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CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (LCI)
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From: Department of Toxic Substances Control
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Project Title: Emergency Permit for Management of Hazardous Waste, Southern California University of Health Sciences, Whittier, California

Project Location: 16200 Amber Valley Drive, Whittier, California 90604

County: Los Angeles

Project Applicant: Joe Eggleston, Executive Director of Auxiliary Operations & Physical Plant

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 Southern California University of Health Sciences, (EPA ID# CAD983638354) to treat hazardous waste through a controlled reaction with chemical solutions. Specifically, one (1) 1-liter container of Diethyl Ether; one (1) 1-liter container of Tetrahydrofuran; one (1) 100-milliliter container of Acetaldehyde; one (1) 1,125-milliliter container of Styrene; one (1) 100-gram container of 2,4 Dinitrophenylhydrazine; and one (1) 500-gram container and one (1) 50-gram container of Benzoyl Peroxide must be stabilized prior to transport to an authorized hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal facility.

These chemicals are currently being stored at Southern California University of Health Sciences located at 16200 Amber Valley Drive, Whittier, California 90604. DTSC has determined as a safety precaution to prevent an accident or severe injury, an Emergency Permit should be issued for Clean

Harbors Environmental Services (Clean Harbors) to chemically stabilize the hazardous waste prior to storage and eventual transportation off-site.

Background: The containers have peroxide formation present on either the inside, outside, or the bottom of the chemicals' 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. Shock and/or temperature sensitive materials can decompose or detonate with external energy when dry or concentrated. If the material is improperly handled, there is a potential for a reaction, which includes fire, deflagration, or detonation. Due to the presence of peroxide formation and shock sensitive materials, DTSC considers these chemicals 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 these hazardous wastes involves the addition of a 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, Southern California University of Health Sciences 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 October 28, 2025 and shall expire on December 29, 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 these 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.

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

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Approver's Name	Approver's Title	Approver's Phone Number
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Approver's Signature: Date:

Michelle Snapp October 22, 2025

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