

Fact Sheet
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DTSC Proposes Continuing Groundwater Treatment



KEARNEY - KPF, STOCKTON

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INTRODUCTION

The Department of Toxic Substances Control invites your comment on the permit renewal for the groundwater treatment system at the former Kearney-KPF facility, 1624 East Alpine Avenue in Stockton, California. We call this permit a Post-Closure Permit.

The facility closed in April 1991 and DTSC issued a Post-Closure Permit in March 1992.

This fact sheet introduces the former Kearney-KPF facility and gives you some background. Then we will tell you about:

- the public comment period;
- the groundwater treatment system;
- what our next steps will be;
- where to get more information.

BACKGROUND

KPF Electric Company (KPF) began operation at the East Alpine Facility in 1951. They manufactured high voltage switching devices for American and Canadian utility companies. Kearney-National Inc. bought KPF in June 1984. Both companies dumped rinse waters and spent acid into two low lying areas on the property.

Public Comment Period

Anyone may comment on this proposed action. Please send comments to:

Mr. Douglas O'Neal
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8800 Cal Center Drive

Sacramento, California 95826.

His email address is doneal@dtsc.ca.gov.

The Public Comment Period is April 12 through May 26, 2004.

Kearney-National named these areas pond one and pond two. Kearney also removed the soil from the two pond areas. They covered the two ponds with a clay cover in 1991.

In 1991, groundwater sampling revealed cleaning solvents in groundwater beneath the two ponds. To start cleanup, DTSC asked Kearney-National to build a groundwater treatment system. They put in six wells on the property and started this treatment system in 1992.

CURRENT TREATMENT SYSTEM

Kearney remotely operates five wells to pull out contaminated groundwater. They then pipe it over to a unit that treats the water with ultraviolet light. Then, they treat the water with peroxide. After, they pump air into the water stripping away any remaining solvents.

Kearney then discharges the treated water to a runoff basin and an injection well. Both put the water back into the ground.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

Under state law, we must judge whether the proposed actions will have any unfavorable effects on human health or the environment. We decided that the activities will not have any negative effects. Therefore, DTSC has prepared a proposed Notice of Exemption. DTSC has placed a copy in the Cesar Chavez Central Public Library in Stockton.

OUR NEXT STEPS

Anyone can request a public hearing on the proposed renewal of the Post-Closure Permit. Your request must state the reasons why you would like a public hearing and issues you want to raise. Please send your request to us before the end of the public comment period.

You may send this request to the two DTSC staff listed in the next section.

Before making a final decision on this proposal, we will review and respond to all public comments that we receive. We will send our responses to those who have commented or have shown interest in receiving our response to comments.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you have questions regarding the proposed Post-Closure Permit, please contact the following DTSC staff:

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For media inquiries, please contact Lisa Gray, DTSC Assistant Public Information Officer, at (916) 324-0936 or LGray@dtsc.ca.gov.

INFORMATION REPOSITORIES

The proposed Post-Closure Permit and other related documents are available for public review in the:
Cesar Chavez Central Library
605 North El Dorado Street
Stockton, CA 95202
(209) 937-8415

The entire administrative record is available at the DTSC Sacramento office. The administrative record includes copies of the proposed Post-Closure Permit, the California Environmental Quality Act proposed Notice of Exemption and other related documents.

NOTICE TO HEARING IMPAIRED INDIVIDUALS:

TDD users can obtain additional information about the former Kearney KPF facility by using the California State Relay Service (1-888-877-5378) and asking to reach Nathan Schumacher at (916) 255-3650 about Kearney-KPF.

Mailing List Coupon

If your address is on the envelope, then you are on the mailing list for the former Kearney-KPF facility. If not, you can be added to the mailing list. Please fill out this coupon and send it to Nathan Schumacher, DTSC, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, CA 95826.

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

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