

**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 Management of Hazardous Waste, Monterey Bay Aquarium  
Research Institute, Moss Landing, California

**Project Location:** 7700 Sandholdt Road, Moss Landing, California, 95039

**County:** Monterey

**Project Applicant:** Edwald Peltzer, Chemical 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 Monterey Bay Aquarium (MBA), (EPA ID# CAD982401283) to treat hazardous wastes through a controlled reaction with chemical solutions. Specifically, forty-two (42) 16-ounce containers and one (1) 5-liter container of Bouin's Solution (Picric Acid) must be stabilized prior to transport to an authorized hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal facility.

This chemical is currently being stored at 7700 Sandholdt Road, Moss Landing, 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 (Clean Harbors).

**Background:** The containers have shock sensitive material. The presence of shock sensitive material may be unstable at relatively low concentrations, resulting in fire and/or explosion if improperly handled. 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 this hazardous waste 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, MBA 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 July 8, 2024 and shall expire on September 8, 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.

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  
8800 Cal Center Drive  
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State of California – California Environmental Protection Agency  
Department of Toxic Substances Control

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