

COMMUNITY UPDATE

The mission of DTSC is to protect California's people and environment from harmful effects of toxic substances by restoring contaminated resources, enforcing hazardous waste laws, reducing hazardous waste generation, and encouraging the manufacture of chemically safer products.

Draft Hazardous Waste Facility Permit Renewal for Clean Harbors, Redwood City

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is sending this Community Notice to tell you about a public comment period for the draft Standardized Hazardous Waste Facility Permit Series B (Standardized Permit) for Clean Harbors San Jose, LLC, 1021 Berryessa Road, San Jose, CA 95133 (Clean Harbors) for their facility at the Port of Redwood City, 695 Seaport Boulevard, Redwood City, California 94063. The facility is approximately 0.87 acre in the Port of Redwood City in an area zoned General Industrial. The Clean Harbors facility is a hazardous waste transfer facility. A variety of hazardous wastes, mainly spent solvents, are transferred to and from railcars and trucks. **Hazardous wastes are not treated at this site.**

Romic Environmental Technologies Corporation (Romic) operated this rail terminal beginning in 1991. It was a transfer station for waste fuel blended at Romic's Facility in East Palo Alto. The first standardized permit was issued to Romic in 2002. Ownership of the facility changed in 2007 from Romic to Clean Harbors. Currently the fuel waste is blended at Clean Harbors, San Jose hazardous waste facility.

DTSC's Office of Permitting – Sacramento is processing the permit application and has prepared the draft Standardized Permit. The Permit renewal, if approved, will allow Clean Harbors to continue to use their facility at the Port of Redwood City as a transfer facility for hazardous waste. DTSC encourages you to become involved in the Clean Harbors permit decision process. The public comment period provides you the opportunity submit your comments to DTSC.

This fact sheet provides information on:

- The facility location and operations,
- DTSC's permit process,
- California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and
- Opportunities for public involvement.

Public Comment Period



February 12 to April 1, 2016

A public comment period is being held to receive public comments on the Draft Permit. All comments must be postmarked or emailed by **April 1, 2016**, and sent to:

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A public hearing is not scheduled but will be considered if requested.

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Facility Description and History

The Clean Harbors facility is a rail terminal situated in the Port of Redwood City in an area zoned General Industrial.

This facility is a hazardous materials transfer facility; hazardous wastes are not treated at this site. Operations involve the transfer of hazardous wastes to and from railcars and trucks. Transfer is defined as the loading, unloading, pumping or packaging of hazardous wastes. These operations are regulated by DTSC. The transfer operations in the Clean Harbors facility is the pumping of hazardous wastes from one container to another. The transfer occurs within a containment structure designed to hold accidental releases from either the tanker truck or the railcar. Air emissions from the loading stations are controlled by existing air pollution control equipment permitted by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD). Once tanker trucks or railcars are at the rail facility and contain hazardous wastes, they may remain on site for no more than 10 days. The wastes are generally organic solvents which are sent to various facilities for further treatment.

DTSC approved an expansion of secondary containment as part of the 2002 permit. The ownership of the facility changed in 2007 from Romic to Clean Harbors. In 2011, Clean Harbors applied for a Class I permit Modification and expanded the secondary containment.

Enforcement History

DTSC has the authority to conduct inspections, sampling activities, inspect and copy documents, and take photographs at sites or establishments where hazardous wastes are stored, handled, processed, treated, or disposed. DTSC has been conducting regular inspections at the Clean Harbors facility since 2000. The most recent 2015 inspection report found a minor violation related to training deficiency.

Standardized Permit Renewal Process

California law requires any hazardous waste storage and transfer facility, such as the Clean Harbors facility, to conduct its activities according to a permit issued by DTSC. This permit is valid for a 10 year period and an application must be submitted for renewal. Once an application is received, DTSC conducts a review of the application. When the review is completed, DTSC proposes a permit determination and prepares a draft hazardous waste facility permit (as in this case), or proposes a permit denial. DTSC then issues a public notice requesting comment from the public. Comments made by the public, applicant, and other agencies are considered in making the final permit decision. California law requires any hazardous waste storage and transfer facility to conduct its activities in ways that protect human health and environment.

Draft Permit Renewal Decision

Renewal of the Standardized Hazardous Waste Facility Permit Series B (Standardized Permit) for Clean Harbors. would allow them to continue to use the rail terminal in the Port of Redwood City for the transfer of hazardous waste. Clean Harbors must follow all conditions of the permit

A maximum of four railroad cars and two tanker trucks are to be in the facility at any one time with 110,900 gallons the maximum volume of hazardous waste that may be transferred. Stormwater or washwater in the containment unit must be analyzed to determine if it is hazardous waste. The facility is required to test the groundwater in the new permit.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

DTSC reviewed a previous Negative Declaration prepared for issuance of the 2002 permit and determined that the Negative Declaration provided an accurate description of proposed project activities and potential environmental impacts, and that the conditions requiring

preparation of a new environmental impact report are not present. Therefore, no additional CEQA documentation is necessary to support renewal of the Standardized Permit.

Opportunities for Public Involvement

DTSC encourages the public to become involved in the Clean Harbors Port of Redwood City permit decision process. The public comment period provides you the opportunity submit your comments to DTSC. The public comment period begins on **February 12, 2016 and ends on April 1, 2016**. All public comments must be **postmarked or emailed by April 1, 2016**, and sent to:

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DTSC will review and respond in writing to all public comments received. A response to comments document will be available to all those who submitted public comments in writing and to those who request a copy. DTSC will also notify the applicant of the final Permit decision as well as each person who submitted comments or requested notice. This notice will include procedures for appealing the Permit decision.

For More Information

The draft Standardized Permit, Statement of Basis, and other documents are available for public review locally at:

**Redwood City Library,
1044 Middlefield Road
Redwood City, CA 94063
tel: (650) 780-7018 (call for hours)**

Information about the Site is online at:

https://www.hwmpenvirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/screens/menu.asp?global_id=CAD982439895

Administrative Record:

The administrative record may be viewed by appointment **Monday - Friday between 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.** at:

**DTSC Sacramento Office
8800 Cal Center Drive
Sacramento, California 95826**

All data submitted by the applicant is part of the administrative record.

DTSC Contact Information

If you have questions or concerns regarding the draft Permit, want further information or a copy of the draft Permit, Statement of Basis, or the permit application please contact:

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Figure 1: Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc. Port of Redwood City Facility

