

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Department of Toxic Substances Control
Permitting Division
8800 Cal Center Drive
Sacramento, CA 95826

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

Project Title: USS-UPI LLC., Formerly USS-Posco Industries, Class 1* Permit Modification

State Clearinghouse Number: 2002062026

Project Location: 900 Loveridge Road, Pittsburg, CA 94565

County: Contra Costa County

Project Applicant: Paige Alford; Environmental Compliance Engineer

Project Description: The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), pursuant to authority granted under California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 4.5, Chapter 20, Section 66270.40, prepared an addendum for the approval of the Class 1* Permit Modification to the existing Post Closure Permit (Permit) for the USS-UPI, LLC. Facility (Facility), formerly USS-Posco Industries. The existing Permit outlines primary functions involving regular inspection of the landfill, Groundwater Self-Monitoring Programs (GSMP), and data analysis. This Class 1* Permit Modification (Permit Modification) does not include any changes to the permit or physical changes to the Facility. The Permit Modification is a proposed change to the statistical methods used for groundwater monitoring results analysis (i.e., updates to the Prediction Limits/Concentration Limits) following the conclusion of the 2018 sampling year. The improved sampling statistical method will allow for more accurate data collection on the contaminant levels present within the post-closure area.

Background:

USS-UPI, LLC was a steel production facility located in Contra Costa County at 900 Loveridge Road Pittsburg, California. Steel production or processing activities began in 1909. Hazardous waste operations involving permitted hazardous waste management units ceased in 1999. Historic waste handling practices have resulted in ongoing corrective action cleanup and post-closure care of the Facility's historical corrective action management unit (CAMU) landfill known as Unit 1 CAMU. USS-UPI, LLC maintains a Hazardous Waste Post-Closure Permit at the Unit 1 CAMU landfill. The Facility property is comprised of 483 acres. Unit 1 CAMU is approximately 10 acres and is within the Site L-B area of the Facility. Unit 1 is physically separated from the main steel manufacturing area and has restricted access. Cleanup activities also occur at the USS-UPI, LLC property; however, such activities are located in areas physically separate from Unit 1, and those activities are directed through a Corrective Action Order unrelated to the Post-Closure Permit for Unit 1 CAMU.

The purpose of the addendum is solely to update the statistical methods used for analyzing groundwater samples taken from the Facility's existing monitoring plan; no physical changes are proposed within this Permit Modification. This project would not affect any aspect of the environment and requires no construction. The Permit Modification would not result in a significant impact on the environment.

As Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), DTSC approved the above-described project on November 30, 2022, and has made the following determinations:

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

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

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Approver's Signature:

Ryan W Batty

Date:

November 30, 2022

| Approver's Name | Approver's Title | Approver's Phone Number |
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