



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
CONOCOPHILLIPS IN WILMINGTON
REQUESTS RENEWAL OF POST-CLOSURE PERMIT
Wilmington, California



PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: May 20 through July 3, 2008

WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED? – The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) would like to invite you to comment on the proposed Post-Closure Permit (Permit) for the Stormwater Holding Basin 2 (SHB 2) at the ConocoPhillips Los Angeles Refinery Wilmington (LARW) plant at 1660 West Anaheim Street in Wilmington. We invite you to attend and participate in a public meeting. A public meeting is a process for DTSC to provide additional information and receive comments from the community on the proposed Post-Closure Permit.

In addition to the proposed Post-Closure Permit, DTSC also proposes to issue a Notice of Exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act.

If the proposed Post-Closure Permit is approved, it will allow the continued activities of inspecting and maintaining the liner cover, monitoring the groundwater to ensure that the SHB 2 is not contributing hazardous constituents to the groundwater. In addition, ConocoPhillips shall secure an emergency permit from DTSC when extreme emergencies occur such as severe storms and massive power outages. This would allow SHB 2 to temporarily store overflow of storm and process water from the refinery process water treatment system instead of releasing it to surface drains.

DTSC regulates the generation, storage, treatment and disposal of hazardous waste in California. A Permit enables DTSC to effectively regulate the hazardous waste management activities at facilities. Permits are developed after DTSC's detailed technical review, and are intended to ensure that the facility operates in a manner that protects human health and the environment.

FACILITY BACKGROUND – The Wilmington Plant is a refining, processing and storage facility that processes petroleum received through pipelines from ConocoPhillips' Carson Plant into finished products such as automotive gasoline, jet fuel and diesel fuel. The refinery consists of a 424 acre parcel on which refining operations have been conducted since 1919. SHB 2 is located along the eastern boundary of the refinery and has surface dimensions of 436 feet by 356 feet and a depth at the deepest point of 34 feet.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT – NOTICE OF EXEMPTION – DTSC evaluated any possible environmental impacts associated with the proposed construction and operation of this facility, as required by the California Environmental Quality Act. DTSC has prepared a Notice of Exemption which states that the hazardous waste facility would not have significant impacts to human health and the environment. The findings are available for public review in the information repositories listed below.

WHY THIS NOTICE? – The purpose of this notice is to provide you with the opportunity to learn more about the proposed Permit, Notice of Exemption, and to provide comments to DTSC, within forty-five (45) days of this notice.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE? – Your participation is encouraged. Comments concerning the proposed Permit may be submitted in writing to Mr. Mike Eshaghian, DTSC Project Manager, 9211 Oakdale Avenue Chatsworth 91311 or e-mail comments to: Meshaghi@dtsc.ca.gov. All mailed comments must be postmarked by July 3, 2008 and e-mailed comments must be received no later than 5 PM on the same date.

DTSC is conducting a Public Meeting on June 10, 2008 at the Wilmington Branch Library, 1300 N. Avalon Boulevard in Wilmington (310-834-1082) to explain the proposed Post-Closure Permit, address your questions, and accept your verbal and written comments.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION? – A copy of the proposed Permit and Notice of Exemption is available for review in the Information Repositories located at Wilmington Public Library, 1300 N. Avalon Blvd., Wilmington, 90744, or Department of Toxic Substances Control, Chatsworth Regional Office, 9211 Oakdale Avenue, Chatsworth, 91311

CONTACT: – If you have any questions or wish to discuss the project, please contact Mr. Mike Eshaghian, DTSC Project Manager, at (916) 255-3602 or by e-mail to Meshaghi@dtsc.ca.gov. For public participation activities, please contact Ms. Kim Rhodes, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (916) 255-3651 or by e-mail to Krhodes1@dtsc.ca.gov. Members of the media should contact Ms. Jeanne Garcia, DTSC Public Information Officer, at (818) 717-6573 or by e-mail to Jgarcia1@dtsc.ca.gov.