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Toxic Substances  
Control

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Toxic Substances  
Control is to  
provide the highest  
level of safety, and  
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health and the  
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toxic harm.*



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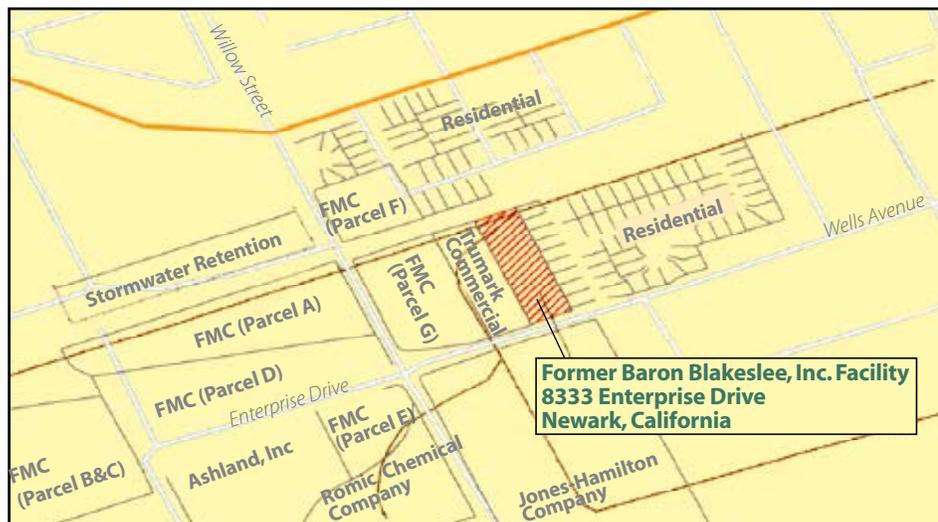


California  
Environmental  
Protection Agency

Fact Sheet, October 2009

## Former Baron Blakeslee, Inc. Facility Draft Post-Closure Permit is Available for Review

*Si prefiere hablar con alguien en español acerca de ésta información, favor de llamar a Ricardo Gonzalez, Departamento de Control de Sustancias Tóxicas. El número de teléfono es (818) 717-6693.*



The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) would like to invite you to comment on the draft Post-Closure Permit (Permit) for the former Baron Blakeslee, Inc. (BBI) facility located at 8333 Enterprise Drive in the City of Newark, Alameda County, California. The 10-year post-closure permit would allow the closed facility to continue environmental monitoring and maintenance.

### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND MEETING

The public comment period for the draft Permit begins on October 15 and ends on December 4, 2009. Copies of the draft Permit and supporting documents can be viewed at the information repositories listed on page 3 in this fact sheet. Written and e-mailed comments must be postmarked by December 4, 2009, and sent to:

Mike Eshaghian, Project Manager  
9211 Oakdale Avenue  
Chatsworth, CA 91311  
(818) 717-6679

Please e-mail comments to: [MEshaghi@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:MEshaghi@dtsc.ca.gov)

### Public Meeting: Tuesday, November 17, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

DTSC will hold a public meeting on November 17, 2009 at the Silliman Activity Center, located at 6800 Mowry Ave, Newark, CA 94560 to explain the draft Post-Closure Permit, address your questions, and accept your verbal and written comments.

For information on accessibility or to request reasonable accommodations, please contact Jeanne Matsumoto toll-free at 1 (866) 495-5651, press "4" then "6" or (714) 484-5338 or by e-mail to [JMatsumo@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:JMatsumo@dtsc.ca.gov) no later than November 2, 2009.

## Facility Description and History

The Facility is located near the intersection of Aleppo Drive and Enterprise Drive in Newark. The surrounding land use is mixed residential, commercial and industrial. BBI operated the Facility for storage and distribution of chemical products and recovery of chlorinated and fluorinated solvents from 1974 to 1993. Some of these historical operations resulted in soil and groundwater contamination.

In 1993, BBI ceased its solvent recovery operation and proceeded to close four areas where hazardous wastes were handled. The four areas, also known as hazardous waste management units (HWMUs) were closed under an approved closure plan in accordance with its Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Part B operating permit requirements. The former HWMUs that were closed in 1993 are:

- Container storage area
- Container staging area
- Waste pump-out area
- Brighton Still assembly and associated process area

DTSC listed the Facility as officially closed in 1995. Certification of Closure for the BBI facility stated that the HWMUs at the site were closed in accordance with the approved Closure Plan, the exception being that contaminated soil and groundwater remained beneath the HWMUs.

After a series of mergers and acquisitions, BBI became part of Honeywell International Inc. (Honeywell) in 1999. Honeywell has retained the liability for pollutants in the soil and groundwater associated with the former operations of BBI. Gallade Chemical, Inc. currently owns and operates a chemical product storage and distribution facility at the site.

## Why a Permit is Necessary

DTSC regulates the generation, storage, treatment and disposal of hazardous waste in California. DTSC required that Honeywell submit a post-closure permit application to address the remaining affected soil and groundwater at the site. As part of the post-closure permit process, a post-closure permit application describes the

activities to occur in preparation for and after the closure of areas where hazardous wastes were handled and where hazardous waste may have been released. This permit enables DTSC to effectively regulate the post-closure activities at the Facility. 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.

DTSC is authorized to impose special conditions in this Permit pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25200(a) and the regulations in California Code of Regulations, title 22, division 4.5 governing tanks, containers, and other facility and operation standards.

## Post-Closure Permit Activities

The draft Post-Closure Permit includes requirements to perform the following activities:

- Conduct routine inspections of the closed Facility
- Monitor the groundwater and soil gas to ensure that the closed HWMUs are not contributing hazardous constituents to the groundwater and air emissions

The Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Region (Water Board) is the lead agency overseeing the cleanup of soil and groundwater at the Facility and in the vicinity, in accordance with a cleanup order, RWQCB Cleanup Order Number R2-2007-0005. Investigations of soil and groundwater are continuing under the direction of the Water Board. In compliance with the Water Board's Site Cleanup Requirement Order, Honeywell will cleanup affected soil and groundwater.

## California Environmental Quality Act

Under the California Environmental Quality Act, DTSC must evaluate whether the proposed actions may have any significant impacts on human health and the environment. As part of this evaluation, DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption which concludes that issuance of the post-closure permit will not have a significant negative effect on human health or the environment.

## You can Participate in our Permitting Decisions

The draft Post-Closure Permit and other site-related documents are available for public review at the information repositories listed below. The administrative record is available in the DTSC office in Chatsworth.

Newark Public Library  
6300 Civic Terrace Avenue  
Newark, California 94560  
Phone: (510) 795-2627  
Hours: Sun.: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.  
Mon. Closed  
Tues. & Thurs.: 1 p.m. – 9 p.m.  
Wed. & Fri.: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Sat.: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Department of Toxic Substances Control  
Chatsworth Regional Office  
9211 Oakdale Avenue  
Chatsworth, CA 91311  
Please call: (818) 717-6521 for an appointment

For information about the Water Board soil and groundwater cleanup at the Facility, please refer to the Fact Sheets No. 1-5, posted online at [https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile\\_report.asp?global\\_id=SL20268886](https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile_report.asp?global_id=SL20268886).

## For More Information

Please contact the following individuals with any questions or concerns you may have regarding the draft permit:

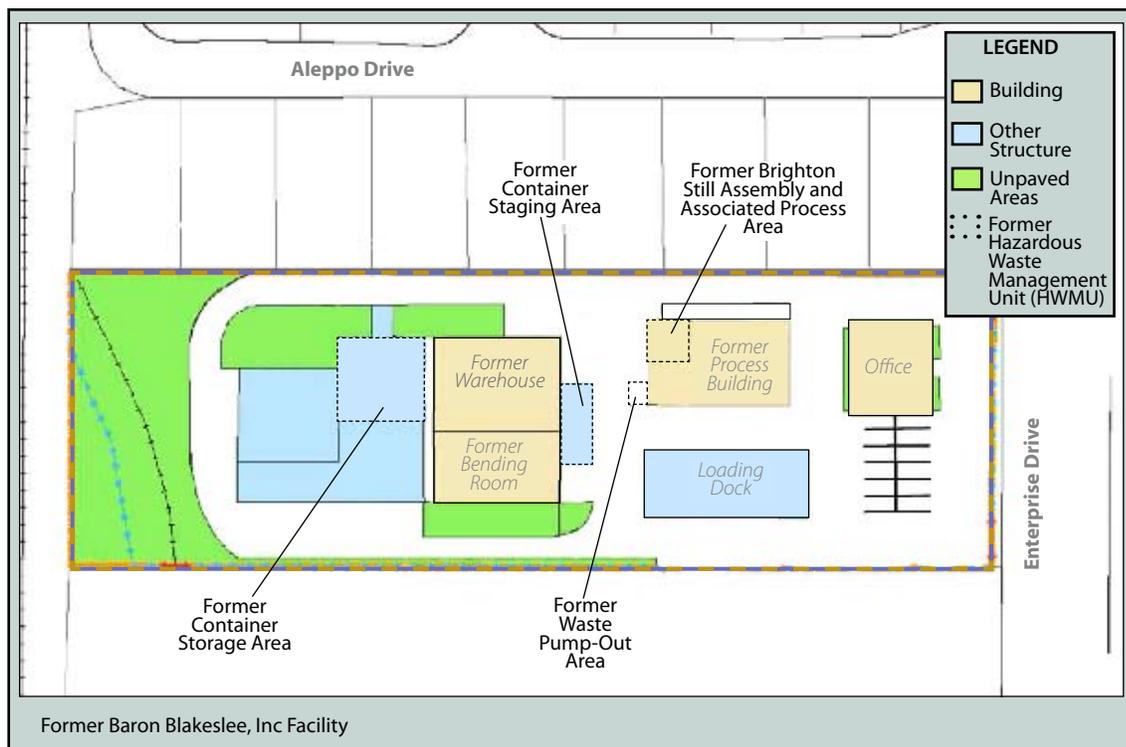
For questions regarding the draft Post-Closure Permit or Notice of Exemption, please contact Mike Eshaghian, DTSC Project Manager (818) 717-6679 or e-mail [MEshaghi@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:MEshaghi@dtsc.ca.gov).

For questions regarding Public Participation, please contact Jeanne Matsumoto, DTSC Public Participation Specialist toll-free (866)495-5651, press “4” then “6” or (714) 484-5338 or e-mail [JMatsumo@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:JMatsumo@dtsc.ca.gov).

For questions from the media, please contact Claudia Loomis, DTSC Public Information Officer at (916) 255-6578 or e-mail [CLoomis@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:CLoomis@dtsc.ca.gov).

## Notice to Hearing-Impaired Individuals

TDD users can obtain information about the former Baron Blakeslee facility by using the California State Relay Service at (888) 877-5378. Please ask to speak to Jeanne Matsumoto at (714) 484-5338.



**Comment Form for Former Baron Blakeslee, Inc. Facility  
Draft Post-Closure Permit**

If you use this form to send us your comments, please include your name and address. All written comments must be postmarked no later than **December 4, 2009**. Please send this form to:

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Chatsworth, California 91311

You may also email this same information to: [MEshaghi@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:MEshaghi@dtsc.ca.gov)

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**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Affiliation (if any):** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Former Baron Blakeslee, Inc. Facility**

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Return this coupon to Jeanne Matsumoto, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress CA, 90630. You can e-mail your mailing list request by sending a message to [jmatsumo@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:jmatsumo@dtsc.ca.gov).

*Note: While this mailing list is solely for DTSC use, the list is considered a public record.*