

Public Notice

The mission of DTSC is to protect California's people and environment from harmful effects of toxic substances through the restoration of contaminated resources, enforcement, regulation and pollution prevention.

DTSC Receives Permit Renewal Application for the Kettleman Hills Facility, 35251 Old Skyline Road Kettleman City, California

On March 18, 2013, The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) received the Permit Renewal Application from Waste Management, Inc. DTSC will evaluate the application to determine if it is complete. DTSC may request additional information from Waste Management before determining completeness. If the application is determined to be complete, DTSC will then decide whether to prepare a draft permit or deny the application.

If DTSC renews the Permit, DTSC would allow the Kettleman Hills Facility to store, treat and dispose hazardous waste at its facility, 35251 Old Skyline Road, next to State Highway 41, 3 ½ miles from Kettleman City. This permit would be in effect for ten years.

Waste Management currently operates 9 permitted, active units to treat, store or dispose of hazardous waste at the Kettleman Hills Waste Management facility. The units include a Drum Storage Unit for storage of hazardous waste in containers, a Polychlorinated Biphenyl (PCB) Flushing and Storage Unit for draining and storing PCB liquids, two Bulk Storage Units for temporary storage of stabilized/unstabilized waste, a Final Stabilization Unit to treat hazardous waste, and three surface impoundments for solar evaporation of nonvolatile liquid wastes. The current permit also includes Landfill B-18 for land disposal of hazardous waste.

The Permit Renewal Application includes proposed changes including bulking waste at the Drum Storage Unit, bulking and expanding the containment area at the PCB Flushing and Storage Unit, stabilization of PCB waste and bulking at the Final Stabilization Unit, storage of PCB waste at Bulk Storage Units 1 and 2, using heavy duty plastic to seal treated waste and temporary storage of waste awaiting chemical analysis at Landfill B18. This application includes the design of the expanded Landfill B-18, which is proposed in a separate permit modification under review with DTSC.

The Permit Renewal Application and other supporting documents are available for review or copying at the following locations:

Avenal Library
Reference Department
501 East Kings Street
Avenal, CA 93204
(559) 386-5741

Hanford Library
401 North Douty Street
Hanford, CA 93230
(559) 582-0261

Kettleman City Library
106 Becky Pease Street
Kettleman City CA 93239
(559) 386-9804

The full administrative record for the facility is available for review at:

Department of Toxic Substances Control
8800 Cal Center Drive
Sacramento CA 95826

To make arrangements, please contact Amy Ly at (916) 255-4159



Documents are available for download from the DTSC web site at the following link:

http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/bwmp_profile_report.asp?global_id=CAT000646117.

As DTSC conducts the permit review process, you may contact the Office of Permitting with information, opinions and inquiries:

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For further information, or to be added to DTSC's mailing list, please contact:

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You may also contact Waste Management, Inc.:

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PO Box 471
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If you are from the media, please contact Sandy Nax, Public Information, at (916) 327-6114 or Sandy.Nax@dtsc.ca.gov.

NOTICE TO THE HEARING IMPAIRED

You can obtain additional information by using the California State Relay Service at 711 or 1-800-735-2929 (TDD). Ask them to contact Nathan Schumacher at (916) 255-3650 regarding the Kettleman Hills Facility.

Si desea información en español, comuníquese con Jesus Cruz a número gratis, 1 (866) 495-5651 or Jesus.Cruz@dtsc.ca.gov