

Fact Sheet, May 2011



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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REVISED HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY PERMIT

Heraeus Metal Processing, LLC.

Santa Fe Springs, California

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites public comments on the proposed size increase for Container Storage Area S-1B in the Draft Standardized Hazardous Waste Facility Permit, Series B, for Heraeus Metal Processing, LLC. located at 15524 Carmenita Road, Santa Fe Springs.



Public Comment Period

The 45-day public comment period for the proposed size increase for Container Storage Area S-1B in the Revised Draft Permit begins on **May 10, 2011, and ends on June 24, 2011**. 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 has not scheduled a public hearing at this time, but one will be scheduled if requested. Please send your comments or requests to Joanna Louie, DTSC Project Manager at the address listed above, or e mail her at JLouie@dtsc.ca.gov For information on Public Participation, please contact **Mr. Jesus Cruz toll-free at 1-866-495-5651 or by e-mail at JCruz@dtsc.ca.gov**.

Para Ayuda en Español, llame a Jesus Cruz sin cobro al 1 (866) 495-5651



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.

Background and Changes to the Draft Permit

Heraeus Metal Processing, LLC. (Heraeus) 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. During the recovery and refining process, hazardous waste is generated. Heraeus received a Hazardous Waste Facility Permit (Permit) from DTSC in 1998 to store and treat the hazardous waste. The Permit expired on June 2, 2008. Heraeus applied to DTSC to renew their Permit. State law allows hazardous waste facilities to continue to operate under their old Permit until a decision has been made on their application.

DTSC reviewed Heraeus' application and found it to be technically complete. DTSC prepared a Draft Permit and proposed to issue a Negative Declaration to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for this project. DTSC announced the start of a 45-day public comment period for both the Draft Permit and the Proposed Negative Declaration, by placing a public notice in the English and Spanish local newspaper, mailing English and Spanish fact sheets to the surrounding residents,

and purchasing an ad on a local radio station. The public comment period started on May 28, 2010 and ended on July 12, 2010. A public meeting and hearing was held at the Downey Public Library on June 29, 2010 at 6 p.m. DTSC received one e-mail and one letter during the public comment period.

After the public comment had closed, the City of Santa Fe Springs Fire Department required Heraeus to increase the size of Container Storage Area S1-B from 34 feet by 15 ft to 46.67 feet by 53.25 feet to better segregate the waste. The capacity for Container Storage Area S1-B will remain 5,060 gallons. There will be no change to the types of waste stored in Container Storage Area S1-B. Since the original public comment period had closed at the time the Santa Fe Springs Fire Department submitted its requirement, DTSC is re-opening the public comment period to specifically address the increase in the area of Container Storage Area S1-B only.

Information Repositories

The Revised Draft Permit is 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: M - W 11:00am – 8:00pm
Thursday 10:00am – 6:00pm
Friday Closed
Saturday and Sunday 12:00pm – 5:00pm

DTSC Berkeley Office
Andre Alexander
700 Heinz Avenue
Berkeley, California 94710
(510) 540-3800
Call for an Appointment

The entire administrative record can be viewed 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, LLC. for additional information.

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 (916) 255-3315.

For More Information 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 (818) 717-6573 or e mail her at JGarcia1@dtsc.ca.gov

