

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT  
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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From: Department of Toxic Substances Control  
Permitting Division  
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Project Title: Former Kearney-KPF Facility (CAD 9814219715), Second Post Closure Permit Renewal

Project Location: 1624 East Alpine Avenue, Stockton

County: San Joaquin

Project Description:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is approving a second Post Closure Permit Renewal requiring the facility to continue operation and maintenance of the groundwater monitoring and treatment system at the Former Kearney-KPF facility located at 1624 East Alpine Avenue, Stockton. The treatment will continue until groundwater clean-up standards have been met. The groundwater monitoring and treatment system consists of a groundwater extraction well field, ultraviolet/oxidation (UV/OX) units to treat 1,4-dioxane and volatile organic compounds (VOCs), an injection well, and a storm water basin. This Post Closure Permit provides for pumping, monitoring, and treating groundwater the site for at least an additional 10 years or until cleanup standards have been met. There are forty-eight (48) monitoring wells. The facility submits semiannual and annual monitoring reports to DTSC as well as quarterly and monthly monitoring reports to the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board.

Background:

The facility was founded in 1951 as KPF Electric Company, occupying approximately 12.5 acres of land at 1624 E. Alpine Avenue, and was subsequently purchased by Kearney-National, Inc. in 1984. The facility was historically used for manufacturing high-voltage switching devices used by utility companies. Two manufacturing processes, silver plating and galvanizing, generated hazardous wastes. The facility was certified closed, after contaminated soil was removed, and DTSC issued a Post Closure Permit on March 25, 1992 that required the facility to pump and treat groundwater contaminated by the facility to clean-up standards. That Post Closure Permit expired on March 25, 2002, at which time the facility submitted a post Closure Permit Renewal Application.

In 1999 Kearney-National, Inc. sold the site to Alpine Builders, Inc., which developed the site for mixed commercial uses. Christopher Bennitt, doing business as Empire Real Estate, currently owns the site and rents space to various businesses. These businesses engage in trucking, equipment storage, auto repair, and construction activities. Structures on the site include an office building, several carports, and several buildings used for manufacturing. The entire site is surrounded by a six-foot high chain-link fence. A small building was erected in 2002 to house the ultraviolet/oxidation (UV/OX) equipment associated with the groundwater treatment system. Another chain link fence surrounds the treatment system. The treatment system operates automatically and the operation is monitored remotely via the internet.

Remediation activities were conducted as specified in 2004 Post Closure Permit. Groundwater conditions have been monitored and reported regularly to DTSC. During the permit period, groundwater contamination levels have been stable and have shown no sign of worsening.

Ongoing Treatment Activities:

Kearney operates a groundwater extraction well field, groundwater treatment system, and an injection well. Groundwater extraction and treatment for 1,4-dioxane uses UV/OX and volatile organic compounds (VOCs). The current permit includes the same ongoing treatment activities included in the previous permit.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Kearney National

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, No Possibility of a Signification Environmental Effect.

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

The project will not result in a change in any of the physical conditions within the area affected by the project, including land, air, water, minerals, flora, fauna, ambient noise, and objects of historic or aesthetic significance. Therefore, DTSC finds with certainty that there is not possibility that the activities in question will result in a significant environmental effect.

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

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