

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

To: Office of Planning and Research
State Clearinghouse
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: Department of Toxic Substances Control
Permitting Division
8800 Cal Center Dr.
Sacramento, CA 95826

Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in Compliance with Section 21108 of the Public Resources Code

Project Title: Edwards Air Force Base Hazardous Waste Facility Permit Renewal

State Clearinghouse Number: 2003111120

Project Location: 195 East Popson Ave., Building 2750, Edwards Air Force Base, California 93254

County: Kern

Project Applicant: Edwards Air Force Base

Project Description: The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) approved an Addendum to the previously certified Environmental Impact Report and approved the Edwards Air Force Base (EAFB) Hazardous Waste Facility Permit Renewal, pursuant to authority granted under California Health and Safety Code Chapter 6.5 and California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 4.5, Chapter 20.

The Environmental Impact Report (EIR) evaluated the impacts of authorizing the addition of Open Burn/Open Detonation (OB/OD) units to the previously approved hazardous waste storage activity. The hazardous waste management units at the facility include both the Hazardous Waste Support Facility (HWSF) and the OB/OD units. The addendum included the addition of wood pallets and diesel fuel in OB operation. This addendum also clarifies that the HWSF was a part of the project description of the Final EIR, although it was not subject to any changes as result of the Class 3 permit modification. The HWSF allows for the safe storage and handling of hazardous wastes generated by normal military operations for up to one year, after which hazardous wastes must be shipped off-site for eventual disposition. As a result of both current and past operations at the base, some explosive and or highly combustible hazardous wastes are generated at the facility. These wastes are treated at the facility at the OB/OD units, transport of the explosive and or highly combustible hazardous waste to an alternate treatment facility could pose to be a hazard to the public.

As Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), DTSC approved the above-described project on September 20, 2021 and has made the following determinations:

1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of project approval.
4. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for this project.
5. Findings were not made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

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

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