

**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  
Sacramento, California 95826

**Project Title:** Emergency Permit for Management of Hazardous Waste, Twentynine Palms Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, California

**Project Location:** Range-051, Twentynine Palms, California 92278-8110

**County:** San Bernardino

**Project Applicant:** Plessie Ellitt, Branch Head, Pollution Prevention

**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 Twentynine Palms Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center (EPA ID# CA0170090013) to treat hazardous waste by open detonation. Specifically, one (1) M393A2 105-MM, HEP-T projectile containing High Explosives.

This item is considered a hazardous waste item because it is not safe for transport. It is currently being stored at the Twentynine Palms Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Range-051, Twentynine Palms, California 92278-8110. DTSC has determined as a safety precaution to prevent an accident or severe injury, an Emergency Permit should be issued to treat the hazardous waste at the nearest safe location, which has been determined to be at the Twentynine Palms Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Range-051(EPA ID# CA0170090013).

**Background:** The one (1) M393A2 105-MM, HEP-T projectile contains explosive materials. When explosive materials degrade, such as within expired products, the explosives become increasingly unstable. Unstable explosives can unpredictably detonate when improperly managed, making expired explosive materials hazardous. Detonation is the recommended treatment for expired explosives.

Treatment will be performed at the Twentynine Palms Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Range-051 which is an active Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) bombing range area. The range is

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a secure and secluded military facility designed for this use. The range is located in a remote area with no public access. Twentynine Palms Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center is a secured government installation, and no unauthorized personnel are allowed on the Base property. During operations, the range facility is secure, and any surrounding activities are monitored.

**Project Activities:** The treatment of the hazardous waste involves the addition of other explosives to trigger detonation of the waste explosives. Only EOD trained specialists will be handling the material. Movement, preparation, and treatment of the items will be in accordance with established military procedures. The area shall be inspected after treatment to ensure there is no release of hazardous waste from the area. Any untreated waste will be immediately re-treated by repeated detonation, as necessary.

Within 10 business days of the expiration of this permit, Twentynine Palms Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center 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 January 15, 2025 and shall expire on February 13, 2025.

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

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Twentynine Palms Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center

**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 and mitigate the impact of detonation.

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	Approver's Title	Approver's Phone Number
Alejandra Cruz	Hazardous Substances Engineer	(510) 540-3816

Approver's Signature:

Date:



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