

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR
DRAFT POSTCLOSURE PERMIT**

**JOHN SMITH ROAD LANDFILL
HOLLISTER, CALIFORNIA**

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is submitting for public review and comment the Draft Postclosure Permit for the John Smith Road Landfill (JSRL). The JSRL is located on John Smith Road near the city of Hollister in San Benito County, California. The Postclosure Permit describes the process to maintain and monitor the hazardous wastes that were historically disposed at the JSRL.

The public comment period begins Thursday, June 19, 2003, and ends Saturday, August 2, 2003. Written comments must be postmarked by August 1, 2003, and sent to:

Mr. Raymond Leclerc, P.E.
Department of Toxic Substances Control
8800 Cal Center Drive
Sacramento, CA 95826
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Interested parties can request a public hearing. Hearing requests must be sent to Raymond Leclerc at the address above and be received by the close of the public comment period. Hearing requests must state the reasons for a public hearing and the issues that would be aired at a public hearing.

DTSC is replacing the existing postclosure permit and issuing of a new postclosure permit for the Hazardous Waste Management Facility (HWMF) at John Smith Road Landfill. JSRL stopped receiving hazardous waste in 1983, and completed closure of the HWMF in 1993. The Closure Plan was approved by the DTSC with waste remaining in place in compliance with the Closure Plan. With closure certification, state and federal regulations require that a postclosure plan for a 30-year period be developed and implemented by the facility. As part of the adjacent municipal waste landfill (Class III) expansion, additional cover material will be added on top of the closed HWMF. This additional cover material will ensure adequate surface water runoff drainage and further minimize infiltration at the HWMF. The postclosure permit outlines the procedures to fulfill these regulatory requirements, which consist of three primary functions: (1) maintenance and operation of closure structures and treatment systems, (2) environmental monitoring, and (3) maintenance of financial mechanisms to fund the post-closure activities. In addition, soil and an additional cap will be placed over a portion of the HWMF in order to maintain adequate surface drainage as a result of the adjacent municipal landfill expansion. Based on data collected from the groundwater monitoring program, there is no evidence of releases from the HWMF at JSRL.

DTSC has reviewed the proposed postclosure activities and determined that they will not have an adverse effect on public health and the environment. Therefore, DTSC has exempted this project from the California Environmental Quality Act and has prepared a Notice of Exemption (NOE). The NOE is part of the administrative record for this project and a copy is located in the information repositories listed in this notice.

The Draft Postclosure Permit and other site-related documents are available for public review at the information repositories listed below. Also, the entire administrative record for the HWMF at JSRL is available for review at the DTSC office at 8800 Cal Center Drive.

San Benito County Integrated Waste Management Department
3220 Southside Road
Hollister, California 95023
(831) 636-4110

Department of Toxic Substances Control
8800 Cal Center Drive
Sacramento, California 95826
Contact: Jennifer Thomas at (916) 255-3560

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact either Raymond Leclerc, DTSC Project Manager at (916) 255-3582 or rleclerc@dtsc.ca.gov or Randy Sturgeon, DTSC Public Participation Specialist at (916) 255-3649 or rsturgeo@dtsc.ca.gov. For media questions, please contact Angela Blanchette, DTSC Public Information Officer at (510) 540-3732 or ablanche@dtsc.ca.gov.

NOTICE TO THE HEARING IMPAIRED

You can obtain additional information by using the California State Relay Service at 1-888-877-5378 (TDD). Ask them to contact Randy Sturgeon at (916) 255-3649 regarding the HWMF at JSRL.