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State of California



Renewal of Post-Closure Permit Proposed for the Golden Eagle Refinery, Tesoro Facility Waste Management Unit 17

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to review and comment on a proposed renewal of a Hazardous Waste Post-Closure Permit (Permit) for Waste Management Unit 17 (WMU 17) at the Golden Eagle Refinery, Tesoro Facility (Facility) located at 150 Solano Way in Martinez, California. A Post-Closure Permit is issued when an owner or operator ceases to operate a land disposal facility; the facility must close in accordance with an approved closure plan and commence post-closure care for a minimum of 30 years.

On July 30, 1998, DTSC issued the Golden Eagle Refinery a Post-Closure Permit for WMU 17 which is currently due for renewal. WMU 17 was utilized from 1966 to 1983 as oily waste storage ponds. During the time of operation, the oily waste remained in the ponds for six to nine months, prior to being recycled. The WMU 17 ponds occupy approximately four acres of the 2100 acre Facility. Materials placed in WMU 17 included typical refinery wastes such as separator sludge, dissolved air floatation solids, slop oil emulsion solids, and crude oil and unleaded tank bottoms.

Public Comment Period

The 45-day public comment period for the proposed Permit begins on May 22 and ends July 6, 2009. Copies of the proposed Permit, CEQA Notice of Exemption, and supporting documents can be viewed at the information repositories listed in this Fact Sheet. Written and e-mailed comments must be postmarked by the last day of the comment period, and sent to:

Scott Ward, Project Manager
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8800 Cal Center Drive
Sacramento, CA 95826
e-mail comments to: Sward@dtsc.ca.gov

A public meeting or hearing is not scheduled for this Permit renewal at this time; however, if you feel one is warranted you can request a meeting or hearing by contacting Jesus Cruz, Public Participation Specialist, toll-free at 866-495-5651 or 916-255-3651 or by e-mail JCruz@dtsc.ca.gov. In your request please indicate the reason(s) for the request and DTSC will evaluate if a meeting is warranted.

Since the previous permit was issued, no physical changes to the site are proposed for the renewed Permit. If the proposed Permit is approved, the current activities, such as inspections, environmental monitoring and maintenance will continue for the next 10 years.

In addition to the proposed Permit, DTSC also issued a Notice of Exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) which is available for public review.

Why a Permit is Necessary

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. DTSC is authorized to impose special conditions in this Permit pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25200(a) and the regulations in California Code of Regulations, title 22, division 4.5, governing tanks, containers, and other facility and operation standards. Permits are developed after DTSC's technical review, and are intended to ensure that the facility operates in a manner that protects human health and the environment.

Facility Description

Operations at the Facility began in 1913 and now encompass an area of 2,100 acres. Approximately 145,000 barrels of petroleum crude oil are processed at the Facility per day. Primary products produced are gasoline and diesel fuel, while other products include liquid petroleum gas, heating oil, and petroleum coke.

The subject of this Permit renewal is restricted however to the 4 acres which comprise WMU 17. WMU 17 was constructed in 1966 and consisted of two rectangular shaped ponds. WMU 17 was utilized from 1966 to 1983 as oily waste storage ponds with residence times of 6 to 9 months. At the time of closure, the depth of both ponds were approximately 6 feet below ground surface, and the areas of the west and east ponds were approximately 425 by 150 feet and 500 by 175 feet, respectively. In December 1983 WMU 17 was removed from service. Upon closure, wastes were removed and the ponds were backfilled. The ponds are now capped by an engineered cover system whose installation was approved by the Department of Health Services and USEPA in 1988.

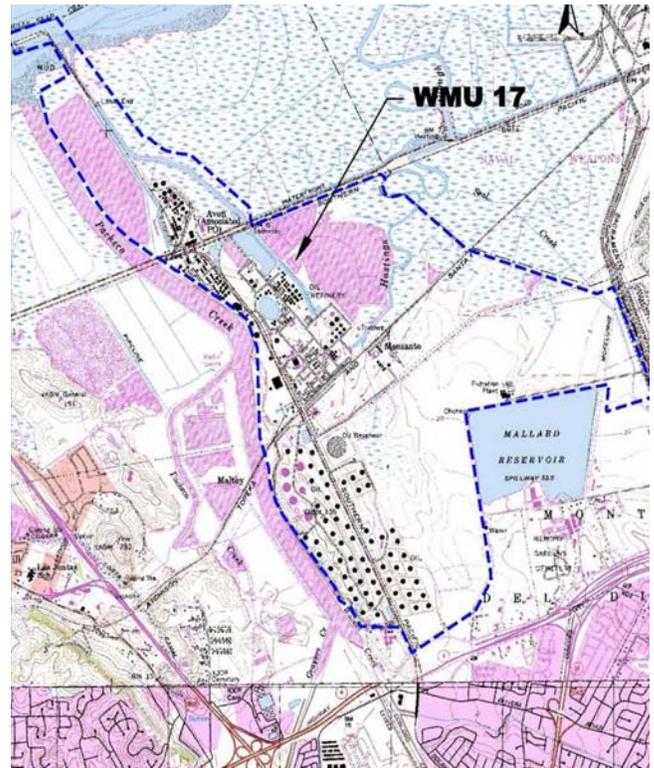


Figure 1. Golden Eagle Tesoro WMU 17, Martinez, CA

Enforcement History

DTSC inspects the Golden Eagle Refinery WMU 17 on a regular basis to ensure compliance with California laws, regulations, and Permit conditions. No violations were found during inspections over the past five years. Inspection reports are available for review at DTSC Sacramento Regional Office located at 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, California 95826.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Notice of Exemption

DTSC evaluated any possible environmental impacts associated with the proposed Permit renewal of WMU 17, as required by the CEQA. DTSC has prepared a Notice of Exemption (NOE) which states that renewing the Facility's hazardous waste post-closure Permit for WMU 17 would not have significant impacts to human health and the environment. The NOE is available for public review along with other supporting documents in the information repositories listed herein.

You can Participate in DTSC's Permitting Decisions

The proposed Permit, Notice of Exemption, and other site-related documents are available for public review at the information repositories listed below:

DTSC Sacramento Regional Office

Sacramento Regional Records Room
8800 Cal Center Drive
Sacramento, CA 95826
Phone: (916) 255-3758
(Please call for an appointment)

Martinez Library

740 Court Street
Martinez, CA 94553
(925) 646-2898 (call for library hours)

Web Access

To view electronic versions of the proposed Permit, Notice of Exemption and other related documents, please visit DTSC's EnviroStor website: www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/ Enter 'Martinez' as the City and select Golden Eagle Refinery, then click on 'Report' to view the listing of available documents.

You may also visit www.dtsc.ca.gov for additional information.

For More Information

Please contact any of the following individuals with your questions or concerns:

For questions regarding the proposed Permit or Notice of Exemption, please contact Mr. Scott Ward, Project Manager, at (916) 255-3581 or by e-mail to Sward@dtsc.ca.gov.

For questions regarding Public Participation, please contact Jesus Cruz, DTSC Public Participation, toll-free at (866) 495-5651 or (916) 255-3315 or by e-mail to Jcruz@dtsc.ca.gov.

For questions from the media, please contact Ms. Claudia Loomis, DTSC Public Information Officer, at (916) 255-6578 or by e-mail to Cloomis@dtsc.ca.gov.

Notice to Hearing Impaired Individuals
TDD users can use the California Relay Service at 1-888-877-5378, please ask to speak with Mr. Jesus Cruz at (916) 255-3315.

Comment Form and Mail Coupon Renewal of Post-Closure Permit for Golden Eagle Refinery, Tesoro Facility, WMU 17

You may use this sheet to send your comments or to be added or removed from the mailing list. If you use this form to send us your comments, please include your name and address. All written comments must be postmarked no later than July 6, 2009. Please send this form to:

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