

*Fact Sheet
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DTSC Proposes Former Facility Closure



SEVEN MILES NORTHWEST OF COALINGA

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INTRODUCTION

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) wants to inform you of the proposed Final Closure Plan (closure plan) for the Chemical Waste Management, Inc. Coalinga Treatment Facility. The 125 acre facility is northeast of the intersection of Derick and Palmer Roads seven miles northwest of Coalinga, California. The activities of the closure plan are as follows:

- To take out of service all groundwater monitoring wells;
- To construct new fencing and access roads;
- To rework and cover all barren or sparsely covered areas with clean fill;
- To dig out and remove about 5000 cubic yards of soil from various areas of the facility. For more detail, please see the overview on page two and the map on page four.

This fact sheet contains information on the public comment period, site background, the California Environmental Quality Act proposed Notice of Exemption, information contacts, information repositories and mailing list information.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC HEARING

The public comment period for this closure plan begins on Friday January 16, 2004 and ends on Tuesday, February 17, 2004. Written comments must be postmarked or delivered by February 17, 2004, and sent to:

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Interested parties can request a public hearing. You may send a hearing request to Tony Hashemian at the address on page one. You must send it by the close of the public comment period. When you request a hearing, you must state your reason and the issues you want to discuss about the proposed decision.

BACKGROUND

The facility was in operation from 1973 to 1984. Between 1973 and 1979, the facility was owned and operated by Environmental Disposal Services, a division of McKay Trucking Company of Bakersfield, California. In late 1979, Chemical Waste Management acquired the facility and operated the facility until 1984. The facility primarily accepted wastes from oil field development. Chemical Waste Management ended treatment operations on September 18, 1984.

CLOSURE OVERVIEW

The total closure area is approximately 125 acres. Treatment areas include Spreading Areas S-1 and S-2, the Broad Swale Ponds area, the Central Ridge, and the Northern Knoll and Pond 8. Chemical Waste Management will perform the following proposed closure activities:

- Close all monitoring wells;
- Build new fence and access roads;
- Remove and dispose all free liquids and contaminated residual soils remaining in any evaporation ponds. Test the remaining soil in the ponds to show the extent of any remaining contamination;

- Fill with clean soil all ponds and basins A and B. Grade these fill areas as shown in the Closure-Plan;
- Cover all barren and/or sparsely vegetated areas with a soil cover from the borrow area. In addition, regrade any area with a potential for ponding. Place vegetative cover and regrade as shown in the proposed Closure-Plan;
- After final grading, construct drainage ditches and other surface water controls;
- Fill Basin C and the small retention basin at the south end of the facility as shown in the Closure-Plan. This will prevent any further potential ponding and minimize concentrated flows;
- Once construction of the surface water controls has been completed, take more measures to establish erosion control;
- Replant all barren areas, including the excavated portions of the borrow area;
- Do miscellaneous facility maintenance such as fence and access road repair, placement of signage, and appropriate notifications to DTSC to finish closure.

During closure operations, Chemical Waste Management will take measures to control surface water run-off and wind erosion. Where necessary, they will establish temporary berms and/or containment areas until they finish the surface water management facilities. To minimize dust from the wind or construction, Chemical Waste Management will use a water truck to moisten work areas.

RESPONSE TO COMMENTS

Before approving the Closure-Plan, DTSC will review and respond to all public comments in writing in a Response to Comments. Those who submitted comments and those who request a copy will receive the Response to Comments. We will place a copy of the Response to Comments in the information repositories listed in this fact sheet. DTSC will public notice the final closure plan decision in the Coalinga Record and we will mail a copy of the notice to the Chemical Waste Management Coalinga mailing list.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), DTSC has reviewed the proposed closure activities. We decided that the activities will not have an adverse effect on public health or the environment. Therefore, DTSC has prepared a proposed Notice of Exemption. DTSC will place a copy in the Coalinga District Library.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding the Draft Closure Plan at the Chemical Waste Management Coalinga facility, please contact the following DTSC staff who will be glad to assist you:

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INFORMATION REPOSITORIES

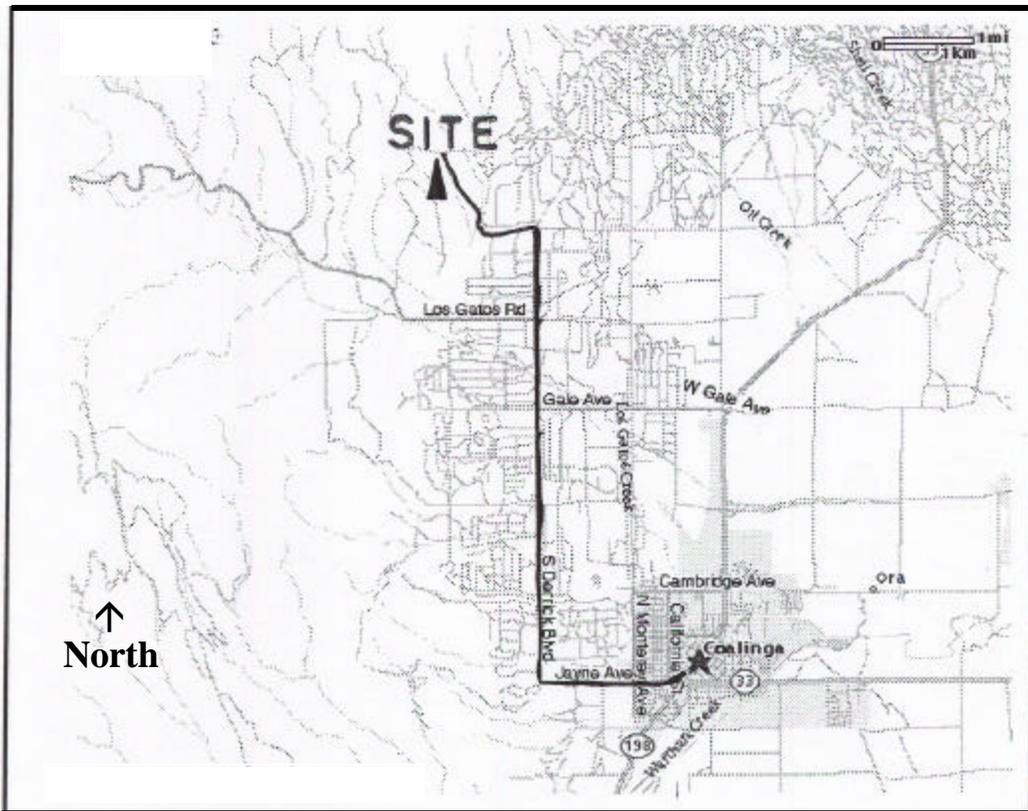
The Draft Closure Plan and other related documents are available for public review in the:

Coalinga District Library
305 North Fourth Street
Coalinga, CA 93210
(559) 935-1676

The entire administrative record is available at the DTSC Sacramento office. The administrative record includes copies of the Draft Closure Plan, the CEQA proposed Notice of Exemption and other related documents.

NOTICE TO THE HEARING IMPAIRED

You can obtain additional information by using the California State Relay Service at 1-888-877-5378 (TDD). Ask them to contact Nathan Schumacher at (916) 255-3650 regarding the Chemical Waste Management, Coalinga closure.



MAILING LIST

If you did not receive this fact sheet in the mail and would like to be on Chemical Waste Management former Coalinga facility mailing list, please fill out the information below and mail it to Nathan Schumacher, DTSC Sacramento Office, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, California, 95826.

Name:

Address:

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