

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION 2019068112

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From: Office of Permitting
Department of Toxic Substances Control
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Project Title: Central Wire Inc. (f. k. a. Techalloy Inc.), Post-Closure Permit Renewal

Project Applicant: Stefano Pellegrini, Central Wire Inc.

Project Location: 2500 South A Street, Perris, California 92570

County: Riverside

Project Description:

This post-closure permit renewal addresses ongoing activities including maintenance of three (3) closed surface impoundment caps, corrective action and groundwater monitoring. A closure plan for the waste water treatment system (WWTS) is incorporated in the post-closure permit because the unit no longer treats Resource Conservation and Recovery Act hazardous waste and is operated under a Permit-by-Rule (PBR) with Riverside County. The WWTS is planned to be in operation under PBR for the life of the facility. Central Wire Inc. must continue to conduct groundwater monitoring to comply with the requirements of the California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 4.5, Chapter 14 and Article 6. The major change from the previous post-closure permit is the groundwater monitoring frequency will be conducted annually rather than semi-annually.

Background:

The facility was constructed in 1965. Three surface impoundments (ponds) were constructed to receive spent acids, sludge and rinse water from the metal finishing operations at the plant. Wastewater containing elevated concentrations of chromium, nickel, fluoride, copper, nitrates, sulfates and total dissolved solids were discharged to the ponds for evaporation at a maximum discharge rate of 1,500 gallons/day. Discharge into Ponds 2 and 3 ceased in 1979. Discharge into Pond 1 ceased in 1985, wherein a wastewater treatment system (WWTS) was put into operation. Ponds 2 and 3 contained synthetic liners and Pond 1 contained a synthetic liner over concrete base. The WWTS operated under RCRA permit until 2002, when the treatment and process operations were re-configured so that the WWTS no longer treated RCRA hazardous waste. The WWTS is now operating under a Permit-by-Rule from Riverside County.

In 1984, the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) discovered that the integrity of the Pond 3 liner was inadequate. RWQCB issued a Cleanup and Abatement Order requiring Central Wire Inc. to remove all remaining sludge in that impoundment. In 1989, the sludge from Ponds 2 and 3 were neutralized on site and all ponds were closed and capped. Under a 1988 Consent Agreement with the U.S. EPA, the facility conducted a RCRA Facility Investigation. Groundwater extraction began in 1996 and ceased in 2001, at which time quarterly groundwater monitoring began. In 2008, DTSC issued a new post-closure permit and in 2014 the frequency of groundwater monitoring was reduced to semi-annual monitoring. The facility changed its name to Central Wire Inc. in 2016.

1988 – California Department of Health Services, DTSC's predecessor, approved the Closure and Post-Closure Plan and filed a Negative Declaration with the State Clearinghouse (SCH# 1987072934).

1996 - DTSC approved the post-closure permit for ponds and filed a Notice of Exemption with the State Clearinghouse (SCH# 1996102546).

2002 - DTSC issued closure verification.

2005 - DTSC approved a Class 2 permit modification to allow the facility to end its financial guarantees for third-party liability for operation of the wastewater treatment unit and filed a Notice of Exemption (SCH# 2005128115).

2006 - DTSC approved a Class 3 permit modification to reduce the size of the facility and filed a Notice of Exemption (SCH# 2006058074).

2008 - DTSC renewed the post-closure permit and filed a Notice of Exemption (SCH# 2008038068).

2014 – DTSC approved a Class 1* Permit Modification to reduce frequency of water level monitoring and filed a Notice of Exemption (SCH# 2014108217).

2017 - DTSC received application for post-closure permit renewal.

Project Activities:

The Post-Closure Permit renewal activities for the three (3) closed surface impoundments include annual groundwater monitoring and reporting, an annual subsidence survey of the engineered cap, and an annual waste reduction and minimization certificate. The Facility must also perform monthly inspections of the security system, the stormwater management system and the groundwater monitoring well-heads. The facility also performs rodent control and well inspections during the annual groundwater measurement and sampling activities. The only change from the previous post-closure permit is the groundwater monitoring frequency will be conducted *annually* rather than *semi-annually*.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Stefano Pellegrini, Central Wire Inc.

Exemption Status: (check one)

- Ministerial [PRC, Sec. 21080(b)(1); CCR, Sec. 15268]
- Declared Emergency [PRC, Sec. 21080(b)(3); CCR, Sec.15269(a)]
- Emergency Project [PRC, Sec. 21080(b)(4); CCR, Sec.15269(b)(c)]
- Categorical Exemption: [CCR Sec. 15301]
- Statutory Exemptions: [State code section number]
- General Rule [CCR, Sec. 15061(b)(3)]

Exemption Title: Existing Facilities.

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: This project is a post-closure permit renewal which addresses ongoing activities including maintenance of three (3) closed surface impoundment caps, corrective action and groundwater monitoring. There are no physical changes to the facility associated with this project and the permit renewal will not result in any expansion of an existing use. The facility is not on the Cortese list.

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Evidence to support the above reasons is documented in the project file record, available for inspection at:

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