

DTSC PUBLIC NOTICE

Department of Toxic Substances Control – Our mission is to protect the people, communities, and environment of California from harmful chemicals by cleaning up contaminated sites, enforcing hazardous waste laws, and compelling the development of safer products.

EMERGENCY PERMIT NAVAL AIR FACILITY (NAF), EL CENTRO 1065 3RD Street, Building 139, Naval Air Facility, El Centro, CA 92273

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED? The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has issued an Emergency Permit to the Naval Air Facility (NAF) El Centro for the treatment of hazardous waste. The treatment of hazardous waste involves the open detonation of one discharged commercial smoke grenade and two commercial smoke grenades. The U.S. Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 3 (EOD) personnel will conduct this treatment. The items are in a safe holding area at Naval Base Coronado and will be transported to the established EOD site on the NAF El Centro Bombing range.

The items have been determined to require treatment by detonation. 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 the applicable regulatory and statutory requirements. DTSC has determined that this item poses an imminent and substantial endangerment to human health and the environment and therefore an emergency permit should be issued. This Emergency Permit is effective from May 22, 2023 through August 15, 2023. 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.

WHERE DO I GET INFORMATION? The Emergency Permit, NOE, and NAF El Centro's request for this project are available for review at the following DTSC office:

DTSC Sacramento Regional Office
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Tel: (916) 255-3758, call for an appointment

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