



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Dow Chemical Company Draft Proposed Post-Closure Permit Renewal is Available for Public Comment Pittsburg, California



PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: October 24, 2007 through December 7, 2007

WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED?

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to review and comment on a Proposed Post-Closure Permit (Permit) application for Dow Chemical Company (Dow) located at 901 Loveridge Road in Pittsburg. The issuance of the post-closure permit is for the Monofill Landfill located on the Dow property. Dow is an existing facility and the permit will require the facility to continue to maintain the Monofill Landfill.

DTSC regulates the generation, storage, treatment and disposal of hazardous waste in California. A Permit enables DTSC to effectively regulate the hazardous waste management activities at facilities. Permits are prepared after DTSC's detailed technical review, and are intended to ensure that facilities operate in a manner that protects human health and the environment.

Dow consists of an industrial section of approximately 450 acres, about half of which is undeveloped. In addition, Dow owns 200 acres of land, which have been restored as wetlands preserve and wildlife habitat, and another 350 acres of open fields to the south and east of the facility. The facility develops and produces products for agricultural operations, pest control services, pulp and paper manufacturers, carpet and flooring mills. The facility is also the location of a bulk chemical storage terminal for the distribution of Dow produced chemicals.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT - NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Under the California Environmental Quality Act, DTSC must evaluate whether the proposed action may have any significant impacts on human health and the environment. As part of this evaluation, DTSC has proposed a Notice of Exemption (NOE) which concludes that renewal of this facility's permit will not result in any impact to human health or the environment. The draft NOE is available for public review, along with other supporting documents.

WHY THIS NOTICE?

The purpose of this notice is to provide you with the opportunity to learn more about the Draft Post-Closure Permit Renewal and to provide comments to DTSC, within forty-five (45) days of this notice.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

Your participation is encouraged. Comments concerning the Draft Post-Closure Permit Renewal may be submitted in writing to Mr. Peter Bailey, DTSC Project Manager, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, California 95826, or e-mail: Pbailey@dtsc.ca.gov. All mail must be postmarked by 5 PM on December 7, 2007. E-mailed comments must be received by DTSC no later than 5 PM on the same date.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the Draft Post-Closure Permit Renewal is available for review in the Information Repositories located at Pittsburg Library, 80 Power Avenue, Pittsburg, California 94565 or Department of Toxic Substances Control, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, California 95826.

CONTACT:

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the project, please contact Mr. Peter Bailey, DTSC Project Manager, at (916) 255-3602 or by e-mail to Pbailey@dtsc.ca.gov. For public participation activities, please contact Ms. Kim Rhodes, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (916) 255-3651 or by e-mail to Krhodes1@dtsc.ca.gov. Members of the media should contact Ms. Jeanne Garcia, DTSC Public Information Officer, at (818) 551-2176 or by email to Jgarcia1@dtsc.ca.gov.