CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Planning and Research State Clearinghouse P.O. Box 3044, 1400 Tenth Street, Room 212 Sacramento, California 95812-3044 From: Department of Toxic Substances Control Permitting Division 8800 Cal Center Drive Sacramento, California 95826

<u>**Project Title</u>**: EMERGENCY PERMIT FOR TREATMENT OF HAZARDOUS WASTE, ABC TESTING, INC – TUSTIN, TUSTIN, CALIFORNIA</u>

Project Location: 1169 Warner Avenue, Tustin, California 92780

County: Orange County

Project Applicant: Katerina Baldwin, Lab Director, ABC Testing, Inc - Tustin

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 ABC Testing, Inc – Tustin,

(EPA ID# CAL000455249) to treat hazardous waste through a controlled reaction with a chemical solution. Specifically, one (1) container of Ethyl Ether (1 x 4 Liter), one (1) container of Acetaldehyde (1 x 500 milliliter), one (1) container of Cumene (1 x 1 Liter), one (1) container of Acrylic Acid (1 x 25 milliliter) and one (1) container of Benzoyl Peroxide (1 x 1 lbs.), must be stabilized prior to transport to an authorized hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal facility.

These chemicals are currently being stored at ABC Testing, Inc – Tustin located at 1169 Warner Avenue, Tustin, 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 (Clean Harbors).

Background: Peroxide forming materials and/or monomers produce peroxide compounds as it degrades (i.e., after the product's expiration date). The peroxide produced may be unstable at relatively low concentrations, resulting in fire and/or explosion if improperly handled. Shock and/or temperature sensitive materials can decompose or detonate with external energy when dry or concentrated. Solids are also prone to explosive decomposition if ground, for example with pestle and mortar. Static electricity or heating from sunlight may be enough to trigger some reaction,

making transport of non-stabilized chemicals hazardous. 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 chemicals. 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, ABC Testing, Inc – Tustin 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 July 5, 2022 and shall expire on September 2, 2022.

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(b)(c)]

<u>Reasons Why Project is Exempt</u>: 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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Date: June 29, 2022 State of California – California Environmental Protection Agency

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