

Fact Sheet May 2010



DEPARTMENT OF
TOXIC SUBSTANCES
CONTROL

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Department of Toxic
Substances Control is
to provide the
highest level of safety,
and to protect public
health and the
environment from
toxic harm.*



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DRAFT HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY PERMIT RENEWAL

Heraeus Metal Processing, LLC.

Santa Fe Springs, California

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites public comments on the proposed renewal of the Draft Standardized Hazardous Waste Facility Permit, Series B, for Heraeus Metal Processing, LLC., 15524 Carmenita Road, Santa Fe Springs, California. (see information box below)



Public Comment Period

The comment period for the Draft Permit Renewal begins on May 28, and ends on July 12, 2010. Copies of the draft Negative Declaration and supporting documents can be viewed at the information repositories listed on page 3 in this fact sheet. Written comments must be postmarked by the last day of the comment period, and sent to:

Joanna Louie, DTSC Project Manager,
700 Heinz Avenue,
Berkeley, California 94710-2721

DTSC invites you to a Public Meeting to take place on June 29, 2010 at 6:00 P.M. at the Downey Public Library, located at 11121 Brookshire Avenue, in Downey (562) 904-4360. Please send your written comments or requests to Joanna Louie, DTSC Project Manager at the address listed above.



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 History and Description

Heraeus Metal Processing, LLC. (Facility) is a precious metal recycling facility that recovers and refines precious metals including gold, silver, platinum, palladium, and rhodium. Precious metals are recovered from materials such as ores and concentrates, industrial catalysts, ceramics, off specification bullion and solutions, and scrap precious metals and alloys. Recovered metals are further refined to their pure states for formation into precious metal compounds, or they are fabricated into various shapes and sizes for industrial uses. The Facility extracts the precious metal from scrap materials by storing and cleaning the precious metal extracts in a series of tanks, which are the subject of this Permit.

Prior to the year 2000, the Facility had been in operation since 1972 as PGP Industries, Inc. Heraeus Metal Processing, Inc. acquired the Facility in the year 2000. In 2008, Heraeus Metal Processing, Inc., changed their name to Heraeus Metal Processing, LLC.

California Environmental Quality Act Notice of Exemption (CEQA)

A Negative Declaration has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq. and the CEQA Guidelines, section 15070 et seq. of California Code of Regulations, title 14.

Enforcement History

DTSC inspects Heraeus Metal Processing, LLC. on an annual basis to ensure compliance with California laws, regulations, and the Permit conditions. The results of those inspections during the past years are listed below:

- **Inspection Date: 02/28/ 1998**

Illegal storage of HW
Failure to manifest HW
Inadequate operating record

- **Inspection date: 03/26/02**

Illegal storage of HW
Failure to inspect HWSA and
Loading/unloading areas

- **Inspection Date: 01/20/2004**

Exceeded their permitted treatment
capacity
Failure to obtain detailed chemical
analysis
Illegal storage of HW

- **Inspection Date: 03/ 19/ 2007**

Inadequate inspection log
Failure to follow WAP

- **Inspection Date: 06/ 17/ 2008**

Failed to remedy tank discrepancies
identified in their tank certifications

- **Inspection Date: 06/ 2/2009**

Inadequate aisle space
Failure to provide training records
upon request

Inspection reports are available for review at DTSC, Berkeley Regional Office located at 700 Heinz Avenue, Berkeley, California 94710.

Information Repositories

The Draft Permit, Negative Declaration, and other site-related documents are available for public review at the information repositories listed below:

Santa Fe Springs Public Library

17000 Telegraph Road
Santa Fe Springs, California 90670
(562) 868-7738
Hours: 11 am to 8 p.m. Monday –Wed.
Thursday 10 am to 6 pm.
Friday ---Closed
Sat. 12 to 5 pm.
Sunday--Closed

DTSC Berkeley Office,

Lule Varela
700 Heinz Avenue
Berkeley, California 94710
(510) 540-3800
Call for an Appointment

The entire administrative record is available at the DTSC Berkeley office.

To view electronic versions of these documents, please visit DTSC's EnviroStor website:

<http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/>. Enter "Santa Fe Springs" as the City. Click on the link "Report" Heraeus Metal Processing for additional information.

For More Information Contact:

Please contact any of the following individuals with any questions or concerns you may have regarding Heraeus Metal Processing, LLC:

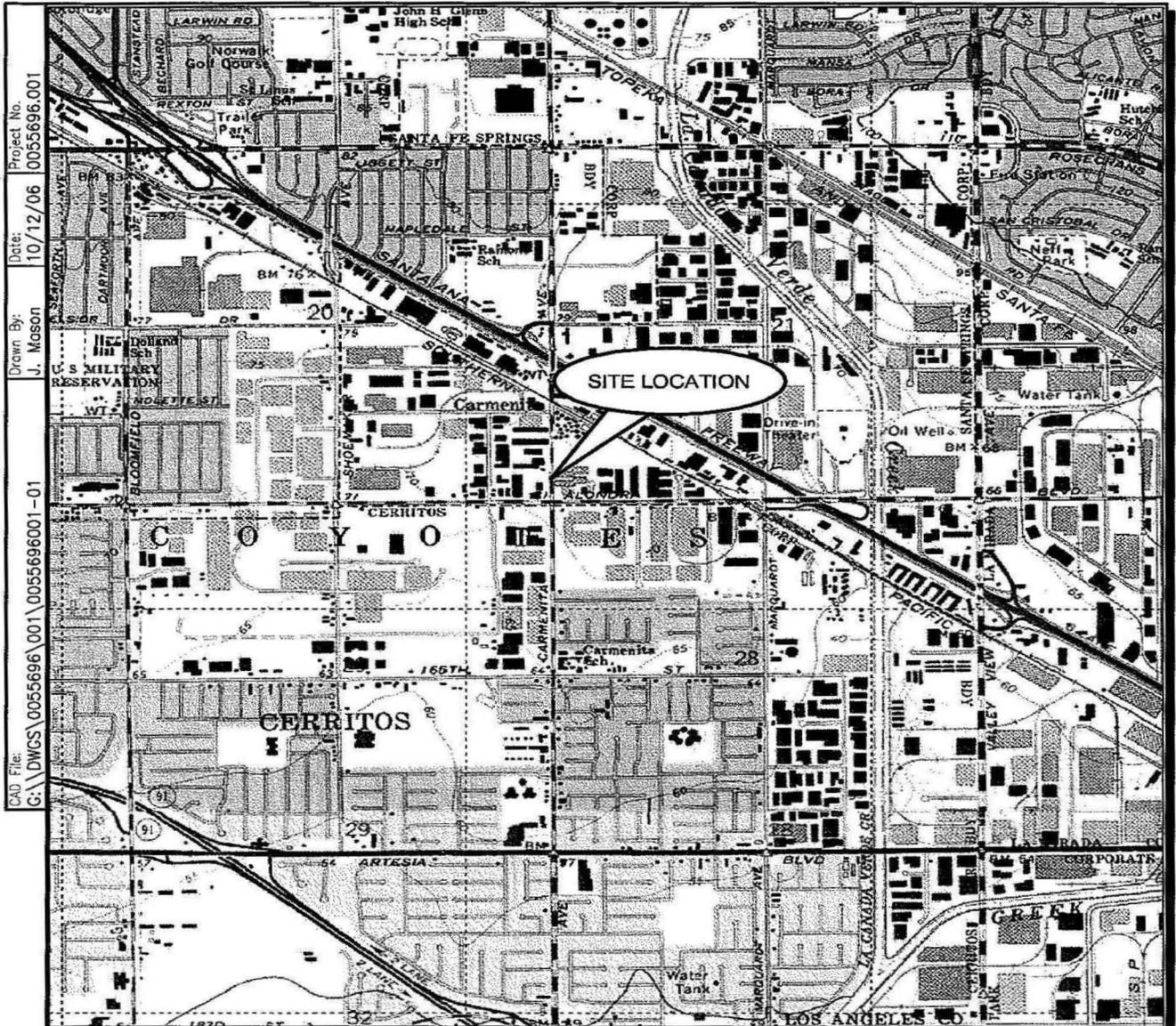
Please contact Ms. Joanna Louie, DTSC Project Manager, (510) 540-3957 or by e-mail at JLouie@dtsc.ca.gov

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

For media questions, please contact, Jeanne Garcia at (818) 717-6573 or by e mail at JGarcia1@dtsc.ca.gov

Notice to Hearing Impaired Individuals

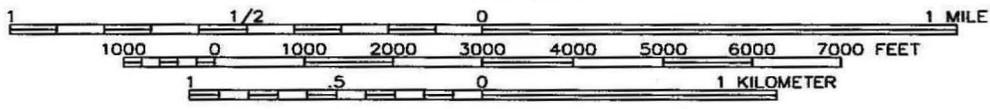
TDD users can use the California Relay Service at 1-888-877-5378, please ask to speak with Mr. Jesus Cruz at (916) 255-3315



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SITE LOCATION

SCALE 1:24,000



References:
 TOPO!® Software
 U.S.G.S. 7.5 Minute Series (Topographic) Quadrangle,
 Santa Fe Springs, California
 Dated: 1981

Site Location Map
Heraeus Metal Processing, Inc.
Santa Fe Springs, California

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