CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

State Clearinghouse Permitting Division

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Project Title: EMERGENCY PERMIT FOR TREATMENT OF HAZARDOUS WASTE, CSU

STANISLAUS, TURLOCK, CALIFORNIA

Project Location: One University Circle, Turlock, California 95382

County: Stanislaus County

Project Applicant: Vicki Jones, Director of Safety and Risk Management, CSU Stanislaus

Approval Action Under Consideration by DTSC: Emergency Permit

Statutory Authority: California Health and Safety Code, Chapter 6.5

<u>Project Description</u>: 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 CSU Stanislaus, (EPA ID# CAD083864876) to treat hazardous waste through a controlled reaction with a chemical solution. Specifically, one (1) container of Tetrahydrofuran (1 x 1 Liter) and one (1) container of 2,4 Dinitrophenol (1 x 250 grams), must be stabilized prior to transport to an authorized hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal facility.

These chemicals are currently being stored at CSU Stanislaus located at One University Circle, Turlock, 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: The chemicals noted above include peroxide former or peroxide forming monomer. These chemicals 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 managed. The chemicals noted above also include a shock and/or temperature sensitive material which 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 a reaction, making

transport of non-stabilized 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 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 ten business days of the expiration of this permit, CSU Stanislaus 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 responsibly managed.

The Emergency Permit is effective beginning September 28, 2022 and shall expire on November 26, 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)]

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

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