

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.

HAZARDOUS WASTE POST CLOSURE PERMIT FOR FORWARD LANDFILL WASTE MANAGEMENT UNIT A

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The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is overseeing the renewal of the Post Closure Permit (Permit) for Waste Management Unit (WMU) A at Forward Landfill, Inc. (Facility) located at 9999 South Austin Road, Stockton, California 95336. WMU A is approximately 8 acres and contains 320,000 cubic yards of waste and operated from 1973 until 1984. Currently, it is a closed hazardous waste disposal landfill unit that is undergoing post-closure monitoring, inspection, and maintenance. No additional waste has been placed in WMU A since 1994.

Closure construction of WMU A consisted of a waterproof clay cover system, groundwater monitoring system, a surface drainage control system, a leachate collection and removal system, and a landfill gas collection and detection system. The closure construction was completed in 1989. A post-closure permit was issued on January 2, 1990, to require post-closure monitoring and maintenance activities. Environmental investigations found that WMU A contains sludge from mining operations and contaminated soils. The sludge exhibits toxic hazardous waste characteristics of barium and strontium. The contaminated soils exhibit hazardous waste characteristics of zinc, lead, copper, magnesium, aluminum, silicon, nickel, cadmium, silver and chloride.

Public Comment Period



**February 22, 2016 –
April 8, 2016**

DTSC will accept written comments on the post closure permit during the public comment period from: **February 22, 2016 - April 8, 2016**. Send all written comments by: **April 8, 2016**. Send to:

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DTSC will consider holding a public hearing, if requested.

SITE OPERATIONS

The Facility is located at 9999 South Austin Road, Stockton, California 95336, an area which is largely used for industrial and commercial uses. The WMU A had been operating from 1973 until 1984. The primary waste material found in WMU A is barium and strontium sludge from mining operations, in addition to other wastes in muds and soils.

The Facility's current operating disposal site includes: 1) landfill waste management areas for waste treatment and disposal, 2) a transfer station/resource recovery facility for separating, sorting and recycling activities, and 3) storage and support areas. At the present, the Facility is comprised of several non-hazardous WMUs in various stages (operating, proposed to be constructed, inactive, and closed).

Closure construction of WMU A consisted of a leak-proof impermeable clay cover system, a groundwater monitoring system, a surface drainage control system, a leachate collection and removal system, and a landfill gas collection and detection system. Closure construction was completed in 1989.

WHY A HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY PERMIT IS NECESSARY?

California law requires a hazardous waste facility that leaves hazardous materials, hazardous waste or hazardous waste constituents at the Facility to obtain a post closure permit for any monitoring and maintenance activities, such as those conducted by the Facility for the WMU A to be performed in accordance with the requirements specified in California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 4.5 and the California Health and Safety Code (H&SC). Permits are developed after DTSC's detailed technical review of the Facility's post closure permit application and are intended to ensure that the Facility operates in a manner that protects human health and the environment. DTSC has determined the permit application submitted by the Facility complies with all applicable regulatory standards and requirements. If approved, the permit will be issued for 10 years. Under this permit the Facility will continue conducting the post closure activities for WMU A.

COMPLIANCE HISTORY

DTSC inspects the Facility on a regular basis to ensure the facility is in compliance with California laws, regulations and permit conditions. The following inspections were over the last eight years:

Date of Inspection/ Finding	Subject Matter of Inspection/Finding	Violation Record
June 17, 2014	Compliance Evaluation Inspection and a groundwater audit	No Violation
August 11, 2014	Financial Records Review	Violation Corrected
January 20, 2011	Compliance Evaluation Inspection	No Violation
February 8, 2011	Financial Records Review	No Violation
October 26, 2009	Land Use Restriction Inspection	Violation Corrected
June 10, 2008	Compliance Evaluation Inspection	Violation Corrected
August 25, 2008	Financial Records Review	No Violation

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), DTSC must evaluate whether the Permit 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 activities will not result in any impact to human health or the environment. Therefore, an NOE has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of California Code of Regulations, title 14, Section 15061.

NEXT STEPS

DTSC encourages public participation in our decision making process and invites the public to review and comment on the Hazardous Waste Post Closure Permit. Before making a final determination on the Hazardous Waste Post Closure Permit, DTSC will review and respond in writing to all public comments. A Response to Comments document will be provided to all those who submitted public comments and to those who request a copy. A copy of the Response to Comments will also be placed in the information repositories.

INFORMATION REPOSITORIES

The Hazardous Waste Post Closure Permit, proposed CEQA Notice of Exemption, and DTSC's Statement of Basis can be reviewed at the information repositories listed below:

Manteca Public Library

320 W. Center Street

Manteca, California 95336

(209) 937-8221; Call for hours

DTSC Sacramento Regional File Room

8800 Cal Center Drive

Sacramento, California 95826

(916) 255-3758; Call for appointment

or DTSC Envirostor website at:

http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/hwmp_profile_report.asp?global_id=CAD990794133

DTSC's Office of Permitting - Sacramento (address above) is processing the permit application and has prepared the post closure permit. The administrative record, including the draft Permit, the Statement of Basis, the application, and related documents may be viewed by appointment between 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. at the Sacramento Office. All data submitted by the applicant is available as part of the administrative record. The Statement of Basis briefly describes how the conditions of the draft permit were derived and the reasons for them.

DTSC CONTACTS

Please contact the following individuals with any questions or concerns you may have regarding the draft Permit Renewal.

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