**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT**

**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, UNIVERISTY OF CALIFORNIA SAN DIEGO HEALTH, SAN DIEGO, CA

**Project Location**: 200 West Arbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92106

**County:** San Diego County

**Project Applicant**: Mark Gonzales, University of California San Diego 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 (D T S C), 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 University of California San Diego Health (UCSD Health) (E P A I D# CAD981421399) to treat hazardous waste through a controlled reaction with a chemical solution. The hazardous waste to be treated consists of one 400-gram container of Potassium.

The chemical is expired and currently being stored at UCSD Health located at 200 West Arbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92106. D T S C 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 (Clean Harbors).

**Background**: Potassium 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 Clean Harbors 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, Lockheed Martin 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 August 24, 2021 and shall expire on October 25, 2021.

**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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