

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

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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, SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

Project Location: 1 Washington Square, San Jose, Santa Clara County

Project Applicant: David Griffith, Environmental Compliance Specialist, San Jose State University (SJSU)

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 SJSU (EPA ID# CAT080031206) to treat hazardous wastes through a controlled reaction with a chemical solution. Specifically, 0.5L 2-Methoxyethanol, 4.85L Butyl Ether, 6.0L Diethyl Ether, 6.0L 1,4 Dioxane, 8.025L Tetrahydrofuran, 15.02L 1,2 Dimethoxyethane, 2.5L 2-Methoxyethyl Ether, 5.0L 1,2,3,4 Tetrahydronaphthalene, 0.5L 4-Methylpentan-2-one, 0.1L Allyl Glycidyl Ether, 0.6L 2,3 Dihydrofuran, 0.1L Cyclohexene, 0.5L 4-Methyl-2-Pentanone, 0.75L Methyl Cyclopentane, 0.1L Isopropyl Ether, 17.325L 2-Butoxyethanol, 0.125L 2,5 Dimethylfuran, 2.5L 2,2 Dimethoxypropane, 0.25L Propyl Vinyl Ether, 2.923L Cyclopentene, 500g Triethyl Orthoformate, 0.1L N,N Dimethylacrylamide, 100g Potassium, 100g Sodium Amide, 80g Benzoyl Peroxide, 25g 3-Chloroperoxybenzoic Acid, 150g 2,2 Azobisisobutyronitrile, 200g Diazald, 1.6kg, 2,4 Dinitrophenol, 25g Diethyl Azidocarboxylate, 21g 2,4 Dinitrophenylhydrazine, 4.025kg Picric Acid, 100g P-Nitrophenylhydrazine, 2g 2,4,6 Trinitrobenzene Sulfonic Acid, 60g Picramic Acid, 300g 2,4 Dinitrosoresorcinol, 0.1L 1H Tetrazole, 100g 5-Amino-1H Tetrazole, 230g 1,3,5 Trinitrobenzene, 140g 2,4,6 Trinitrobenzoic Acid, 40g 2,4,7 Trinitro-9-Flourenone, 25g 2,2,4,4,6,6 Hexanitrodiphenylamine, 6.622L Collodion, 100g Methyl Urea Nitrate, 10g Picryl Chloride, 25g P-Nitrobenzoyl Azide, 250g Musk Xylene, peroxide forming and shock/temperature sensitivity materials, must be stabilized prior to transport to a permitted treatment, storage, and disposal facility.

The hazardous waste items are expired and are currently being stored on the SJSU located at 1 Washington Square, San Jose, CA 95192. 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 wastes prior to transportation off-site by Clean Harbors Environmental Service (CHES).

Background: Above chemicals produce peroxide as it degrades (i.e. after the product's expiration date) and are shock/temperature sensitive. 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 peroxide forming chemicals hazardous. Chemical stabilization is recommended prior to transport to a permitted treatment, storage, and disposal facility.

Project Activities: The treatment of the hazardous wastes 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, SJSU 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 December 27, 2019 and shall expire on February 25, 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 SJSU

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 chemicals 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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