



Public Notice

Draft Standardized Hazardous Waste Facility Permit And Proposed Negative Declaration

General Atomics

3550 General Atomics Court
San Diego, California 92121
EPA I.D. No. CAD 067 638 957

The California Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), requests comments on a draft Standardized Permit and proposed Negative Declaration for hazardous waste treatment and storage facility at General Atomics. General Atomics is located at 3550 General Atomics Court in San Diego, California. If approved, the permit will allow General Atomics to continue to store and treat onsite generated mixed wastes at its existing facilities plus two new container rinsing units. Mixed waste is generated from the decontamination and demolition of nuclear facilities and has both hazardous waste and low-level radioactive characteristics. The treatment processes would be limited to waste consolidation, drying, neutralization, filtration, solidification and container rinsing. The permit would allow General Atomic the capacity to store mixed waste for no longer than one year.

DTSC has evaluated the potential environmental impact of this project as required by, and in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). DTSC proposes to issue a Negative Declaration for this project. The proposed Negative Declaration states that pursuant to the CEQA Section 21064, the proposed project would not result in significant adverse impacts to human health and the environment.

The public is invited to comment on the draft Standardized Permit and proposed Negative Declaration during the public comment period, which starts November 19, 2001 and ends January 7, 2002. A Workshop and Public Hearing will be held during the comment period on December 19, 2001 (see details below), during which oral comments will be taken on the record. After the close of the comment period, DTSC will make final determinations after considering all comments. All those who comment will be notified of the final permit decision. Written comments must be postmarked by January 7, 2002. Mail comments and requests to:

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On Wednesday December 19, 2001, there will be a Public Workshop from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. to answer questions from the community about the proposed hazardous waste facility permit. A Public Hearing will follow at 6:00 p.m., at which members of the public will be encouraged to make their comments. The meeting will take place at:

San Diego City Public Library
La Jolla/ Riford Branch
7555 Draper Avenue
La Jolla, California 92037

The full administrative record for this project is available for review in the DTSC Berkeley office file room at the address above, please call 510-540-3800 for an appointment.



The Draft Standardized Hazardous Waste Facility Permit and the proposed Negative Declaration are available at the San Diego City Public Library/ La Jolla/ Riford Branch.

For further information please call Jesus Cruz, Public Participation Specialist at (510) 540-3933. For media inquiries, please call Jeanne Garcia (818) 551-2176.