

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

GENERAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT OF RANCHO CORDOVA, LLC CONSENT ORDER, DOCKET HWCA 20091998 Rancho Cordova, California

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD **October 22, 2010 through November 21, 2010**

What is being proposed? The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to comment on an enforcement action settlement document, Consent Order HWCA 20091998. DTSC negotiated this Consent Order with General Environmental Management of Rancho Cordova, LLC (GEM), doing business as PSC Environmental Services of Rancho Cordova, LLC. This Consent Order addresses violations of the Hazardous Waste Control Law (California Health and Safety Code, Division 20, Chapter 6.5) determined during a DTSC Compliance Evaluation Inspection of GEM which began on March 11, 2009. The violations include: exceeding the permitted facility hazardous waste quantity limit, storing hazardous waste in unauthorized areas of the facility, storing hazardous waste outside the authorized facility, and storing hazardous waste without required secondary containment. Under the Consent Order, GEM will pay a total settlement of \$600,000. \$574,000 is a penalty, and \$26,000 is reimbursement of DTSC costs. The final payment is due in April 2011.

GEM has returned to compliance on all violations. In addition, since the inspection, the GEM facility was purchased by PSC Environmental Services (PSC). DTSC has settled this case with PSC. PSC has made changes in both facility personnel and procedures at the facility.

Why is DTSC providing a public comment period for this settlement? DTSC is seeking public comment as part of its ongoing effort to provide transparency in all of its programs. DTSC wishes to ensure that this settlement has taken into account all relevant facts and considerations in settling this case. DTSC will only consider changes to this settlement if comments provide facts or considerations showing that this settlement is inappropriate, improper or inadequate.

Written comments on this Consent Order must be submitted **no later than November 21, 2010**. Comments sent by fax should also be mailed. Comments sent only by mail must be postmarked by November 23, 2010. All comments should refer to the General Environmental Management of Rancho Cordova Consent Order, and must be sent to: Mr. Paul S. Kewin, Enforcement and Emergency Response Program, Department of Toxic Substances Control, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, CA 95826. Comments may be sent by fax to (916) 255-6446. DTSC will only consider changes to this settlement if comments provide facts or considerations showing that this settlement is inappropriate, improper or inadequate.

Where do I get more information? The Consent Order is available at DTSC's office located at 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, CA 95826, (916) 255-3545, and on DTSC's web site at: <http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/EnforcementOrders.cfm>, then scroll down to General Environmental Management of Rancho Cordova.

For additional information, questions or to discuss the Consent Order, please contact Mr. Paul S. Kewin, Enforcement and Emergency Response Program, at (916) 255-3718, e-mail pkewin@dtsc.ca.gov.

NOTICE TO HEARING IMPAIRED INDIVIDUALS: TDD users may use the California Relay Service at 1-888-877-5378 (TDD) and ask to speak to Paul Kewin at (916) 255-3718.