

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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From: Department of Toxic Substances Control
Permit Renewal Team
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Project Title: Aerojet- General Corporation, Hazardous Waste Storage and Treatment Facility Permit Renewal

Project Location: South of Highway 50 and Aerojet Road

County: Sacramento County

Project Description:

Liquid propellant rocket engines and solid propellant fuel rocket motors are fabricated, assembled, tested and refurbished at the Aerojet facility. These activities include the manufacture of metal parts, including casting, deep-drawing, and other methods of forming. Aerojet also performs engineering research and development at its facility. The chemicals used at the facility include explosives, oxidizers, acids, light metal hydrides, plastics, resins, solvents and other products. In the process of operations, Aerojet generates hazardous wastes that are either treated on site or disposed of at an authorized off-site hazardous waste facility. Treatment process at the facility includes evaporation and pH adjustment of aqueous wastewater in RCRA-J. Aerojet also stores hazardous waste in drums at the facility in the permitted container storage building 03006 (RCRA-C).

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Aerojet-General Corporation

Exemption Status: (check one)

- Ministerial [PRC, Sec. 21080(b)(1); CCR, Sec. 15268]
 Declared Emergency [PRC, Sec. 21080(b)(3); CCR, Sec.15269(a)]
 Emergency Project [PRC, Sec. 21080(b)(4); CCR, Sec.15269(b)(c)]
 Categorical Exemption: [State type and section number]
 Statutory Exemptions: [State code section number]
 General Rule [CCR, Sec. 15061(b)(3)]

Exemption Title: With Certainty, No Possibility of a Significant Effect

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

The project is an existing facility and the renewal of the Hazardous Waste Facility Permit will allow the facility to continue operations for the next 10-year term of the permit. The allowed types of wastes handled and stored have been reduced significantly by the closure of many units at the facility. Also, no physical expansion of the facility is proposed.

This project will not result in a significant impact because:

1. Specific procedures have been included in the Operations Plan of the permit that will assure safe storage and treatment to minimize the potential for spills and allow efficient response to control any spills. Provisions are also included to assure worker safety during the operations.
2. The Aerojet Facility is on the Hazardous Waste and Substances Sites List compiled pursuant to Government Code 65962.5. The groundwater is contaminated, however, corrective action remediation is on-going and does not impact renewing the operating permit.
3. The facility is located in an industrial/business park area of the County of Sacramento. The permit renewal process is not anticipated to result in any modification to the facility that will impact any habitat or natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, and regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

4. The treatment tank does have an on-going permit with Sacramento Metropolitan Air quality Management District.

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