



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD



Chevron Environmental Management Company Draft Hazardous Waste Facility Permit Renewal Richmond, California

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: February 25 to April 12, 2010

WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED?

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to comment on a draft permit renewal for Chevron Environmental Management Company (CEMC) which allows the continued operation and delayed closure of an Integrated Wastewater Pond System (IWPS) located at 835 Castro Street in Richmond, Contra Costa County, California.

The IWPS, a 70-acre surface impoundment, is used for the management of nonhazardous stormwater and groundwater. The IWPS, cannot currently be closed because it is used for the temporary storage of stormwater in order to restrict discharge during storm events due to the limited capacity of the Publicly Owned Treatment Works. If approved, the renewed permit would allow the continued operation of the IWPS and delay closure until the IWPS is no longer necessary.

DTSC is the state agency responsible for regulating the generation, storage, treatment, and disposal of hazardous waste in California. As part of the permit process, DTSC has performed a review of the proposed draft permit renewal as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Based on this review, DTSC has determined that the proposed draft permit will not have any significant effects on public health or the environment, as no changes to permit conditions are proposed. Accordingly, DTSC proposes to issue a CEQA Notice of Exemption in connection with this project.

The 45-day public comment period runs from February 25 to April 12, 2010. Written comments must be postmarked or emailed by the last day of the comment period and sent to: Ms. Chia-Rin Yen, DTSC Project Manager, 9211 Oakdale Avenue, Chatsworth CA 91311 or CYen@dtsc.ca.gov.

A public hearing is not scheduled at this time for this project, if you feel one is warranted, you can request that one be held by contacting Jesus Cruz, Public Participation Specialist; toll free at (866) 495-5651.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

The permit renewal application, Draft Permit, and related documents can be viewed at the repository located at the Richmond Public Library, 325 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, CA 94804, Tel. (510) 620-6555. The full administrative record on the facility is available by appointment only at the DTSC Regional Records Room, Mon.-Thurs, at 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, CA 95826-3200. Call for appointment at (916) 255-3758.

CONTACTS:

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the permit, please contact Ms. Chia-Rin Yen, DTSC Project Manager, at (818) 717-6681, or at the email address above. Members of the media, please contact: Carol Northrup, DTSC Public Information Officer, at (510) 407-4817 or email her at CNorthru@dtsc.ca.gov.