



*California Environmental Protection Agency
Department of Toxic Substances Control*

**EMERGENCY HAZARDOUS WASTE
FACILITY PERMIT**

Facility Name:
QUEMETCO, INC.
720 South 7th Avenue
City of Industry, California 91746

Owner Name:
QUEMETCO West, LLC
2777 Stemmons Freeway
Suite 1800
Dallas, Texas 75207-2277

Operator Name:
QUEMETCO, INC.
720 South 7th Avenue
City of Industry, California 91746

Facility EPA ID Number:
CAD066233966

Effective Date:
December 23, 2005

Expiration Date:
January 22, 2006
[See item No. 8 (d)]

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) finds that an imminent and substantial endangerment to human health or the environment exists if the storage of spent lead acid batteries and factory scrap are not handled properly. Pursuant to Title 22, California Code of Regulations, section 66270.61, DTSC issues an emergency permit to Quemetco, Inc., an RSR Corporation. This permit is subject to the conditions set forth in Attachment A.

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José Kou, P.E., Chief
Southern California Permitting
and Corrective Action Branch
Department of Toxic Substances Control

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4. Mailing Address: 720 South 7th Avenue
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5. Facility Contact: Mr. Mark Vondersaar
6. Map of Facility: See Attachment B.
7. Facility and Waste Description:
 - a. **Storage:** The spent lead acid batteries and factory scrap shall be stored in two temporary designated areas: the former Surface Impoundment Area (including the Plastic Trailer Storage Area) and the East Lot Area (see Attachment B, Facility Map).
 - b. **Secondary Containment:** To ensure that any potential leakage from spent lead acid batteries and factory scrap is contained, the waste materials shall remain stored within the transportation trailers.

Waste Description:

- a. Spent lead acid batteries and factory scrap.
8. Permit Conditions:
- a. **Storage Procedures:** Eighteen transportation trailers containing spent lead acid batteries and factory scrap shall be parked on site in two temporary designated areas: the former Surface Impoundment Area (including the Plastic Trailer Storage Area) and the East Lot Area (see attached facility plot plan). The waste materials are to remain stored within the transportation trailers, which will serve as secondary containment. If an emergency occurs which requires off-loading of any waste materials from the transportation trailers, the DTSC shall be notified immediately and the waste materials shall be placed in an approved location with appropriate spill containment methods in place to prevent impact to

surface waters and/or subsurface soils.

The transportation trailers shall be parked on asphalt or concrete surfaces that are void of cracks. If sufficient room is not available to avoid parking trailers on or near cracked surfaces, the pavement shall be repaired or covered with appropriate materials to avoid potential exposure to subsurface soils from leakage that may occur from the spent lead acid batteries and factory scrap.

- b. **Storage Inspection:** All trailers and surrounding pavement shall be inspected on a daily basis by trained personnel to observe potential leakage of hazardous materials from the spent lead acid batteries and factory scrap.
- c. **Storage Limitations:** Quemetco customers shall be notified in writing that the facility is in an emergency shut down and no additional spent lead acid batteries and factory scrap are to be shipped to this facility without prior authorization. Any and all shipments in route to the City of Industry facility within the state of California that were diverted from arriving at the facility shall be stored at authorized locations and are subject to the same regulations governing hazardous wastes in the state of California.
- d. **Time-Frame:** Trailers shall not be stored on site for a period longer than 30 days from the effective date of this Emergency Permit. If needed, this time-frame may be extended up to a total maximum of 90 days from the effective date of this Emergency Permit upon written notification to the DTSC.
- e. **Hazardous Spills:** Any and all leaks of hazardous waste materials from spent lead acid batteries and factory scrap shall be immediately cleaned up by trained personnel. Emergency equipment shall be available on site at all times to recover any spill or overflow in the trailer storage areas.
- f. **Security and Site Safety:** The facility is completely enclosed by a chain link fence and also maintains 24-hour surveillance with onsite guards to prevent unauthorized entry. Appropriate signage and spill kits shall be placed in the vicinity of the trailers.
- g. **Surface Run Off:** To prevent any and all potential leaks of hazardous waste materials from spent lead acid batteries and factory scrap from entering surface water, absorbent booms shall be placed around all sumps and drains down slope of the trailers, and around the two trailer storage areas.

- h. **Reporting:** Within 14 working days of receipt of this written emergency permit, Quemetco shall provide written notice to the DTSC with a description of the steps taken to repair the containment building, and the schedule for accomplishing the work (the Plan).

Upon completing all repairs and cleanup, Quemetco shall notify the DTSC in writing and provide a certification signed by a qualified, registered professional engineer, that the repairs and cleanup have been completed according to the Plan submitted in Section (h) paragraph 1, above.

To ensure that Quemetco did not impact human health and the environment due to the activities authorized under this emergency permit, Quemetco Inc., shall, within 30 days from the termination of this permit, submit a Completion Report to DTSC detailing the waste storage for any wastes retained on-site beyond 10 days as a result of activities authorized under this permit. The Completion Report shall include copies of the daily field log pertaining to the storage inspection. If transportation trailers containing spent lead acid batteries or factory scrap were transferred to other facilities during the effective date of this permit, all copies of waste manifests or bills of lading for disposal or transfer of materials shall be included in the report.

9. Reason for Request of Emergency Permit:

Because of a roof failure within the Quemetco facility, the Los Angeles County Building Inspector has denied occupancy of Quemetco's Batch House until repairs have been completed. The Batch House, a principal operating unit within the facility, is a containment building that houses the battery wrecker and stores other raw waste materials. Because of this, Quemetco's battery recycling operations have been shut down as of mid-morning, December 19, 2005. Eighteen existing trailers holding either spent lead acid batteries or factory scrap are presently at the facility. To protect the environment from potential harm by putting the trailers containing these waste materials back on public streets to transport and store them elsewhere, an Emergency Permit was requested by the facility.

ATTACHMENT B

“Facility Map”

