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**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT**  
**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

To: Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (LCI)      From: Department of Toxic Substances Control  
State Clearinghouse      Permitting Division  
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**Project Title:** Emergency Permit for Management of Hazardous Waste, Air Liquide U.S. LP  
(Balazas Labs), Fremont, California

**Project Location:** 46409 Landing Parkway, Fremont, California 94538

**County:** Alameda

**Project Applicant:** Tanisha Sparks, Hazardous Waste Technician

**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 (CCR), Title 22, Division 4.5, Chapter 20, Sec. 66270.61, has issued an Emergency Permit to Air Liquide U.S. LP (Balazas Labs), (EPA ID# CAR000378693) to treat hazardous waste through a controlled reaction with a chemical solution. Specifically, one (1) 4-liter container and one (1) 1-liter container of Tetrahydrofuran must be stabilized prior to transport to an authorized hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal facility. This chemical is currently being stored at Air Liquide U.S. LP (Balazas Labs) located at 46409 Landing Parkway, Fremont, California 94538. 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.

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**Background:** Peroxide formation is present on either the inside, outside, or the bottom of the chemical containers, as well as the thread container caps. The presence of peroxide formation may be unstable at relatively low concentrations, resulting in fire and/or explosion if improperly handled. Due to the presence of peroxide formation, DTSC considers this chemical to be an imminent and substantial endangerment to human health and the environment. Chemical stabilization is recommended prior to transport to a permitted treatment, storage, and disposal facility.

**Project Activities:** The treatment of this hazardous waste involves the addition of a 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 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, Air Liquide U.S. LP (Balazas Labs) will submit a final report, signed in accordance with Title 22, CCR Sec. 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 September 23, 2025, and shall expire on November 22, 2025.

**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 Public Resources Code (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 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.

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The administrative record for this project is available to the public by appointment at the following location:

Department of Toxic Substances Control  
Permitting Division  
File Room  
8800 Cal Center Drive  
Sacramento, CA 95826

| Approver's Name | Approver's Title              | Approver's Phone Number |
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| Michelle Snapp  | Hazardous Substances Engineer | (916) 255-3647          |

Approver's Signature:

Date:

*Michelle Snapp*

September 15, 2025

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