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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (LCI) 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
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Project Title: Emergency Permit for Management of Hazardous Waste, Augusta Life Sciences, Milpitas, California

Project Location: 155 N McCarthy Blvd., Milpitas, CA 95035

County: Santa Clara

Project Applicant: Jovana Sanchez, Specialist III, EHS.

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 the Augusta Life Sciences (EPA ID# CAR000361451) to treat hazardous waste through a controlled reaction with chemical solutions. Specifically, one (1) 25-milliliter container of 10% Sodium Azide Solution must be stabilized prior to transport to an authorized hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal facility.

This chemical is currently being stored at Augusta Life Sciences located at 155 North McCarthy Boulevard, Milpitas, CA 95035. 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.

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Background:

The container has a shock sensitive chemical. 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 shock sensitive chemical, 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 these hazardous wastes involves the addition of solutions 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 Environmental Services 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, Augusta Life 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 July 15, 2026 and shall expire on September 15, 2026.

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 chemicals is necessary prior to transportation to an

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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
Permitting Division
File Room
8800 Cal Center Drive
Sacramento, CA 95826

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Approver's Name

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Approver's Title

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Date:

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July 15, 2026

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