

Public Notice

The mission of DTSC is to protect California's people and environment from harmful effects of toxic substances through the restoration of contaminated resources, enforcement, regulation and pollution prevention.

Emergency Permit

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection February 1, 2013 to May 1, 2013

On January 11 2013, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire) requested an Emergency Permit from the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC). Cal Fire proposes to treat fireworks by burning at the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department Bomb Disposal Range and Training Facility in western San Bernardino County. DTSC requires an Emergency Permit for the requested treatment by burning since Cal Fire does not hold a facility hazardous waste treatment permit.

The permit application is for treatment of unsafe fireworks. The fireworks are or will be confiscated in multiple seizure actions and Cal Fire has determined that the fireworks cannot be transported and no alternative on-site treatment is available. The treatment will be carried out on site by Explosive Ordnance Disposal personnel from the San Bernardino Sheriffs Department, Cal Fire and/or other local emergency response agencies.

DTSC finds there is a potential imminent and substantial endangerment to human health and the environment. As such, DTSC is issuing this emergency permit to Cal Fire effective January 30, 2013 through April 29, 2013. The emergency permit includes measures to minimize any adverse impact to the community or the environment during the treatment.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) - DTSC has determined that this Emergency Permit is exempt from the requirements of CEQA as an action necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency. A Notice of Exemption (NOE) will be filed which starts a 35-day time period for any legal challenges to DTSC's CEQA determination for this Emergency Permit. This activity is necessary to prevent an emergency because the material cannot be stored, handled or shipped off-site without posing a threat to the environment, property or human health.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION - For further information regarding the Emergency Permit for Cal Fire, please contact Chia Rin Yen, Hazardous Substances Scientist, at (818) 717-6681 or chiarin.yen@dtsc.ca.gov, or Zenzi Poindexter, Public Participation Specialist, at (866) 495-5651 press 3, then 4 or zenzi.poindexter@dtsc.ca.gov. A copy of the Emergency Permit, NOE, and the Cal Fire's request as well as the full Administrative Record for this project are available for review at Department of Toxic Substances Control, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, California 95826. For media inquiries, please contact Charlotte Fadipe, DTSC Public Information Officer, at (916) 323-3395 or charlotte.fadipe@dtsc.ca.gov.

NOTICE TO THE HEARING IMPAIRED - You can obtain additional information by using the California State Relay Service at 1-888-877-5378 (TDD). Please ask them to contact Zenzi Poindexter at (818) 717-6568 regarding Cal Fire.

For additional information regarding DTSC, please visit our web site at www.dtsc.ca.gov.