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NOTICE OF FINAL DETERMINATION TO RENEW AN EXISTING HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY PERMIT JUNE 16, 2003

In accordance with the requirements of California Code of Regulations (Cal. Code of Regs.), title 22, section 66270.42 (f), the California Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is notifying you of our final decision to renew the existing hazardous waste facility permit (permit) for the following hazardous waste facility:

Kettleman Hills Facility
Chemical Waste Management, Incorporated
35251 Old Skyline Road
Kettleman City, California 93239
EPA I.D. Number CAT 000646117

DTSC issued a permit for the above facility on February 19, 1988. Chemical Waste Management, Incorporated (CWMI) submitted its permit renewal application on July 31, 1997. Upon completion of review of the application, DTSC issued a Draft Permit on September 25, 2001. In response to comments received during the public comment period, DTSC modified the Draft Permit. Two permit conditions have been modified 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 Cal. Code of Regs., title 22, division 4.5, chapter 14, article 17. Both of these conditions provide clarifications based on comments received during the public comment period and neither of them could result in new or increased environmental effects. In addition, there have been several Class 1 modifications to the existing (1988) permit regarding informational changes only. Since these changes affect the permit renewal application, which relies on the modified documents, the Class 1 modifications are incorporated into this permit decision. A notable exception is CWMI's request for a Class 1 permit modification to modify the berm around Landfill B-19. This request was denied because DTSC determined that the Class 1 category was not appropriate for the proposed modification.

In accordance with Cal. Code of Regs., title 22, section 66270.42 (b)(6)(A)1, DTSC has reviewed the application for permit renewal and with the revisions made in response to comments received, approved the renewal request. In conjunction with this decision, DTSC has filed a Notice of Determination indicating in a Statement of Findings that the existing Environmental Impact Reports are adequate to address the renewal of the Hazardous Waste Facility Permit pursuant to Sections 15096(i) and 15153 of the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines.

Pursuant to Cal. Code of Regs., title 22, section 66270.42 (f), this renewed permit becomes effective upon the date of this notice, and in accordance with Cal. Code of Regs., title 22, section 66270.42 (f)(2) this decision may be appealed under permit appeal procedures of Cal. Code of Regs., title 22, section 66271.18. An appeal for a petition for review of this permit decision should be addressed to the Deputy Director of the DTSC, Hazardous Waste Management Division and sent to, or filed with:

Department of Toxic Substances Control
Permit Appeals Board
1001 "I" Street, 25th Floor
P.O. Box 806
Sacramento, California 95812-0806

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