

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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From: Department of Toxic Substances Control
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Project Title: EMERGENCY PERMIT FOR TREATMENT OF HAZARDOUS WASTES, SUTTER HEALTH ALTA BATES SUMMIT MEDICAL CENTER, BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

Project Location: 2450 Ashby Ave., Berkeley, Alameda County

Project Applicant: Charles Lucero, Hazardous Materials & Waste Coordinator, Sutter Health

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, Title 22, Division 4.5, Chapter 20, Section 66270.61, has issued an Emergency Permit to Sutter Health Alta Bates Summit Medical Center (EPA ID# CAD983605932) to treat hazardous waste through a controlled reaction with a chemical solution. Specifically, 1 one-liter container of tetrahydrofuran, a peroxide forming material, must be stabilized prior to transport to a permitted treatment, storage, and disposal facility.

The hazardous waste item is expired and is currently being stored on the Sutter located at 2450 Ashby Ave., Berkeley, CA 94705. 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 waste prior to transportation off-site by Clean Harbors Environmental Service (CHES).

Background: Tetrahydrofuran produces peroxide as it degrades (i.e. after the product's expiration date). The peroxide produced may be unstable at relatively low concentrations, resulting in fire and/or explosion if improperly handled. Static electricity or heating from sunlight may be enough to trigger some peroxides' reaction, making transport of non-stabilized tetrahydrofuran hazardous. Chemical stabilization is recommended prior to transport to a permitted treatment, storage, and disposal facility.

Project Activities: The treatment of the hazardous waste involves the addition of solution to the containers in a controlled manner to reduce the reactive or ignitable characteristics of the chemical. Treatment will take place within a designated exclusion zone. Only technicians from CHES will be allowed in the exclusion zone. Movement, preparation, and treatment of the items will be in accordance with established standards.

Within 10 business days of the expiration of this permit, Sutter will submit a final report, signed in accordance with Title 22, California Code of Regulations section 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 November 12, 2019 and shall expire on January 10, 2020.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Clean Harbors Environmental Service on behalf of Sutter Health

Exempt Status: Emergency Project [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 tetrahydrofuran is necessary prior to transportation to a permitted 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:

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