

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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From: Department of Toxic Substances Control
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Project Title: Standardized Permit Renewal for Chico Drain Oil Service - Chico

Project Location: 1618 West Fifth Street, Chico, California 95928

County: Butte

Project Description: The project consists of making a permit determination on Chico Drain Oil Service's application to renew their permit to allow the continue operation of the used oil transfer facility at 1618 West Fifth Street in Chico, California. The permit, if approved, would allow Chico Drain Oil Service to continue to store and transfer used oil in two 10,000-gallon tanks and to store one 55-gallon container of solid waste contaminated with oil. The permit would also allow Chico Drain Oil Service to conduct truck-to-truck transfer of used oil in the existing loading/unloading area.

Background: The Chico Drain Oil Service – Chico facility is located at 1618 West Fifth Street in Chico, California and occupies a warehouse and the adjacent outdoor tank storage area and loading/unloading area. The area is zoned for Light Industrial use. To the north and west of the facility is an almond orchard. Storage tanks and warehouses owned by Union 76 are to the east of the facility. To the south is West Fifth Street. Beyond West Fifth Street are residences. DTSC issued a Series C Standardized Hazardous Waste Facility Permit to Chico Drain Oil Service – Chico on December 22, 1997. On December 26, 2006, Chico Drain Oil Service – Chico submitted an application to renew its permit. DTSC determined the permit application was administratively complete on March 26, 2007. The Permit expired on December 22, 2007. In accordance with California Code of Regulations, title 22, section 66270.51, Chico Drain Oil Service – Chico was allowed to continue operating under the terms of the expired Permit until DTSC made a final permit determination on its permit renewal application. The renewal Permit was approved on March 3, 2010.

Project Activities: Chico Drain Oil Service - Chico's operations consist of collecting used oil from offsite generators (gas stations, oil changers, auto repair shops, etc.) and consolidating the used oil into two storage tanks before shipping it to a hazardous waste treatment or disposal facility. Solid waste contaminated with oil is generated as the used oil is pumped into the tanks through a filter. The solids collected on the filter are placed into a 55-gallon drum and placed into the Drum Storage Area. The drum is then sent to a hazardous waste treatment or disposal facility. The Facility also collects waste antifreeze and oily water from offsite generators. Waste antifreeze and oily water are consolidated into larger tanker trucks in the Loading/ Unloading Area.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Chico Drain Oil Service

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 Environmental Effect.

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: The Renewal of the Standardized Permit for the Chico Drain Oil Service - Chico facility has no possibility of significant environmental effect because:

(1) The original project consists of making a permit determination on the same operation as this project. DTSC evaluated the original project in 1997 and determined that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment. A negative declaration was issued on December 22, 1997. This project consists of making a permit determination on Chico

Drain Oil Service's application to renew their permit. The renewal permit would allow Chico Drain Oil Service to continue to operate the facility as originally proposed in the 1997.

(2) Only one minor change is being proposed in the facility's operations. Currently, when a tanker truck parks in the existing loading/unloading area, a hose is connected from the truck to the storage tanks. Used oil then pumped in the storage tank. Chico Drain Oil Service – Chico is proposing to transfer waste antifreeze and oily water from one tanker truck or trailer to another tanker trailer in the existing loading/unloading area. No other changes to the facility or operations are proposed. The operations, with the exception of the truck-to-truck transfer in the existing loading/unloading area, will remain the same as originally analyzed in the 1997 CEQA documents.

(3) Chico Drain Oil Service – Chico only handles used oil, waste antifreeze, and oily water. Only used oil is stored in the storage tanks. Used oil and waste antifreeze are low-risk waste streams and are similar to their unused counterparts (motor oil and antifreeze) found in auto parts stores, supermarkets, convenient stores, and department stores. Oily waste is water contaminated with used oil.

(4) The surrounding area has not significantly changed since the original project.

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