

**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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From: Department of Toxic Substances Control
Site Mitigation & Restoration Program
9211 Oakdale Avenue
Chatsworth, CA 91311

Project Title: Former Bodycote Thermal Processing West Inc Interim Measures Workplan

Project Location: 18600 Oxnard Street, Tarzana, 91356

County: Los Angeles

Project Description: The project involves the installation and operation of a Soil Vapor Extraction (SVE) system at the Former Bodycote Thermal Processing West Inc. (Site). The cleanup decision document, referred to as an Interim Measures Workplan (IMWP), summarized the evaluation of remedial alternatives and concluded that the selected remedial measure is required to address elevated concentrations of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in the subsurface soil at the Site. The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) approved the IMWP prepared by Jacobs Engineering Group Inc., pursuant to Chapter 6.5, Division 4.5, Sections 25187 and 25200.14 of the Health and Safety Code.

Background: The Site is located on a 1.29-acre property in an industrial/commercial area in the City of Tarzana and is situated south of West Oxnard Street, east of Yolanda Avenue, and west of Reseda Boulevard. A multi-family housing complex is located adjacent to the southern boundary of the Site. Formerly the Site included a vacant, reinforced brick, and concrete warehouse structure approximately 14,670 square feet in size on the northern portion of the property. This structure was recently demolished, and the Site currently comprises an asphalt and concrete paved lot.

The Site was occupied by National Heat Treating from 1967 through 1995 and then occupied by Hinterliter from 1995 through 2000 for thermal processing of metals. Bodycote purchased the property in 2000 and conducted operations similar to Hinterliter until the property was sold to Columbia College of Hollywood (CCH) in 2007. The Site is currently owned by CCH and currently operates a Sub-Slab Depressurization System (SSDS) as an interim measure designed to prevent VOC contaminated soil vapor from intrusion into future buildings and inhalation by future occupants.

Previous Investigations: Previous investigations at the Site identified that the highest concentrations of VOCs, specifically tetrachloroethylene (PCE) and trichloroethylene (TCE), exists in soils where the former concrete warehouse building was located on the Site. Concentrations of VOCs are highest along the western property boundary and concentrations decrease along the eastern portion of the Site.

Project Activities: Project activities include installation and operation of an activated-carbon-based SVE system to remediate the elevated concentrations of VOCs found at depths of approximately 40 to 65 feet bgs. The installation of the SVE system at the Site will ensure the removal of VOCs in soil vapor and further prevent VOCs from penetrating the CCH building thereby protecting students, staff, and visitors and allowing for CCH to operate in an environmentally safe building. The SSDS system will continue to run until the remediation at the Site is complete through the use of the SVE system. The initial startup and operation of the SVE system will be performed under a South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) "various locations" permit to operate. A site-specific SCAQMD permit will be obtained for SVE system operation after the initial year.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Bodycote Thermal Processing, Inc.

Exemption Status: (check one)

- Ministerial [PRC, Sec. 21080(b)(1); CCR, Sec. 15268]
 Declared Emergency [PRC, Sec. 21080(b)(3); CCR, Sec. 15269(a)]
 Emergency Project [PRC, Sec. 21080(b)(4); CCR, Sec. 15269(b)(c)]
 Categorical Exemption: Class 30 [Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 14, §15330]
 Statutory Exemptions: [State code section number]
 General Rule [CCR, Sec. 15061(b)(3)]

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Exemption Title: Minor Actions Taken to Prevent, Minimize, Mitigate or Eliminate the Release or Threat of Release of a Hazardous Waste or Hazardous Substance.

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

1. The project is a minor action designed to prevent, minimize, stabilize, mitigate, or eliminate the release or threat of release of hazardous waste or hazardous substances.
2. The project will not exceed \$1 million in cost.
3. The project does not involve the onsite use of a hazardous waste incinerator or thermal treatment unit or the relocation of residences or businesses and does not involve the potential release into the air of volatile organic compounds as defined in Health and Safety Code Section 25123. Initial startup and operation of the SVE system will be performed under an SCAQMD "various locations" permit to operate. A site-specific SCAQMD permit will be obtained for SVE system operation after the initial year.
4. The exceptions pursuant to California Code Regulations, Title 14 § 15300.2 have been addressed as follows:
 - a. Cumulative Impact. The project will not result in cumulative impacts because it is designed to be a short-term final remedy that would not lead to a succession of projects of the same type in the same place over time.
 - b. Significant Effect. The environmental safeguards and monitoring procedures that are enforceable and made a condition of project approval will prevent unusual circumstances from occurring so that there is no possibility that the project will have a significant effect on the environment.
 - c. Scenic Highways. The project will not damage scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, because it is not located within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway.
 - d. Hazardous Waste Sites. The project is not located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.
 - e. Historical Resources. The project will not cause the substantial adverse change in the significance of an historical resource because there are no locations on the Site that are present or eligible for listing on the California Register of Historic Resources, pursuant to Section 21084.1 of the Public Resources Code.

Evidence to support the above reasons is documented in the project file record, available for inspection at the:

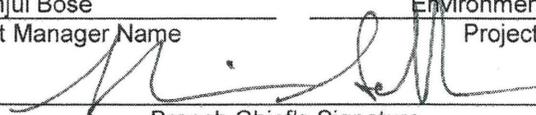
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