

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Project Title: Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc., Fresno Branch, Hazardous Waste Storage Facility Permit Renewal

Project Location: 3561 South Maple Street, City of Fresno

County: Fresno County

Project Description:

The Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc., Fresno Branch is a permitted hazardous waste storage facility. The Hazardous Waste Facility Permit was last issued on October 10, 1996. The permit renewal allows the facility to continue operations for the next 10 years.

The Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc. (Safety-Kleen), Fresno Branch leases parts cleaning equipment and provides solvents delivery and pickup to its customers. Its customers are a variety of service-oriented businesses including automotive repair shops, aircraft maintenance operations, and machine shops. Hazardous wastes received from its customers include used parts washer solvent, spent immersion cleaner, dry cleaning wastes, spent antifreeze, used oil, and paint waste/lacquer thinner. Other wastes stored at the facility include wastes generated by Safety-Kleen and wastes stored on a transfer basis only (stored for less than 10 days).

Hazardous wastes storage units at the facility are one nominal 12,000-gallon underground storage tank (UST) and one drum storage areas (DSA1) located within a warehouse. DSA 1 occupies approximately 2,450 square feet. The total permitted container storage capacity is 3,650 gallons. There is also one 12,000-gallon UST that is used for the storage of solvent product. Either petroleum-based cleaners or aqueous-based parts washing solutions is brought to the facility in containers and is taken to the Return and Fill area. The containers are opened and the contents poured into the drum washer units located at the Return and Fill area. The drum washer units, which are connected to the hazardous waste UST, are equipped with removable upper screens. The screens are designed to remove course solids and metal parts that may come with the containerized waste solvent. The solvent settles at the bottom of the drum washer units and flows into the UST. Periodically, a Safety-Kleen truck is dispatched to the service center to collect and transport the wastes to a designated Safety-Kleen recycle center or operation center for consolidation.

The hazardous waste storage unit is designed with secondary containment in a case, a spill occurs. The UST is double-walled and equipped with a leak detection system, the drum washer unit is placed over secondary containment with a capacity of approximately 1,122 gallons, and the drum storage areas are equipped with curbs, a concrete floor, and trenches to contain any spill and prevent flow of waste to the outside. The permit renewal authorizes the facility to continue to store hazardous waste in drums/containers and the UST. The permit renewal also allows the additional waste management practice of bulking state hazardous waste used oil and antifreeze into drums/containers and into bulk vacuum trucks and vice versa. This bulking operation is limited to small loads of used oil and antifreeze that are picked up from small quantity generators and commercial customers that have less than full truckloads. All transfer will occur within existing Return and Fill unit. The bulking practice does not require new equipment at the facility.

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

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

Exemption 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: [State type and section number]
 Statutory Exemptions: [State code section number]
 General Rule [CCR, Sec. 15061(b)(3)]

Exemption Title: With Certainty, No Possibility of a Significant EffectReasons Why Project is Exempt:

The project is an existing facility and the renewal of the Hazardous Waste Facility Permit will allow the facility to continue operations for the next 10-year term of the permit. The allowed types and volumes of wastes handled and stored will not change. Also, no physical expansion of the facility is proposed. The Hazardous Waste Facility Permit includes a minor change in waste handling, which is to allow bulking of used oil and used antifreeze into one or two containers and to hold the containers at the Return and Fill Unit for less than 24 hours. These operations will occur within existing secondary containment.

This project will not result in a significant impact because:

1. Specific procedures have been included in the Operations Plan of the permit that will assure safe storage to minimize the potential for spills and allow efficient response to control any spills. Provisions are also included to assure worker safety during the operations.
2. The integrity of the underground storage tank and piping system and secondary containment structures were inspected and certified by a licensed engineer in California in April 2006.
3. Regarding surface water, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board does not require any changes to the Stormwater General Permit (Number 5F10I002052) nor does the proposed project need Waste Discharge Requirements.
4. The City of Fresno Planning Department has reviewed the permit renewal project. The facility is located in the M-3 Heavy Industrial zoning district and is currently permitted. Therefore, the facility is consistent with local zoning and no local land use permit will be required.
5. The Fresno facility is located on 3561 South Maple Street and operates about 7 to 10 truck routes to its customers. The Fresno facility is bounded by Highway 99 on the west and southwest and surrounded on the east and north by automobile wrecking businesses. Purity Oil Processing Facility (CAD980736151), an abandoned oil processing facility which is on National Priority List, is located 2,000 feet north of the facility. The major intersection is South Chestnut Avenue and South Central Avenue approximately ½ mile south of the facility. The Safety-Kleen Fresno facility's 7 to 10 truck trips are insignificant to the area's traffic volume and capacity. None of the routes discussed are known to be impacted or have problem intersections that would result in significant impacts on the continued operation of the Safety Kleen at its authorized volumes.
6. The Fresno facility is on the Hazardous Waste and Substances Sites List compiled pursuant to Government Code 65962.5. The source of the listing is the State Water Resources Control Board's Leaking Underground Fuel Tank database. The listing pertains to the former USTs used in the solvent recycling operations that were removed and closed in 1992.
7. The UST is currently used for storage of aqueous wastes which requires no air permit. The hazardous waste facility permit authorizes the UST to be used for storage of petroleum based cleaners as well as aqueous wastes. However, prior to using the UST for petroleum-based cleaners, the facility shall obtain a permit from San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) to authorize the operation. The facility shall send a copy of the SJVAPCD's permit to DTSC for review. The facility shall not be authorized to store any petroleum-based cleaners until the facility receives written acknowledgement from DTSC that DTSC has reviewed and accepted the SJVAPCD's permit.
8. The Fresno Facility's existing UST is double-walled and is designed to prevent any releases or off-site migration of contamination. There is a monitoring device in place which provides continuous monitoring to ensure that any leak may be detected and if it is detected, an appropriate measure will be taken pursuant to the Facility's Contingency Plan. Additionally a California Environmental Quality Act analysis will also be conducted for any future closure activity related to the permitted units.
9. Since the facility is located in a heavy industrial area (auto wrecking businesses) of the City of Fresno and borders a major state highway, there is no sensitive receptor which may be impacted.

A Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Facility Assessment (RFA) Report was conducted at the facility in June 1994. Based on the RFA Report, DTSC discovered seven Solid waste Management Units (SWMUs) and two Area of Concerns (AOCs). Following is the list:

- SWMU 1-Drum Storage Area (active since 1976)
- SWMU 2-12,000 gallons Underground Storage Tank (active since 1992)
- SWMU 3-Return and Fill Unit (active since 1976)
- SWMU 4-Closed 10,000 gallons Underground Storage Tank (closed in 1992)
- SWMU 5-Closed 1,000 gallons Underground Storage Tank (closed in 1992)
- SWMU 6-Closed 10,000s Underground Storage Tank (closed in 1992)
- SWMU 7-Pavement southwest of SWMU 1 (active since 1976)
- AOC 1- Underground storage Tank (active since 1992)
- AOC 2 -Product Container Storage Area (active since 1976)

On September 28, 1998, DTSC approved the RFI Report dated May 1, 1998 stating that no further corrective action is needed for the facility.

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