



# Department of Toxic Substances Control



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## NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

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**Project Title:** Chemical Waste Management, Incorporated, Kettleman Hills Facility,  
Hazardous Waste Facility Permit Re-issuance and  
Use of the Previous Kings County Environmental Impact Reports (EIR's)  
For this Purpose.

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 83090501 (Kings County EIR and the DTSC, formerly DHS,  
Supplemental EIR) and 97024028 (Kings County Subsequent EIR)

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**Project Location:** 35251 Old Skyline Road, Kettleman City  
**City:** Unincorporated      **County:** Kings

**Project Description:** The project activity is the "renewal" of a hazardous waste treatment, storage and disposal facility permit. No substantial changes in operations have occurred beyond those previously considered in the permit modification processes. The previous permitting decision made by the Department of Toxic Substances Control was predicated on the use of the Kings County EIR's for the land use permit for the facility and a Supplemental EIR for the permitting of the non-hazardous Class III landfill onsite. No new impacts have been found since then. No substantial change in standards, circumstances or surrounding land uses has occurred. Therefore, based on a review of the prior environmental documents, the Department has found that these documents remain adequate to address the renewal of the Hazardous Waste Facility Permit.

Two permit conditions have been added to clarify ongoing requirements. The first clarifies the limits on acceptance of radioactive materials. The second specifies activities that must occur in order to meet the air monitoring requirements of the California Code of Regulations, title 22, division 4.5, chapter 14, article 17. Both of these conditions provide clarifications based on existing permit conditions and in response to comments received during the public comment period. Neither of these conditions could result in new or increased environmental effects.

**Background:** The Chemical Waste Management, Inc., Kettleman Hills Facility is a commercial hazardous waste treatment, storage and disposal facility. The Facility contains 1,600 contiguous acres, 499 of which have been approved for hazardous waste activity. The Facility accepts solid, semi-solid, and liquid hazardous and extremely hazardous wastes. It may not accept Class 1, Division 1.1 or 1.2, or forbidden explosives (Code of Federal Regulations, title 49, subchapter C, part 173, section 50); compressed gas cylinders (excluding aerosol cans); radioactive materials as defined in the permit; biological agents, or infectious wastes.

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