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### EMERGENCY PERMIT FOR TREATMENT OF HAZARDOUS WASTE, NAVAL AIR FACILITY, EL CENTRO, IMPERIAL COUNTY, EPA ID NO. CA6170090017

The Naval Air Facility (NAF), El Centro has requested an emergency permit to treat hazardous waste by open detonation. The items to be treated are two MK 24 ModO initiator (2ft), one Diversionary hand grenade, one Time fuse (1ft), one Detonation cord (3ft), one M81 ignitor, and three Miniature practice bombs AN-MK 43 (4.51bs). These items were generated from Navy training at Naval Base Coronado (NBC), San Diego, California. Due to the deteriorated condition of these items, NBC Explosive Ordnance and Disposal (EOD) personnel have determined that they are unstable and must be destroyed. These items are currently being stored at NBC in an EOD safe holding area and are awaiting transport to the NAF Bombing Range in El Centro, California where they will be detonated.

NBC EOD personnel have determined that the items are not safe to ship commercially but are safe to transport under EOD's special care and handling, and for a limited distance. The NAF Bombing Range in El Centro, California has been chosen as the closest, safest, and most appropriate location to complete the emergency response. Due to the unstable nature of the items, and as NAF does not have a permit for open detonation treatment of hazardous waste at the NAF Bombing Range in El Centro, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has determined that an emergency permit should be issued.

Based on the authority granted to DTSC, pursuant to Title 22, California Code of Regulations Section 66270.61, DTSC finds there to be imminent and substantial endangerment to human health and the environment and, by way of this letter, issues a temporary emergency permit to NAF El Centro. This permit is not transferable to any other party and may not be used in any other capacity by NAF El Centro. This permit may be revoked by DTSC at any time without process if it is determined that termination is appropriate to protect human health and the environment.

The following requirements are facility-specific conditions of this permit. Failure to comply with any of the following conditions may cause an immediate revocation of this permit, pursuant to Title 22, CCR Section 66270.61 (b)(4), and subject NAF EI Centro to legal action by DTSC.

1. Treatment will be conducted at the Naval Air Facility (NAF) Bombing Range in EI Centro, California, in accordance with all military safety protocols established for such treatment and according to the procedures contained in the January 14, 2019 emergency permit request.
2. In the event that NAF EI Centro identifies any unplanned releases of hazardous waste, NAF EI Centro must notify DTSC Office of Permitting orally within 24 hours of discovery.
3. The area must be inspected after treatment to ensure that there is no release of hazardous waste from the area. Any untreated waste must be immediately retreated or removed.
4. NAF EI Centro must allow inspection of records and of the facility by any duly-authorized representative of DTSC, in order to carry out the purpose of Chapter 6.5, Division 20 of the California Health and Safety Code.
5. Only the items listed above may be treated. Additional items may be treated if they follow the same treatment procedures listed in the January 14, 2019 workplan submitted to DTSC. NAF EI Centro must notify and request for an authorization from DTSC for any additional items discovered and that require a treatment process not described in the workplan.
6. The issuance of this Permit by DTSC does not release NAF EI Centro from any liability or duty imposed by federal or state statutes or regulations, or local ordinances. NAF EI Centro must obtain permits required by other governmental agencies, including but not limited to, the applicable land use planning, zoning, air quality, and water quality laws for the treatment operations.
7. Within 10 working days of the expiration of this permit, NAF EI Centro must submit the Final Report signed, in accordance with Title 22 CCR, section 66270.11(d) to D T S C and the C U P A. The report must contain following certification statement, "I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my k n o w l e d g e and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations."

The report must state whether the treatment area has been cleared of all residual Hazardous waste generated from this emergency treatment, and if all generated waste has been properly managed. The report must also contain a list of all the hazardous waste that was treated by NAF El Centro and a description of any deviations from the established guidelines of this emergency permit, or information submitted to DTSC.

This temporary emergency permit is effective for ninety (90) days beginning January 24, 2019 and ending on April 23, 2019.

If you have any questions, please contact Hai-Yong Kang at (916) 255-6522 or [hkang@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:hkang@dtsc.ca.gov).

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