

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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From: Department of Toxic Substances Control  
Permit Renewal Team  
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Project Title: . Kay Metal Inc. Series B Standardized Permit Renewal

Project Location: 2448 E. 25<sup>th</sup> Street, Los Angeles, California 90058

County: Los Angeles

Project Description:

The project consists of approving a Series B Standardized Hazardous Waste Facility Permit renewal application for the hazardous waste storage and treatment activities at the P. Kay Metal Inc. facility located at 2448 East 25<sup>th</sup> Street, Los Angeles, California 90058. Project activities consist of renewing a Series B Standardized Permit renewal to P. Metal Inc. facility for the treatment and storage of hazardous waste with minor changes. The permit will allow the facility to continue its hazardous waste operations of treatment in two melting furnaces and storage in four hazardous waste container storage units.

The renewal of the Series B Standardized Hazardous Waste Facility Permit will authorize P. Kay Metal Inc. to continue to operate the same treatment and storage units previously permitted but with minor changes. P. Kay Metal accepts, stores, and reclaims lead and tin from offsite generators and recycles these metals into new solder. The facility uses two melting furnaces to treat the hazardous waste dross. The melting furnaces are used together with an air pollution control system. P. Kay Metal Inc. also uses four container storage areas to store offsite hazardous waste and treated hazardous waste. Solder dross is exempted from federal RCRA permitting regulations when recycled but subject to the State permitting requirements pursuant to Health & Safety Code (HSC) 25201.6.

This site has operated as a solder manufacturing facility continuously for seventy years. The facility has operated at this site since 1978. P. Kay Metal Inc. first applied for authorization in 1993. DTSC issued a Grant of Standardized Permit Interim Status while the application was being reviewed by DTSC. P. Kay Metal Inc. received their original permit in 1998. On April 4, 2002, P. Kay Metal, Inc. applied for a permit modification to rebuild the facility, which had been destroyed by fire on August 8, 2001. The redesigned facility utilized upgraded equipment and an improved plant layout. Specific changes to the 1993 permit included: 1) the facility's name was changed to P. Kay Metal, Inc. from P. Kay Metal Supply, Inc.; 2) the facility was permitted for two melting furnaces, rather than four as in the past; 3) The facility was permitted for four container storage units, rather than six as in the past; 4) the storage capacity was increase slightly; 5) The storage capacity is measured in gallons, rather than listing of specific number of various sized containers in the various units; and 6) the required soil sampling plan was completed and removed from the permit. The original duration of the permit was for ten years.

A renewal permit application without any changes to the existing facility's operation was submitted on July 19, 2007. An updated permit application was submitted on September 29, 2008. The only changes made were to the size of Container Storage Units and size of Furnace E. The facility's maximum storage capacity remained the same. The dimensions of the Furnace E also changed from the previous permit modification approval, however the capacity in cubic feet remained the same at 5 cubic feet.

The facility was cleaned up after the fire and it was determine that it was not contaminated as a result of the fire or from previous operations. The facility has no known releases requiring corrective action.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Department of Toxic Substances Control

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 significant environmental effect

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

1. The facility is an existing facility in an industrial area of Los Angeles and Vernon, and no new construction or changes to the existing permitted activities will take place. Therefore, no changes to existing environmental conditions are expected to occur.
2. The minor changes will not increase the facility’s treatment and storage capacities.
3. Stormwater Runoff will not come in contact with the hazardous wastes that are in the building. Most all operations take place within a building. Only a container storage unit is located outside of the building. The container(s) are always kept closed except when adding wastes or removing wastes.
4. The facility does not accept ignitable or reactive waste.
3. There will not be an increase to vehicular traffic to the site.
4. There are no projected consumption increases to any of the utilities (water sewer, electricity, and natural gas).that currently serve the site.
5. All emissions from the process are controlled through a permitted air pollution control devices.
6. This project will not have an adverse impact on adjacent properties. The site operations have been in use for more than 25 years and it is located in an industrial area designated as M-1, heavy manufacturing.
7. There are no emissions odors, or noise created by the process that would have an adverse impact on any adjacent business. The project involves no new construction.
8. There are no known releases requiring corrective action, and recent inspections have noted no violations that may caused the releases to the environment.
9. The site is not on the Hazardous Waste and Substances List pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5.
10. The Los Angeles River, the only nearby waterway, is approximately 1,500 feet from the site.
11. The site is not in an area of biological, historical, or cultural resource significance.
12. The facility is not located in an earthquake-prone zone or a 100 year flood plain.

Based on the nature of the project, the proper management of hazardous waste, and the fact that there will be no changes to existing operations, there is no possibility that a significant effect on the environment will occur.

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