



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON A DRAFT CLOSURE PLAN

SOIL REMOVAL

Former Chemical Waste Management Inc. Facility

Northeast of the intersection of Derick and Palmer Roads, seven miles from Coalinga, CA

Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites public comment on the draft closure plan proposed for the former 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. As part of this closure, Chemical Waste Management will remove about 5000 cubic yards of soil from various areas of the facility. A short summary of the draft closure plan follows:

- **Removal and Disposal of all free liquids and contaminated soil** in any evaporation ponds. Chemical Waste Management will test the remaining soil in the ponds to find the extent of any remaining contamination.
- **Measures for erosion control** includes constructing drainage ditches, filling all ponds and basins with clean soil, reseeded all barren soil, grading of all areas with a potential for water runoff puddling.
- **Facility maintenance tasks** includes building new fences, maintaining fences, building new access roads and repairing access roads, placing and repairing of signs.

People may request a public hearing to discuss issues about this draft closure plan. You may send a hearing request to Tony Hashemian, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento California 95826. However, you must send the request in by the close of the public comment period. When you request a hearing, you must state your reason for a public hearing and the issues you want to discuss about the proposed decision

The 30-day public comment period begins January 16, 2004, and ends February 17, 2004. You may send all public comments in writing to Tony Hashemian, Project Manager, DTSC, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, CA 95826-3200 or by e-mail to THashemi@dtsc.ca.gov. Comments must be postmarked or delivered by February 17, 2004.

Under the California Environmental Quality Act, DTSC must judge whether the proposed actions in the draft closure plan could or will hurt the environment. DTSC has reviewed this draft Closure Plan and decided that the proposed actions will not have a negative impact. Therefore, DTSC has prepared a proposed Notice of Exemption.

To review a copy of the Draft Closure Plan or the proposed Notice of Exemption, please visit the Coalinga District Library or the DTSC file room at the addresses listed:

Copies of the draft Closure Plan, fact sheet, and related information are available at:

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

To review the full administrative record, please contact:

DTSC - Sacramento Office File Room
8800 Cal Center Drive
Sacramento, California
For arrangements, please call Bobbi Jensen at (916) 255-3758.

At the close of the public comment period, DTSC will make a decision on these proposed projects. DTSC will issue a Notice of Decision and send a responsiveness summary to all people who commented on these projects. Also, you can review the summary at the two information repositories listed above.

For more information, contact Tony Hashemian, DTSC Project Manager, 916-255-3587 or email at THashemi@dtsc.ca.gov, or Nathan Schumacher, Public Participation Specialist, 916-255-3650 or email at NSchumac@dtsc.ca.gov.

Media inquiries, please contact Lisa Gray at (916) 324-0936.

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 about Chemical Waste Management, Coalinga.