

State of California – California Environmental Protection Agency
Department of Toxic Substances Control

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
8800 Cal Center Drive
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Project Title: Emergency Permit for Treatment of Hazardous Waste, Bio-Rad Laboratories, Hercules, California

Project Location: 6000 James Watson Drive, Hercules, California 94547

County: Contra Costa

Project Applicant: Jeffrey Hamilton, NorCal EH&S 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 (CCR), Title 22, Division 4.5, Chapter 20, Sec. 66270.61, has issued an Emergency Permit to Bio-Rad Laboratories, (EPA ID# CAD983606872) to treat hazardous wastes through a controlled reaction with chemical solutions. Specifically, nineteen (19) 1-liter containers of tetrahydrofuran must be stabilized prior to transport to an authorized hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal facility.

These chemicals are currently being stored at Bio-Rad Laboratories located at 6000 James Watson Drive, Hercules, 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 Advanced Chemical Transport, Inc. DBA ACTenviro (ACTenviro).

Background: The containers may 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.

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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 ACTenviro high hazard personnel 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, Bio-Rad Laboratories 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 26, 2024 and shall expire on April 30, 2024.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: ACTenviro

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.

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

Department of Toxic Substances Control
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File Room
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Approver's Name	Approver's Title	Approver's Phone Number
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Approver's Signature:

Date:

Michelle Snapp

March 25, 2024

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