



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**  
**BENSON RIDGE FACILITY**  
**REQUESTS RENEWAL OF POST-CLOSURE PERMIT**  
**Kelseyville, California**



**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** April 17 through May 29, 2008

**WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED?** – The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to review and comment on a proposed Hazardous Waste Post-Closure Permit Renewal (Permit) for two Hazardous Waste Management Units at the Benson Ridge Facility located at 7620 State Highway 29 in Kelseyville.

Benson Ridge Facility operations consisted of a treatment, storage, and disposal facility for hazardous wastes from 1979 to 1984. Since the Facility no longer stores, treats, or disposes of hazardous wastes, the facility initial post-closure permit authorized the operation, monitoring, and maintenance of the Facility's two units only. No physical changes to the site are proposed. If the proposed Permit is approved, inspection and maintenance of the closure structures; care of the Waste Consolidation Area which consists of two cells; and groundwater monitoring and the Evaporation Basin which includes the north and south cells will continue for the next 10 years.

In addition to the proposed Permit, DTSC also proposes to issue a Notice of Exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) which is available for public review.

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** – Benson Ridge Facility was certified closed in 1993 and in 1997 the Facility received a Post-Closure Permit that expired on December 31, 2007. The property is approximately 137 acres; however, a parcel of approximately 25 acres was permitted for the purposes of waste handling operations. The facility received hazardous waste containing liquids, sludge and soil, mainly from the geothermal industry located in the Geyser area of Lake County. It utilized three clay lined waste management units for liquid evaporation and sludge consolidation. During the closure, the former waste management units were completely excavated and the sludge and sub-soil were deposited in an onsite waste consolidation landfill. A non-hazardous groundwater evaporation basin was also constructed to contain and evaporate recovered groundwater.

**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. Peter Bailey, DTSC Project Manager, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, 95826 or e-mail comments to: [Pbailey@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:Pbailey@dtsc.ca.gov). All mailed comments must be **postmarked by May 29, 2008** and e-mailed comments must be **received no later than 5 PM** on the same date.

**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 Lakeport Library, 1425 N. Highland Street, Lakeport, 95453, or Department of Toxic Substances Control, Sacramento Regional Records Room, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, 95826.

**CONTACT:** – If you have any questions or wish to discuss the project, please contact Mr. Peter Bailey, DTSC Project Manager, at (916) 255-3602 or by e-mail to [Pbailey@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:Pbailey@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](mailto: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](mailto:Jgarcia1@dtsc.ca.gov).