

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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From: Department of Toxic Substances Control  
Office of Permitting  
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Project Title: San Diego Gas & Electric Company, Hazardous Waste Standardized Permit Renewal

Project Location: Kearny Polychlorinated Biphenyl (PCB) Storage Facility, 5488 Overland Avenue, San Diego

County: San Diego

Project Description:

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), pursuant to authority granted under Chapter 6.5, Cal. Code Regs., tit. 22, Chapter 20, is considering approval of a Standardized Permit Renewal (Series C). The San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E), Standardized Hazardous Waste Facility Permit Application (Series C) (Application), dated January, 31, 2012 is for the renewal of the Hazardous Waste Storage Permit for SDG&E's Kearny PCB Storage Facility (Kearny Facility) that was issued on November 28, 2000.

Background:

The Kearny Facility is an "Operating Center" for construction and maintenance activities relating to the distribution of electricity and located in an industrial zoned area of the City of San Diego. The facility is located on approximately 26 acres of land and bordered by Complex Street on the west, Overland Avenue on the east, Clairemont Mesa Boulevard on the south and a common access driveway on the north. The Kearny Facility encompasses approximately one (1) acre of land located in the center of the Kearny Facility and consists of an above ground tank, fueling stations, and an electrical substation. No manufacturing processes occur at this facility.

Activities:

The Kearny Facility consists of three Permitted Storage Units including one PCB Storage Tank, and two PCB Storage Buildings. The PCB-contaminated waste generated during the refurbishing process, including high voltage electrical equipment insulating oil, contaminated with PCBs, is primarily stored in PCB Storage Tanks or in containers/drums in Building #1 or Building #2. Liquids (e.g., transformer oils, water, sludge) and solids (e.g., soil, absorbent, personal protective equipment, rags) contaminated with PCBs are stored in containers/drums in Buildings #1 and #2. PCB-contaminated equipment (e.g., transformers, bushings, capacitors) which are too large to fit into drums are stored on pallets in Buildings #1 and #2. PCB-contaminated hazardous waste generated by SDG&E is brought to this facility. No federally regulated hazardous waste as defined in the Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), are stored in the Permitted Units.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: San Diego Gas & Electric Company

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, there is no possibility that this project will have a significant effect on the environment.

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. Also, no physical expansion of the facility is proposed. This project will not result in a significant impact because:

1. This Application includes an engineer's certification that upgrades the PCB Storage Tank and the two buildings to the seismic requirements pursuant to the California Building Code.
2. This project does not involve Air Quality/Green House Gas (GHGs) emissions which DTSC has determined on February 7, 2012, and therefore, is below the South Coast Area Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) threshold levels. An analysis of project activities upon existing environmental conditions has determined the environmental impacts are less than significant. As a result, DTSC finds that the project is exempt from further environmental review under CEQA.
3. DTSC has determined with certainty that there is no possibility that the activities in question may have a significant effect on the environment because the project would not result in "a substantial, or potentially substantial, adverse change in any of the physical conditions within the area affected by the project, including land, air, water, minerals, flora, fauna, ambient noise, and object of historic or aesthetic significance." Furthermore, the site is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5. The proposed Standardized Permit Renewal (Series C) will not result in any change in existing facility activities and therefore will not result in any physical changes to the existing baseline environmental setting at or near the Kearny Facility, nor will it change the conditions with which the Kearny Facility has historically complied, under the provisions of Chapter 6.5 of the California Health and Safety Code and Division 4.5 of the California Code of Regulations, title 22.

Evidence to support the above reasons is documented in the project file record, available for inspection at:

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