road, Berkeley, California. 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 wastes prior to storage and eventual transportation off-site by Clean Harbors Environmental Services.

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Background: The containers have peroxide formation present on either the inside, outside, or the bottom of the chemicals' containers, as well as the thread container caps. The presence of peroxide formation may be unstable at relatively low concentrations, resulting in fire and/or explosion if improperly handled. 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. Some containers have temperature/shock sensitive compounds. Instability can be introduced as the chemicals and/or storage containers degrade (i.e., after the product's expiration date). Chemical stabilization is recommended prior to transport to a permitted storage, treatment, and disposal facility.

Project Activities: The treatment of these hazardous wastes involves the addition of solutions 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 Clean Harbors 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, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory will submit a final report, signed in accordance with Title 22, CCR Sec. 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 March 8, 2024 and shall expire on June 3, 2024.

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 [Public Resources Code (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.

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

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Approver's Name	Approver's Title	Approver's Phone Number
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Approver's Signature:

Date:



March 6, 2024

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