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NEGATIVE DECLARATION
for a
PERMIT MODIFICATION
for
UNITED TECHNOLOGIES CORPORATION
PRATT AND WHITNEY SPACE PROPULSION
600 Metcalf Road
San Jose, California 95138

Project Proponent: United Technologies, Pratt and Whitney Space Propulsion

Facility Owner: United Technologies Corporation
United Technologies Building
Hartford, Connecticut 06101

Facility Operator: United Technologies Corporation
Pratt and Whitney Space Propulsion
600 Metcalf Road
San Jose, CA 95138

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Project Description:

The proposed project is the modification of a Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) Hazardous Waste Facility Permit. The modifications would expand storage and treatment capacity and capabilities at United Technologies Corporation's San Jose facility.

Specifically, the modifications encompass an increase storage capacity at the Storage Unit, addition of the Storage Magazines for storage of energetic wastes (propellants and explosives), addition of a shredder at the Hydrolysis Treatment for size reduction of energetic wastes, the addition of a chopper at the Size Reduction Treatment Facility to cut large pieces of energetic wastes into smaller sizes, and addition of desensitization as a treatment to allow addition of inert materials to energetic wastes, making them more stable for storage and transport.

Project Location:

The facility is located at 600 Metcalf Road, San Jose, Santa Clara County, California. This is a rural area in the hills to the south of the urban areas of San Jose, latitude N 37^N 13' 008", longitude W 121^N 41' 014".. The facility is located in an agriculturally zoned area within the City of San Jose, and is allowed to operate under an Industrial Use Permit.

Findings of Significant Effect on Environment:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has prepared an Initial Study pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA, Section 21000 et seq., California Public Resources Code) and implementing Guidelines (Section 15000 et seq., Title 14, California Code of Regulations). Based upon this analysis, DTSC has determined that the proposed project will not have a significant effect upon the environment.

Mitigation Measures:

The project as submitted to the Department of Toxic Substances Control does not require any measures to mitigate significant impacts, as no significant impacts were identified.

Signature _____ Date
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Project Manager

Signature _____ Date
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