

# COMMUNITY Notice

The mission of DTSC is to protect California's people and environment from harmful effects of toxic substances through the restoration of contaminated resources, enforcement, regulation and pollution prevention.

## DRAFT HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY PERMIT AND PROPOSED CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT NEGATIVE DECLARATION

### DK Environmental

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites public comments on the draft Hazardous Waste Facility Permit (Permit) for DK Environmental (DKE) located at 3650 E. 26th Street in Vernon, California. Approval of the Permit would allow DKE to transfer and store hazardous waste in containers/drum in a new container storage area and to continue railcar activities, which were authorized under the Consent Order Number HWCA 2004-0437 (Consent Order), issued by DTSC in January 2007. If approved, the Permit would allow DKE to continue transfer and storage activities for the next 10 years.

DKE will manage the following types of hazardous waste:

- Used oil
- Used antifreeze (Ethylene Glycols)
- Oily water
- Aqueous solution (i.e. water mixtures contaminated with heavy metals and organics, solutions containing halogenated and non-halogenated solvents)
- Fuels blend (i.e. ignitable wastes from off-site, high halide oil, used oil, paint related material, petroleum refining liquids, liquids containing oxygenated or petroleum solvents).
- Solids and Debris (i.e. contaminated soil, contaminated absorbent, contaminated concrete, contaminated debris from site cleanup, and spill cleanup).
- Polychlorinated Biphenyl (PCB) waste (i.e. used oil, oily water, tank or equipment decontamination rinsate solution contaminated with PCBs).

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**July 12, 2012 to August 28, 2012**

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A public hearing will be held to receive public comments for the Permit and CEQA Neg Dec on **August 16, 2012 at 6 pm** at:

Resurrection Church  
3324 Opal Street  
Los Angeles, California 90023  
(323) 268-1141



## FACILITY DESCRIPTION AND HISTORY

DKE is located at 3650 E. 26th Street on approximately 2.4 acres of land. DKE and surrounding area are zoned for heavy industrial and commercial land uses with no residential zoning within a half mile radius. Since 1961, the DKE has been used for a variety of hazardous waste treatment and storage operations.

Chem-Tech, the previous owner, operated under a hazardous waste facility permit until March 2006 receiving off-site hazardous waste. Under the Consent Order, DKE has been allowed to continue the rail transfer operations. In the meantime, DKE began closure procedures for the other areas. DKE submitted a hazardous waste permit application on February 9, 2009 to continue operations. Currently, the facility receives and transfers up to 2,600,000 gallons of liquid waste and 6,750 tons of solid waste annually for offsite treatment and/or disposal.

## WHY A PERMIT IS NECESSARY

California law requires hazardous waste storage and transfer activities, such as those conducted by DKE, to be performed in accordance with permits issued by DTSC in accordance with the requirements specified in California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 4.5 and California Health and Safety Code (H&SC). Permits are developed after DTSC's detailed technical review of the facility's permit application and are intended to ensure that the facility operate in a manner that protects human health and the environment. DTSC has determined the permit application submitted by DKE, complies with all applicable regulatory standards and requirements.

## CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

CEQA is a state law that requires the lead agency of a project to consider and disclose the environmental effects of the proposed project before approving or denying it. DTSC is the lead agency for completing

the CEQA process for the Permit requested by DKE. DTSC has completed an Initial Study, which concluded that the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment. As a result, DTSC has prepared a draft Negative Declaration (Neg Dec) for public review.

## Enforcement History

H&SC section 25185 provides DTSC with general authority to conduct inspections, conduct 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 conducted three compliance evaluation inspections at the facility since 2007 and no violations were reported, with the exception of a minor violation on the financial records review.

## HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENT RESULTS

DKE included a Human Health Risk Assessment (HHRA) in the permit application. The HHRA evaluated potential cancer and non-cancer health effects that could be caused by the facility's operations. The assessment included a variety of factors, such as the types and maximum amounts of waste to be stored and transferred, and all of the exposure pathways.

The HHRA concluded that this project does not have a significant impact to human health.

## CORRECTIVE ACTION PROGRAM

H&SC section 25200.10, requires DKE to take corrective action for all releases of hazardous waste or constituents from solid waste management units (SWMU) or hazardous waste management units at the facility. It also states that any permit issued by the Department shall require corrective action.

In 1989, DKE, was required by the United States Environmental Protection Agency to conduct corrective action under a Unilateral Order (No. 09-89-0022) (Order). The purpose of the Order was to address



hazardous waste releases from twenty seven SWMUs and two areas of concern discovered during a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Facility Assessment Report in 1988. The facility has already completed all of the corrective action work.

## INFORMATION REPOSITORIES

Robert Louis Stevenson Library  
803 Spence Street  
Los Angeles, California 90023  
(323) 268-4710; Call for hours

DTSC - File Room  
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Sacramento, California 95826  
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