

DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL  
**ENVIROSTOR**

**SIERRA ARMY DEPOT (CA5210020843)**

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COUNTY ROUTE A26  
HERLONG, CA 961130000  
LASSEN COUNTY

PERMIT RENEWAL LEAD: [FRANCESCA D'ONOFRIO](#)  
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FACILITY TYPE: HIST PERMITTED  
PROGRAM TYPE: HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY

Site Information

SITE/FACILITY TYPE  
**UNDERGOING CLOSURE**

| <u>SITE CODE</u> | <u>ASSEMBLY DISTRICT</u> | <u>SENATE DISTRICT</u> |
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| 100224           | 01                       | 01                     |

Facility History

SIAD is located near the town of Herlong in the Honey Lake Valley of Lassen County in northeast California at the base of the foothills on the eastern side of the Sierra Nevada Mountains, approximately 55 miles northwest of Reno, Nevada. SIAD comprises over 96,000 acres which are divided into three areas: the Main Depot; Honey Lake; and the Upper Burning Grounds which include the Open Burn/Open Detonation (OB/OD) RCRA treatment units. The mission of receipt, storage, and issue of munitions/explosives was assigned to the depot in the early 1950s upon completion of the large igloo Storage Area. OB/OD operations were initiated in 1950 and continued until 2001. SIAD had operated as a RCRA hazardous waste treatment facility since November 1980 under interim status granted by the DTSC. SIAD submitted the initial RCRA Part B permit application for operation of the OB/OD facilities to DTSC in 1988 and a revised application in 1997. The draft permit and draft EIR were public noticed in October 1999 however; the permit process was delayed due to a lawsuit against SIAD and the subsequent settlement between parties. In May 2003 SIAD withdrew the Permit Application because OB/OD treatment operations no longer take place and SIAD is closing the OB/OD Units under interim status regulations. As a result DTSC terminated SIAD's interim status in January 2004. SIAD is continuing to reduce the existing product munitions stockpile; however in the interim it may be necessary for SIAD to obtain an emergency treatment permit should product munitions become unstable and unsafe for transport to a permitted treatment facility. Since the loss of interim status, SIAD has averaged one emergency permit per year for the treatment of waste munitions or MEC discovered during site investigations. In January 2004 SIAD submitted an initial closure plan and DTSC provided comments in February 2004. Due to the project complexities it was determined that the closure activities would be completed in phases. SIAD submitted a revised closure plan for Phase I in December 2005. Subsequent revisions were submitted addressing DTSC comments. DTSC determined the draft Phase I Closure Plan to be technically complete on July 31, 2007. The Draft Phase I Closure Plan was public noticed on August 1, 2007. With a subsequent extension the final public comment period ended on November 2, 2007. Final approval of the Draft Phase I Closure Plan was approved on 5/29/2008.

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