

**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT**

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**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

To: Office of Planning and Research  
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From: Department of Toxic Substances Control  
Permitting Division  
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**Project Title:** EMERGENCY PERMIT FOR TREATMENT OF HAZARDOUS WASTE, LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT FORENSIC SCIENCE DIVISION, WEST SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

**Project Location:** 1800 Paseo Rancho Castilla, Los Angeles, California 90032

**County:** Los Angeles County

**Project Applicant:** Los Angeles Police Department Forensic Science Division

**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 the Los Angeles Police Department Forensic Science Division, (EPA ID# CAL000345294) to treat hazardous waste through a controlled reaction with a chemical solution. Specifically, four containers of Picric Acid (50 grams, 125 grams, 500 milliliters, and 25 milliliters), must be stabilized prior to transport to an authorized hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal facility.

This chemical is currently being stored at Los Angeles Police Department Forensic Science Division located at 1800 Paseo Rancho Castilla, Los Angeles, California 90032. 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 storage and eventual transportation off-site by Clean Harbors Environmental Services (CHES).

**Background:** Picric Acid is a shock sensitive material. External energy input may cause complete or partial detonation of the material, making transport of non-stabilized Picric Acid. Further instability can be introduced as the chemical and/or the storage container degrades (i.e. after the product's expiration date). 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 containers will be in accordance with established standards.

Within 10 business days of the expiration of this permit, Los Angeles Police Department Forensic Science Division 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 March 27, 2020 and shall expire on May 26, 2020.

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

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Clean Harbors Environmental Services

**Exempt Status:** Emergency Project [PRC, Sec. 21080(b)(4); 14 CCR, Sec.15269(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 an authorized hazardous waste 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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March 20, 2020

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