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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, United States Marine Corps, San Bernardino, California

Project Location: US Marine Corps, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, California 92411

County: San Bernardino

Project Applicant: Plessie Ellitt, Branch Head & Director

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 United States Marine Corps (EPA ID# CA0170090013) to treat hazardous ordnance waste by open detonation. Specifically, one (1) 150mm GR12 German projectile must be treated and totally destroyed.

This waste ordnance is currently being stored at a Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center (MCAGCC) Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD)'s safe holding area located in Twentynine Palms, California. DTSC has determined as a safety precaution to prevent an accident or severe injury, an Emergency Permit should be issued f*or* treatment of the waste ordnance.

Background: The waste ordnance contains explosive materials. When explosive materials degrade, they become increasingly unstable. Unstable explosives can unpredictably detonate when improperly handled.

Due to the potential explosivity and the sensitivity to shock and friction, DTSC considers this waste ordnance to be an imminent and substantial endangerment to human health and the environment. Detonation is recommended treatment for the unstable explosives.

Project Activities: Treatment will be performed in an active EOD training area at the MCAGCC. Range 51 is an approved training range for this activity in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. The Combat Center is a secure base and no unauthorized personnel are allowed on the base property or training ranges. No hazardous waste is expected to be generated after this operation.

Within 10 business days of the expiration of this permit, United States Marine Corps 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 November 23, 2026 and shall expire on December 22, 2026.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: MCAGCC Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD)

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 and mitigate the impact of detonation.

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

State of California – California Environmental Protection Agency
Department of Toxic Substances Control

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

Matthew Mullinax

Date:

November 20, 2026

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