

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
8800 Cal Center Drive
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Project Title: EMERGENCY PERMIT FOR TREATMENT OF HAZARDOUS WASTE, CONTRA COSTA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, MARTINEZ, CA

Project Location: 2500 Alhambra Avenue, Martinez, CA 94553

County: Contra Costa County

Project Applicant: Contra Costa Regional Medical Center

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 Contra Costa Regional Medical Center, (EPA ID# CAD071687833) to treat hazardous waste through a controlled reaction with a chemical solution. Specifically, a one Liter container of Diethyl Ether, must be stabilized prior to transport to an authorized hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal facility.

This chemical is currently being stored at Contra Costa Regional Medical Center located at 2500 Alhambra Avenue, Martinez, CA 94553. 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: Diethyl Ether produces peroxides as it degrades (i.e. after the product's expiration date). The peroxides produced may be unstable at relatively low concentrations, resulting in fire and/or explosion if improperly handled. Chemical stabilization is recommended prior to transport to a permitted storage, treatment, and disposal facility.

Project Activities: The treatment of the hazardous waste involves the addition of solution to the container 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, Contra Costa Regional Medical Center 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 May 4, 2020 and shall expire on July 31, 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 chemical 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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