



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

### Occidental of Elk Hills, Inc. Request Renewal of Post-Closure Permit for 27R Hazardous Waste Trench Tupman, California



**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** April 11 through May 26, 2008

**WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED:** The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to review and comment on the proposed Post-Closure Permit Renewal for Occidental of Elk Hills, Inc. (OEHI), 27R Hazardous Waste Trench (27R Unit) located at 28590 Highway 119 in Tupman. OEHI oversees oil and gas production throughout most of the Elk Hills Oil Field. Between 1975 and 1985, the 27R Unit was used to dispose of oil field wastes, primarily tank bottoms and neutralized acids.

The current Post-Closure Permit for 27R Unit was issued on December 31, 1997. 27R Unit is located in a portion of the Elk Hills Oil Field formerly referred to as the Naval Petroleum Reserve Number 1. 27R Unit consisted of five adjacent surface impoundments or trenches, which made up one waste management unit that covered 4.5 acres and held tank bottoms and neutralized acids. If the proposed Permit is approved, OEHI will be allowed to continue to maintain the closure cover for 27R Unit, continue to conduct environmental monitoring, and maintenance of financial mechanism to fund the Post-Closure activities. There are no physical changes proposed in the Permit.

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 developed after DTSC's detailed technical review, and are intended to ensure that the facility operates in a manner that protects human health and the environment.

**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT – NOTICE OF EXEMPTION:** DTSC evaluated any possible environmental impacts associated with the proposed operation of this facility, as required by the California Environmental Quality Act. DTSC has prepared a Notice of Exemption which states that the hazardous waste facility would not have significant impacts to human health and the environment. The findings are documented and are available for public review and comment in the information repositories.

**WHY THIS NOTICE:** The purpose of this notice is to provide you with the opportunity to learn more about the proposed Post-Closure Permit 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 proposed Post-Closure Permit may be submitted in writing to Peter Bailey, DTSC Project Manager, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, California 95826, or e-mail [Pbailey@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:Pbailey@dtsc.ca.gov). All mailed and e-mailed comments must be dated by **5 p.m. on May 26, 2008**.

**WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION:** A copy of the proposed Post-Closure Permit and the CEQA Notice of Exemption is available for review in the Information Repositories located at Buttonwillow Branch, 116 Buttonwillow Drive, Buttonwillow, 93206 and The Department of Toxic Substances Control, Sacramento Regional Office, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, 95826.

**CONTACT:** If you have any questions or wish to discuss the project, please contact Peter Bailey, DTSC Project Manager, at (916) 255-3602 or by e-mail to [Pbailey@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto: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](mailto:Krhodes1@dtsc.ca.gov). Members of the media should contact Ms. Jeanne Garcia, DTSC Public Information Officer, at (818) 717-6573 or by e-mail to [Jgarcia1@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:Jgarcia1@dtsc.ca.gov).