

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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From: Department of Toxic Substances Control
Permit Renewal Team
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Project Title: Square D Company Post-Closure Permit Renewal

Project Location: 1060 East Third Street, Beaumont, California

County: Riverside

Description of Project:

This project is a post-closure permit renewal which addresses ongoing activities including the site maintenance and groundwater monitoring. The renewal of the post-closure permit will bring some modifications: (1) allow the facility to modify its facility boundary, (2) reinforce a small portion of the North Post-Closure Area to allow truck traffic, (3) install a permanent fence to limit the truck traffic access, and (4) installation of an off-site groundwater well. The new facility boundary is limited to the North Post-Closure Area which measures approximately 2.186 acres. All other conditions from the original post-closure permit will remain the same.

Background:

The Facility is currently conducting groundwater monitoring and cap maintenance under the current post-closure permit. The facility was formerly a copper sheet and foil manufacturer that ceased its operation in 1990. The Facility was formerly located on approximately nine acres of land and operated from 1970 to 1989. It ceased manufacturing activities in 1989 and subsequently decommissioned and permanently closed the Facility in 1990. All permitted units were closed in accordance with a DTSC's approved Closure Plan, dated May 20, 1998. Based on the results of the closure activities, DTSC concluded that post-closure activities are required for an area known as the North Post-Closure Area. This area was capped with an asphaltic pavement. In addition to the closure activities, the Facility also conducted the corrective action activities for the entire site. The corrective action was completed in 2000 and DTSC determined that groundwater monitoring should be conducted under post-closure. A post-closure permit to continue the long-term groundwater monitoring and cover maintenance was issued on March 28, 1998 maintenance.

On December 22, 1999, Square D Company sold the majority of the Facility, with the exception of the North Post-Closure Area, to Priority Company which currently leases the North Post-Closure Area for temporary storage of wooden pallets.

In October 2007, Square D Company submitted a post-closure permit renewal application to continue the groundwater monitoring and cover maintenance. The post-closure permit application also proposed modifications as described above in the Description of Project.

Project Activities:

Project activities consist of a renewal of a current post-closure permit for five closed hazardous waste management units (surface impoundments) that were closed with waste in place with some modifications. The activities addressed by this permit are:

1. Conduct monthly visual inspection of the site which includes security control devices, integrity of the cap and monitoring wells and repair any damage observed;
2. Continue the annual groundwater monitoring according to the approved Water Quality and Sampling and Analysis Plan contained in the Application;
3. Allow the facility to modify its facility boundary;
4. Reinforce a small portion of the North Post-Closure Area to allow truck traffic;

5. Install a permanent fence to limit the truck traffic access; and
6. Installation of an off-site groundwater well.

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: Title 14, CCR, Sec. 15301
- Statutory Exemptions: [State code section number]
- General Rule [CCR, Sec. 15061(b)(3)]

Exemption Title: Renewal of an existing Permit Has No Potential to Cause Significant Changes to the Environment

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

1. No changes to existing environmental conditions would occur. The facility measures approximately 2 acres and is entirely capped with an asphaltic cover.
2. The facility has investigated and completed the soil corrective action activities. The installation of an offsite groundwater monitoring well will be completed within few days and will not generated significant amount of dust to impact the local air quality. The well will be installed off-site. The soil is not expected to be contaminated and any dust that does generate will not impact the quality of the air. Water will also be sprayed to control any dust.
3. Installation of the groundwater well and a permanent fence around the area are conducted at an area that is totally developed. A search of the Department of Fish and Game's California Natural Diversity Database (rare find) search found sensitive species nearby the facility but the project will not impact any of the potentially sensitive habitat species in the nearby areas.
4. The Southern Cottonwood Willow Riparian Forest is approximately 5 miles from the site and the nearest wetland is along the Beaumont Channel which is approximately one mile from the site. The wetland is not a federal protected wetland.
5. The site is not in an area of biological, historical, or cultural resource significance.
6. No significant noise, light, or odors are expected from this permit renewal. The re-enforcement of the small portion of the cap and installation of the permanent fence and a groundwater monitoring well are expected to be finished in short term (within a month). The facility is located south of Freeway 10. The nearest residential area is to the north of Freeway 10. The noise generated during the installation of the groundwater well will be temporary (approximately one day) and will not affect the residential area at the other side of the freeway.
7. Approximately one truck rig and one car will be used when constructing the groundwater monitoring well, one truck for the installation of the fence, and one car per month for maintenance of the cap, fence and well. This amount is insignificant compared to the daily average of the cars on Freeway 10.
8. The facility is an existing facility in an industrial area, and no new construction of buildings or structures other than the groundwater monitoring well and fence will take place. The modification to the boundary will only be recorded in the city records
9. The facility is located in an earthquake-prone zone. Two active faults within five miles have been identified. In addition, the facility is located within 15 miles of the San Andreas and San Jacinto fault zones. The facility is closed and does not handle any hazardous waste; therefore, releases of hazardous waste will not occur during an earthquake event. Groundwater pump out will be non-hazardous and store in the facility in 55-gallon containers for up to 90 days.

- 10. A contingency plan was prepared to minimize the potential threat to human health and the environment should an accident occurs at the site.
- 11. The site is not on the Hazardous Waste and Substances List pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5.

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