## 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 From: Department of Toxic Substances Control

State Clearinghouse Permitting Division

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**Project Title:** Emergency Permit for Treatment of Hazardous Waste, MCAS Miramar, San Diego,

California

Project Location: MCAS Miramar, Building 6022, San Diego, California 92145-2509

**County**: San Diego

**Project Applicant**: Luis Romero, Environmental Protection 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 (CCR), Title 22, Division 4.5, Chapter 20, Sec. 66270.61, has issued an Emergency Permit to the Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Miramar (EPA ID# CA9170024740) to destroy the compromised explosive devices recovered from a crashed military aircraft. Specifically, two (2) Mk 124 Mod 0 Signal, Smoke / Illumination; one (1) Mk 124 Mod 0 Impulse Cartridge; one (1) Mk 2 Mod 1 Impulse Cartridge; two (2) Impulse Cartridges; fourteen (14) Mk 80 Mod 2 Signal, Hand Fired; and eleven (11) Mk 124 Mod 0 Signal, Smoke / Illumination must be completely destroyed beyond any transport.

These compromised explosive devices are currently being stored at MCAS Miramar located at Building 6022, San Diego, California. DTSC has determined as a safety precaution to prevent an accident or severe injury, an Emergency Permit should be issued to safely destroy the compromised explosive devices at a nearby location by MCAS Miramar Explosive Ordinance Disposal Team (EOD).

<u>Background</u>: The hazardous items include explosive materials, which are usually sensitive to heat, shock, electrostatic discharge, and friction. When devices containing incorrect combinations of explosive materials are ignited, whether by accident or on purpose, it can result in injury or death. DTSC considers these compromised devices to be an imminent and substantial endangerment to

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human health and the environment. Complete destruction is recommended beyond any unnecessary transport.

<u>Project Activities</u>: The hazardous items are planned to be destroyed and completely consumed by explosion to leave little to no residue. The treatment will take place within a designated exclusion zone. Only technicians from EOD 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, MCAS Miramar 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 April 2, 2024, and shall expire on May 31, 2024.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: MCAS Miramar EOD Team

**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. Complete destruction of explosive devices is necessary to prevent accidental fire and/or explosion incidents before any further transport.

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

Department of Toxic Substances Control
Permitting Division
File Room
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Approver's Name

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Approver's Title

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Approver's Signature:

Date:

April 2, 2024

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