NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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From: Department of Toxic Substances Control

Permitting Division 8800 Cal Center Drive Sacramento, CA 95826

Project Title: Class 1* Permit Modification for Installation of Soil Vapor Wells at Safety-Kleen Fresno (Maple Ave)				
Project Address: 3561 South Maple Avenue	City: Fresno	County: Fresno		
Approval Action Under Consideration by DTSC:				
☐ Removal Action Workplan ☐ Corrective Measure Study/Statement of Bas ☐ Remedial Action Plan ☐ Other (specify):		ermit Issuance Modification tions	☐ Permit Re-Issuance ☐ Closure Plan ☐ Interim Removal	
Statutory Authority:				
☐ California H&SC, Chap. 6.5 ☐ California H&SC, Chap. 6.8 ☐ Other (specify):				

Project Description:

DTSC has approved a Class 1* Permit Modification to the Hazardous Waste Facility Permit for Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc. Fresno Branch. The modification will authorize the installation of two new soil gas monitoring wells to be placed in the existing paved parking lot of the facility. The results from the soil gas monitoring well samples will determine if any further decontamination actions should be performed as part of the facility's closure. Additionally, the modification will authorize the extension of the closure period from December 2018 to December 2019. Pursuant to authority granted under CCR, Title 22, Chapter 14, article 7, 66264.113(b), DTSC may grant the extension through a permit modification.

Background:

Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc. (Safety-Kleen) began operation at the Fresno Branch (Facility) on December 15, 1976. The Facility received its first Hazardous Waste Facility Permit for storage of hazardous waste from the California Department of Health Services, DTSC's predecessor agency, in 1986. On May 5, 2017 Safety-Kleen Systems Inc., notified DTSC that it will not seek renewal of the permit and will instead implement closure of the permitted hazardous waste facility. The closure plan was modified in 2017 and again in 2018 to include additional decontamination activities, soil sampling, installation of four soil gas monitoring wells, and extension of the closure period.

Project Activities:

The additional soil gas monitoring activities will cause the project's closure plan to extend to December 2019. Installation of the two soil gas monitoring wells will be performed using a dual mounted direct-push/hollow stem auger drill within the existing paved parking lot. Soil samples will be collected from the drilling operation. One of the soil gas monitoring wells (SG-1A) will be installed to collect soil gas samples at approximately 30 feet and 50 feet below ground surface, while the other soil gas monitoring well (SG-5) will be installed to collect samples at 5 feet and 15 feet below ground surface. Once the soil gas monitoring wells are installed, soil gas samples will be collected using mobile soil gas sampling equipment including addition of typical seal materials.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Safety-Kleen of California, Inc.

Exempt 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: [CCR Title 14, Sec. 153##]
☐ Statutory Exemptions: [State Code Section Number]
Common Sense Exemption [CCR, Sec. 15061(b)(3)]

Exemption Title: With certainty, no possibility of a significant effect.

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

The permit modification will not result in a significant change in the facility's closure plan. The installation of the two soil gas monitoring wells will occur in the existing paved parking lot of the facility, an extremely low sensitivity location for occurrence of environmental resources. The additional investigations will further investigations towards protecting human health and the environment.

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

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