



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.*



State of California



California
Environmental
Protection Agency

Fact Sheet, July 2008

Renewal of Post-Closure Permit Proposed for Montezuma Hills Facility

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to review and comment on the draft Post-Closure Permit Renewal (Permit) for Montezuma Hills Facility located at 6292 Little Honker Bay Road in Rio Vista. Montezuma Hills Facility consisted of a treatment, storage, and disposal Facility for Class I and II hazardous wastes from 1979 to 1986.



Aerial view of the Montezuma Facility

The current Post-Closure Permit for Montezuma Hills Facility was issued January 31, 1998. During its operation, the Facility utilized 12 surface impoundments for evaporation of liquid and sludge wastes. There are no physical changes proposed in the Permit.

In addition to the draft Permit, DTSC also proposes to issue a Notice of Exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) which is available for review.

Public Comment Period

The 45-day public comment period for the proposed Permit begins on **July 15** and ends on **August 28, 2008**. Copies of the draft Permit, CEQA Notice of Exemption and supporting documents can be viewed at the information repositories listed on page 3 in this fact sheet. Written and e-mailed comments must be postmarked by **August 28, 2008**, and sent to:

Peter Bailey, DTSC Project Manager
8800 Cal Center Drive
Sacramento, California 95826

Please e-mail comments to: Pbailey@dtsc.ca.gov

A public meeting or hearing is not scheduled for this project; however, if you feel one is warranted you can request a meeting or hearing by contacting Ms. Kim Rhodes, Public Participation Specialist, toll-free at 866-495-5651 or 916-255-3651 or by e-mail to Krhodes1@dtsc.ca.gov. In your request please indicate the reason(s) for the request and DTSC will evaluate if a meeting is warranted.



Facility History and Description

The Montezuma Hills Facility was closed in accordance with the California Environmental Protection Agency and DTSC approved Closure and Post-Closure Plans. Wastes disposed at the Facility were primarily liquids, sludge, and solids from oil and gas exploration and production activities, and the petroleum refining industry. During closure, the former waste management units were completed, excavated, and the sludge and sub-soil were deposited in an onsite waste consolidation landfill. A non-hazardous groundwater evaporation basin was also constructed to contain and evaporate recovered groundwater. Closure construction was completed in December 1991. The Facility is now considered in Post-Closure.



Liner and berm between two groundwater evaporation basins.

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. Permits are developed after DTSC's detailed technical review and are intended to ensure that the facility operates in a manner that protects human health and the environment.

California Environmental Quality Act – Notice of Exemption

DTSC evaluated any possible environmental impacts associated with the proposed activities of Montezuma Hills Facility, as required by the CEQA. DTSC has prepared a Notice of Exemption which states that the Hazardous Waste Facility would not have significant impacts to human health and the environment. The findings are available for review, along with other supporting documents in the information repositories located on page 3.

Enforcement History

DTSC inspects Montezuma Hills Facility on a regular basis to ensure they are in compliance with California laws, regulations, and the permit conditions.

April 4, 2007: IT Montezuma Hills failed to notify DTSC of any permit modifications when making changes to existing permit conditions or supporting documents referenced by the permit. *DTSC requested that Montezuma Hills provide a table of revisions made to their post closure permit supporting documents with their corresponding permit modification classes. Montezuma provided this information to DTSC as requested.*

February 10, 2004: No violations were observed.

Inspection reports are available for review at DTSC's regional office located at 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, California 95826.

You can Participate in our Permitting Decisions

The proposed Permit Renewal, Notice of Exemption, and other site-related documents are available for public review at the information repositories listed below. The entire administrative record is available in the DTSC office in Sacramento.

Rio Vista Library

44 South Second Street
Rio Vista, California 94571
Mon and Wed: 10 am - 6 pm
Tue and Thur: 10 am - 9 pm
Fri and Sat 10 am - 5 pm
Sunday - Closed

Department of Toxic Substances Control

Sacramento Regional Records Room
8800 Cal Center Drive
Sacramento, California 95826
Phone: (916) 255-3758 (Please call for an appointment)

To view **electronic versions** of the proposed Permit Renewal, CEQA Notice of Exemption and other related documents, please visit our DTSC's EnviroStor website: <http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/>. Enter "**Rio Vista**" as the City. Click on the link "Report" **Montezuma Hills Facility** for additional information.

For More Information Contact

Please contact any of the following individuals with any questions or concerns you may have regarding proposed Post-Closure Permit, CEQA Notice of Exemption or supporting documents:

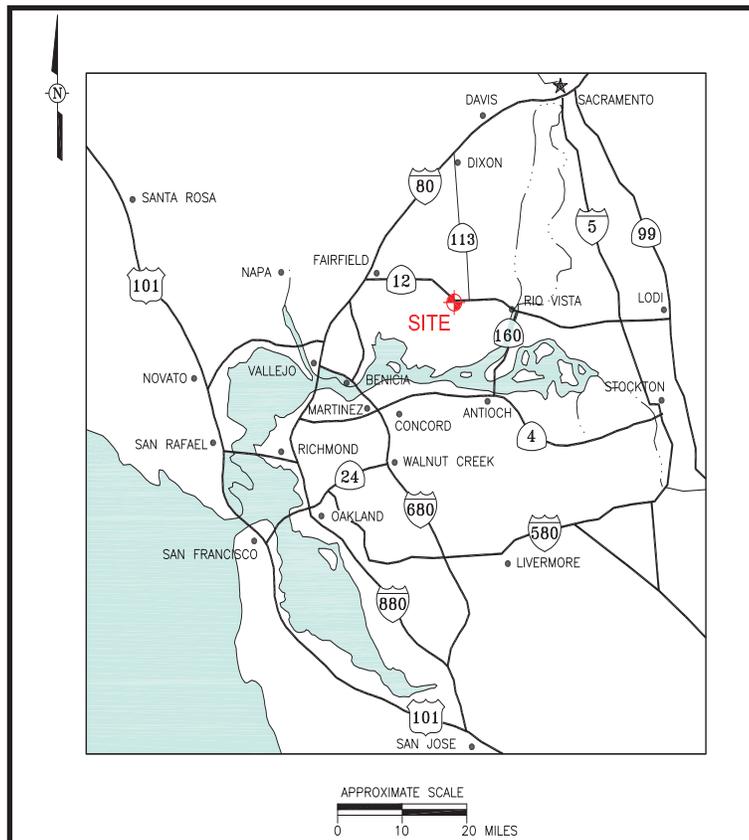
For questions regarding the draft Permit Renewal or CEQA Notice of Exemption, please contact Mr. Peter Bailey, DTSC Project Manager, at (916) 255-3602 or by e-mail to Pbailey@dtsc.ca.gov.

For questions regarding Public Participation, please contact Ms. Kim Rhodes, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, toll-free at (866) 495-5651 or (916) 255-3651 or by e-mail to Krhodes1@dtsc.ca.gov.

For questions from the media, please contact Ms. Claudia Loomis, DTSC Public Information Officer, at (916) 255-6578 or by e-mail to Cloomis@dtsc.ca.gov.

Notice to Hearing Impaired Individuals

TDD users can obtain information about the Montezuma Hills Facility by using the California State Relay Service at 888-877-5378. Please ask to speak to Kim Rhodes (916) 255-3651.



Comment Form For IT Montezuma Hills Facility Draft Permit Renewal

If you use this form to send us your comments, please include your name and address. All written comments must be postmarked no later than **August 28, 2008**. Please send this form to:

Peter Bailey, Project Manager
Department of Toxic Substances Control
8800 Cal Center Drive
Sacramento, California 95826

You may also email this same information to: Pbailey@dtsc.ca.gov

Name: _____

Address: _____

Affiliation (if any): _____

Phone number (optional): _____

Comments: (If you need more space, please feel free to use another sheet of paper)

Would you like to be added or removed from the IT Montezuma Hills Facility Mailing list?

If you would like to be added or removed from the mailing list for the IT Montezuma Facility, please complete the information below and return to Ms. Kim Rhodes, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, CA 95826. You can e-mail your request to be added or removed from the mailing list to Krhodes1@dtsc.ca.gov.

Please **remove** my name from the mailing list

Please **add** my name to the mailing list

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Note: While this mailing list is solely for DTSC use, the list is considered a public record.