



Department of
Toxic Substances
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the Department of
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Control is to
provide the highest
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to protect public
health and the
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toxic harm.*



State of California



California
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Fact Sheet, September 2009

Hazardous Waste Post Closure Facility Permit Available for Review and Comment for Acme Fill Corporation

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

Facility Description

The Facility is housed on a 135-acre closed and covered hazardous waste landfill; also known as the North Parcel. The North Parcel consists of a hazardous waste landfill cover, perimeter drain, and a subsurface bay mud barrier. The North Parcel is inactive, however, numerous extraction wells are installed to extract liquids from within the bay mud barrier.

Operations at the Facility began in the early 1950s and 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, the Facility 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, the Facility continued to perform approved post closure plan activities (for example, monitoring leachate collection and treatment; landfill gas collection; and post closure monitoring and maintenance).

Public Comment Period

The public comment period runs September 29 through November 16, 2009. Written comments must be postmarked or emailed by November 16, 2009 to:

Mr. Peter Bailey, P.G.
DTSC, Sacramento Regional Office
8800 Cal Center Drive
Sacramento, California 95826
pbailey@dtsc.ca.gov

A public hearing is not scheduled at this time, but anyone interested can request a public hearing. A hearing request must be sent to Mr. Peter Bailey at the address above and must be received by October 19, 2009. The written request must state the reason for requesting a public hearing.

The liquids are pumped through a network of conveyance pipes for treatment. In addition, numerous monitoring wells and data gathering points inside and outside of the bay mud barrier are used to gather liquid levels and water quality data to continually assess the efficiency of the Liquid Extraction System.

Draft Post Closure Permit

The Facility has been operating under interim status authorization since it was closed in 1999.

DTSC examines the permit application through four main steps:

- 1) DTSC reviewed the draft Permit application for completeness. If necessary, DTSC issues a Notice of Deficiency requiring additional information or changes to the existing information in the application. The application is now complete.
- 2) DTSC prepared the draft Permit based on whether the facility's application meets the regulatory standards. The draft Permit is now ready for public review.
- 3) DTSC solicits and receives comments from the public during a formal public comment period of at least 45 days. DTSC will hold a public meeting and a public hearing, if requested, or if DTSC determines there is significant public interest.

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.

DTSC is authorized to impose special conditions in this draft 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.

Enforcement History

DTSC has inspected the Facility on a regular basis to ensure they are in compliance with California laws and regulations. The results of those inspections can be reviewed at DTSC's Regional Office located at 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, California.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

Under the California Environmental Quality Act, DTSC must evaluate whether the draft Permit may 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 activities will not result in any impact to human health or the environment. As a result, a Notice of Exemption has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15301.

You Can Participate in Our Permitting Decisions

DTSC encourages public participation in the decision-making process and invites the public to review and comment on the draft Permit. Before making a final determination on the draft Permit, DTSC will review and respond in writing to all public comments.

A Response to Comments document will be sent to all those who submitted comments and to those who request a copy. A copy of the Response to Comments will also be placed in the information repositories established for this project.

The draft Permit and other related documents for the Acme project are available for review at the following locations:

Martinez Library

740 Court Street
Martinez, California 94553
(925) 646-2898

Department of Toxic Substances Control

8800 Cal Center Drive
Sacramento, California 95826
(916) 255-3779

Please call to make an appointment to review the files in our office.

Who to Contact for Information

If you have any questions about the project or cleanup activities, please contact any of the DTSC listed below:

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Sacramento, California, 95826
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(866) 495-5651
email at: hnelson@dtsc.ca.gov

For Media Inquiries Please Contact:

Ms. Claudia Loomis
Public Information Officer
8800 Cal Center Drive
Sacramento, California, 95826
(916) 255-6578
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Notice to Hearing Impaired

You can obtain additional information by using the California State Relay Service at (888) 877-5378. Ask them to contact Mr. Peter Bailey, DTSC Project Manager, at (916) 255-3602.

Anuncio

Si prefiere hablar con alguien en español acerca de ésta información, favor de llamar a Jesus Cruz, Departamento de Control de Substancias Tóxicas. El número de teléfono es (916) 255-3315, o gratis a (866) 495-5651.

COMMENT FORM AND MAILING COUPON

Acme Landfill

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**send us your comments*

**be added to or taken off the mailing list*

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 *November 16, 2009*. Please send this form to:

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8800 Cal Center Drive

Sacramento, California 95826

email: pbailey@dtsc.ca.gov

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Affiliation (if any): _____

Phone number (optional) _____

Comments: (If you need more space, please feel free to use another sheet of paper)

DTSC's mailing lists are only used for keeping you informed of our activities. However, they are considered public records and, if requested, may be subject to release.