

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

Project Location: 200 Dinsmore Drive, Fortuna, California 95540

County: Humboldt

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 200 Dinsmore Drive in Fortuna, California. The permit, if approved, would allow Chico Drain Oil Service to continue to store and transfer used oil in one 10,000-gallon tank and to store one 55-gallon container of solid waste contaminated with oil.

Background: The Chico Drain Oil Service – Fortuna facility is located at 200 Dinsmore Drive in Fortuna, California within an industrial park owned and operated by the Mercer, Fraser Company. Other businesses within the industrial park are a concrete ready-mix plant, an asphalt batch plant, diesel fuel storage, commercial card-lock fuel station, and a petroleum products distributor. The Chico Drain Oil Service - Fortuna facility occupies approximately 1,500 square feet near the south central portion of the Mercer, Fraser property. The facility consists of a tank storage area, a drum storage area, and a truck loading/unloading area. The facility is set back at least 300 feet from the streets and can not be seen from the street.

Project Activities: The Chico Drain Oil Service – Fortuna facility is an unmanned hazardous waste storage facility and is locked at all times. Only Chico Drain Oil Service's employees, including drivers, are allowed to unload and load hazardous waste at the Facility. Chico Drain Oil Service's operations consist of collecting used oil from offsite generators (gas stations, oil changers, auto repair shops, etc.) and consolidating the used oil at the facility before shipping them to an authorized hazardous waste treatment or disposal facility. Solid waste contaminated with oil is also generated as the used oil is pumped into the tank through a filter. The solids collected on the filter is placed into a 55-gallon drum and placed into the Drum Storage 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 - Fortuna 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 31, 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) No changes to the facility or operations are proposed. Operations will remain the same as originally analyzed in the 1997 CEQA documents.

(3) Chico Drain Oil Service – Fortuna only handles used oil. Used oil is a low risk waste stream and is similar to its unused counterparts (motor oil) found in auto parts stores, supermarkets, convenient stores, and department stores.

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

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