Department of Toxic Substances Control August 2017

Public Notice

The mission of DTSC is to protect California's people and environment from harmful effects of toxic substances by restoring contaminated resources, enforcing hazardous waste laws, reducing hazardous waste generation, and encouraging the manufacture of chemically safer products.

DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL ISSUES EMERGENCY PERMIT

For Naval Air Facility, El Centro
1065 3rd Street, Building 139
NAF El Centro, CA 92273

Why This Notice? On July 28, 2017, Naval Air Facility El Centro (NAF) requested an Emergency Permit from the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) for the treatment of hazardous waste. In this case, the treatment of hazardous waste involves the open detonation of two (2) DUD Fired Sim grenade, one (1) Booster, one (1) T-10 Munition Ordinance and one (1) Flare generated from the Navy training on base. The Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Flight will conduct this treatment. These items are located at Naval Base Coronado EID safe holding area awaiting transport to the established EOD disposal site on NAF El Centro Bombing Range. DTSC is the lead regulatory agency for this emergency action and Emergency Permit issuance.

What Has Occurred: These items have been determined to be unsafe for transportation and require treatment by detonation at NAF El Centro. The treatment will be conducted at NAF El Centro Bombing range. No hazardous waste is expected to be generated from the disposal by detonation. However, if required, any hazardous waste generated must be moved to an authorized unit for storage and shipped in accordance with applicable regulatory and statutory requirements. DTSC determined these items pose an imminent and substantial endangerment to human health and the environment and therefore an Emergency Permit is being issued. This Emergency Permit is effective from August 14, 2017 through November 11, 2017. The detonation must take place within that time frame. The Emergency Permit includes measures to minimize any adverse impact to the community and the environment.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): DTSC has determined that the project is exempt from the requirements of CEQA and filed a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the State Clearinghouse on August 14th, 2017. The Emergency Permit, NOE, and NAF El Centro's request for this project are available for public review at the following DTSC office:

DTSC Sacramento Regional Office
8800 Cal Center Drive
Sacramento, CA 95826
(916) 255-3758, call for an appointment

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