



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Draft Permits Renewal Proposed for Aerojet – General Corporation Facility Rancho Cordova, California



PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: January 5, 2009 through February 18, 2009

WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED? The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to review and comment on the proposed renewal of the Hazardous Waste Post-Closure Permit and the Storage and Treatment Permit for the Aerojet – General Corporation (Aerojet). Aerojet is located at Highway 50 and Aerojet Road in Rancho Cordova. Approval of these Permits will allow Aerojet to continue its storage and treatment, and post-closure maintenance operations.

For the Storage and Treatment Permit, Aerojet generates hazardous wastes that are either treated or stored at the facility. Treatment includes evaporation and pH adjustment of aqueous wastewater at an open tank treatment unit. Storage includes storage of drums and containers in the permitted container storage building.

For the Post-Closure Permit, Aerojet used two deep injection wells from 1963 to 1968 and from 1975 to 1985 for the disposal of hazardous wastewater from Aerojet's Chemical Plant 1 and Chemical Plant 2. The wastewater was injected into the ground at depths greater than 1,400 feet below ground surface. The wells were destroyed in 1994 in accordance with the approved closure plan. [Under the proposed Post-Closure Permit, Aerojet will continue to monitor the deep injection wells.

DTSC'S ROLE IN PERMITTING: 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.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT – NOTICE OF EXEMPTION: DTSC evaluated any possible environmental impacts associated with the proposed activities of Aerojet General Corporation as required by the California Environmental Quality Act. DTSC has prepared two Notices of Exemptions which states that the Hazardous Waste Facility would not have significant impacts to human health and the environment. The findings are available for review, along with other supporting documents in the information repositories.

WHY THIS NOTICE? The purpose of this notice is to provide you with the opportunity to learn more about the Draft Permits 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 Draft Permits may be submitted in writing to Farshad Vakili, P.E., DTSC Project Manager, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, California 95826 or e-mail Fvakili@dtsc.ca.gov. All mailed comments must be postmarked by 5 pm on **February 18, 2009**. E-mailed comments must be received on the same date.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION? Copies of the Draft Permits and CEQA Notices of Exemptions is available for review in the Information Repositories located in Sacramento at the Rancho Cordova Library, 9845 Folsom Boulevard, 95827 and Department of Toxic Substances Control, 8800 Cal Center Drive, 95826.

CONTACT: If you have any questions or wish to discuss the project, please contact Farshad Vakili, DTSC Project Manager, at (916) 255-3612 or by e-mail to Fvakili@dtsc.ca.gov. For public participation activities, please contact Kim Rhodes, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (916) 255-3651 or by e-mail to Krhodes1@dtsc.ca.gov. Members of the media, please contact Claudia Loomis, DTSC Public Information Officer, at (916) 255-6578 or by e-mail to Cloomis@dtsc.ca.gov.