CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Planning and Research From: Department of Toxic Substances Control

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Project Title: EMERGENCY PERMIT FOR TREATMENT OF HAZRDOUS WASTE, UC DAVIS SCHOOL OF

MEDICINE, SACRAMENTO, CA

Project Location: 2315 Stockton Boulevard, Sacramento, California 95817

County: Sacramento County

Project Applicant: Steve Libertini, Safety Officer

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 UC Davis School of Medicine, (EPA ID# CAD076124981) to treat hazardous waste through a controlled reaction with a chemical solution. Specifically, the following chemicals consisting of Diethyl Ether (1 x 1 Liter) and Picric Acid (1 x 4 Liter), must be stabilized prior to transport to an authorized hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal facility.

These chemicals are currently being stored at UC Davis School of Medicine located at 2315 Stockton Boulevard, Sacramento, California. 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: Peroxide forming materials may spontaneously decompose and become explosive with or without external energy. Some peroxides may explode without being concentrated. If the material is improperly handled, there is a potential for a reaction, which includes fire and/or deflagration and detonation. This makes transport of these waste chemicals hazardous. Chemical stabilization is recommended prior to transport to a permitted treatment, storage, and disposal facility.

<u>Project Activities</u>: 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, UC Davis School of Medicine 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 28, 2021 and shall expire on March 27, 2022.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Steve Libertini, Safety Officer, UC Davis

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:

Department of Toxic Substances Control

File Room

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