



**Public Notice of an Emergency Permit  
San Diego County Sheriff's Department  
Effective Date: June 29, 2011 to September 26, 2011**



On June 14, 2011, the San Diego County Sheriff's Department (Sheriff's Department) requested an Emergency Permit from the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC). The Sheriff's Department proposes to treat illegal fireworks by burning them at the San Diego County Sheriff's Bomb Range facility. DTSC considers the illegal fireworks to be hazardous waste, and requires an Emergency Permit for the requested treatment by burning because the Sheriff's Department does not hold a facility hazardous waste treatment permit.

The fireworks are confiscated in multiple seizure actions and the Sheriff's Department and DTSC have concluded that no alternative on-site treatment is available. The treatment will be carried out on site at the Sheriff's bomb range facility by the Sheriff's Department and other local and federal emergency response agencies.

DTSC finds that the fireworks may pose a potential imminent and substantial endangerment to human health and the environment. As such, DTSC is issuing this emergency permit to the San Diego County Sheriff's Department, effective **June 29, 2011 through September 26, 2011**. The emergency permit includes measures to minimize any adverse impact to the community or the environment during the treatment.

#### **California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)**

DTSC has determined that this Emergency Permit is exempt from the requirements of CEQA as an action necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency. A Notice of Exemption (NOE) will be filed which starts a 35-day time period for any legal challenges to DTSC's CEQA determination for this Emergency Permit. This activity is necessary to prevent an emergency because the material cannot be stored, handled or shipped off-site without posing a threat to the environment, property and human health.

#### **Additional Information**

For further information regarding the Emergency Permit for the Sheriff's Department, please contact Beverly Rikala, Hazardous Substances Engineer, at (916) 255-3746, or by email at [BRikala@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:BRikala@dtsc.ca.gov), or Marcus Simpson, Public Participation Specialist, at (916) 255-6683, toll free at 1-866-495-5651, or by email at [MSimpson@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:MSimpson@dtsc.ca.gov). A copy of the Emergency Permit, NOE, and the Sheriff's Department request as well as the full Administrative Record for this project, are available for review at: **Department of Toxic Substances Control, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, California 95826**. Please call (916) 255-3458 for an appointment to view records. For media inquiries, please contact Sandra Friedman, Public Information Officer at (714) 484-5383, or by email at [SFriedma@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:SFriedma@dtsc.ca.gov).

#### **Notice to the Hearing Impaired**

You can obtain additional information by using the California State Relay Service at 1-888-877-5378 (TDD). Please ask them to contact Marcus Simpson at (916) 255-6683 regarding the San Diego County Sheriff's Department Emergency Permit.

For additional information regarding DTSC, please visit our web site at [www.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov).