

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD



Draft Hazardous Waste Permit Is Available for Review and Comment for the Acme Landfill Corporation Martinez, California

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: September 29 through November 16, 2009

WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED?

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to review and comment on the draft Hazardous Waste Facility Permit (Permit) for the Acme Landfill Corporation facility located at 950 Waterbird Way, Martinez, California 94553.

Operations at Acme consisted of collecting and disposing of municipal and some hazardous wastes. Initially, waste was placed on ground surfaces, burned, and then covered with additional waste that was also burned. In the late 1950s, the waste was compacted and covered with soil. By 1981, a mandatory soil cover of a minimum of 6 inches was placed over the waste, or working surface. Acme stopped accepting some types of hazardous waste in 1984, California hazardous wastes in 1987, and California designated waste in 1989.

After the construction of the cover was completed, Acme prepared a Final Closure Construction Report, certifying closure in March 1999. DTSC acknowledged the Final Closure Construction Report on June 23, 1999. After closure certification in 1999, Acme has continued to perform approved post closure plan activities (for example, monitoring leachate collection and treatment). If the draft Permit is approved, the owner will continue to conduct post closure activities at the site. The Permit will be good for ten years.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT - NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Under the California Environmental Quality Act, DTSC must evaluate whether the proposed action will have any significant impacts on human health and the environment. As part of this evaluation, DTSC has proposed a Notice of Exemption (NOE) which concludes that this Permit will not result in any impact to human health or the environment. The draft NOE is available for public review.

WHY THIS NOTICE?

The purpose of this notice is to provide you with the opportunity to learn more about the draft Permit and to provide comments on it to DTSC by November 16, 2009.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

Your participation is encouraged. Comments regarding the draft Permit may be submitted in writing to Mr. Peter Bailey, P.G., DTSC Project Manager, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, California, 95826. You may email your comments to: pbailey@dtsc.ca.gov.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the draft Permit is available for review at the Martinez Library, 740 Court Street, Martinez, California 94553. Please call (925) 646-2898 for days and hours of operation. You may also visit the DTSC office located at 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, California 95826. Please call (916) 255-3779 to make an appointment to review the files.

CONTACT:

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the project, please contact Mr. Peter Bailey at (916) 255-3602. For inquiries about public participation, please contact Ms. Heidi Nelson, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (916) 255-3575 or toll free at (866) 495-5651 or by e-mail at hnelson@dtsc.ca.gov. Members of the media should contact Ms. Claudia Loomis, DTSC Public Information Officer, at (916) 255-6578 or by email to cloomis@dtsc.ca.gov.

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