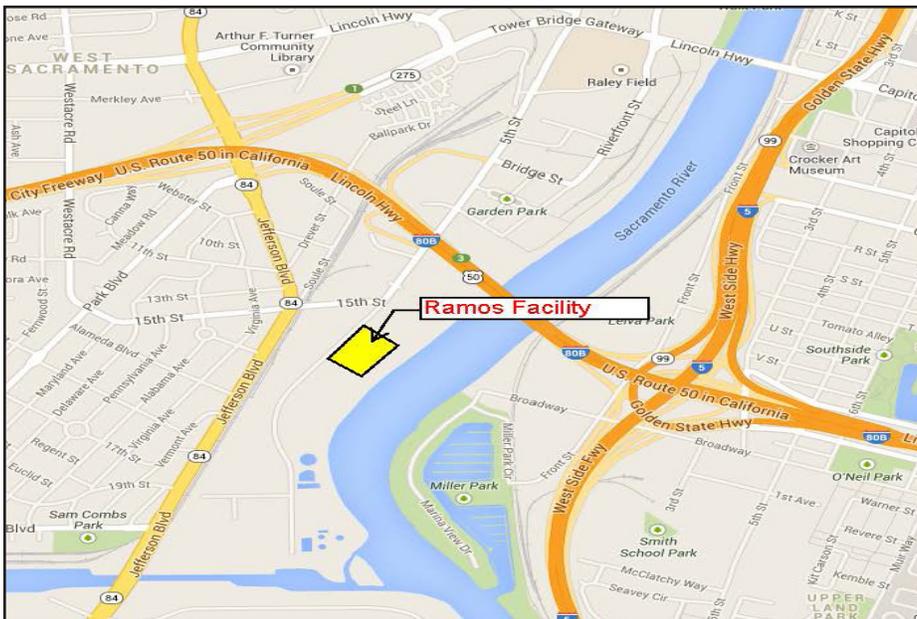


COMMUNITY UPDATE

The mission of DTSC is to protect California's people and environment from harmful effects of toxic substances by restoring contaminated resources, enforcing hazardous waste laws, reducing hazardous waste generation, and encouraging the manufacture of chemically safer products.

DRAFT STANDARDIZED HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY PERMIT RENEWAL FOR RAMOS ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to review and comment on the draft Standardized Hazardous Waste Facility Permit (Permit) for the Ramos Environmental Services facility located at 1515 South River Road, West Sacramento, California 95691 (the Facility). The Facility is a transfer and storage facility that accepts hazardous wastes in bulk and in containers under a previously issued permit. The Facility accepts used oil, oily water, oily sludge, oily solids, and used antifreeze waste and stores it in tanks and containers. If granted, the proposed Permit renewal will allow the Facility to continue its operations under the provisions of the new Permit (referred to as a permit renewal). A permit is a tool that helps DTSC effectively regulate the hazardous waste management activities at facilities. Permits are developed after DTSC's detailed technical review, and are intended to ensure that facilities operate in a manner that protects human health and the environment.

At the public meeting, there will be a discussion and answer session regarding the project. A formal public hearing will follow to accept oral and written public comments as well as data.

Public Comment Period



**December 23, 2015 to
February 22, 2016**

A public comment period is being held to receive public comments on the draft Permit. All public comments must be submitted by: **February 22, 2016**. Please submit all written comments to:

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Public meeting and hearing held:

**Thursday, January 27, 2016
6:00 P.M.**

**West Sacramento
Community Center
1075 West Capitol Ave.
West Sacramento, California 95691
(916) 617-4620**

SITE LOCATION AND OPERATIONS

The Facility is located in the eastern section of the City of West Sacramento, approximately 2,500 feet southwest from the Pioneer Memorial Bridge. The Facility is bounded on the west by the Kinder Morgan Pipeline, on the east by the Sacramento River, on the north by Shell Oil Company, and on the south by Buckeye Terminals. The Facility accepts and collects used oil, oily water, used antifreeze, oily sludge and oily solids from generators using licensed hazardous waste transporters. The wastes typically come from automotive, petroleum, and vehicle fleet operations. The Facility has operated at the current location since 1988.

After collection, liquids and sludge wastes are consolidated in storage tanks. Containers are stored in an authorized unit before consolidation in tanks. Solids are either stored in the authorized container storage area and/or consolidated in a roll-off bin in the Loading and Unloading Pad. The wastes are then transported to authorized treatment, storage, and disposal or recycling facilities. The tank storage unit includes four tanks ranging from 4,128 to 12,625 gallons totaling 41,161 gallons. The container storage area was designed to store 118 55-gallon drums or the equivalent of 6,490 gallons.

The wastes accepted at the Facility are not subject to federal permitting regulation because they do not exhibit the characteristics of hazardous waste as defined under the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), or they are otherwise exempt or excluded from RCRA. These wastes, often referred to as “non-RCRA” or “state-only” wastes, are considered hazardous in California.

WHY IS A HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY PERMIT NECESSARY?

The Facility is a non-RCRA hazardous waste storage and transfer facility and California law requires these activities to be performed pursuant to permits issued by DTSC in accordance with requirements specified in the California Code of Regulations, title 22, division 4.5

and the California Health and Safety Code. DTSC has determined the permit application submitted by Ramos Environmental Services, complies with all applicable regulatory standards and requirements for a standardized permit, which is issued to facilities that handle only non-RCRA (state-only) waste and that do not require a full or federal RCRA permit.

COMPLIANCE HISTORY

DTSC inspects facilities on a regular basis to make sure the facilities are in compliance with California laws and permit conditions. Most recently, DTSC inspected the Facility in 2009 and 2013. The violations cited in those inspections are listed below.

2009 Inspection: This inspection found violations for failing to obtain the date of delivery and handwritten signature of the receiving facility on some manifests and failing to estimate the remaining service life of the tank system. The violations were corrected without penalties and no further action was required.

2013 Inspection: This inspection found violations for failing to maintain adequate aisle space for drums being stored, failing to test and maintain fire protection equipment as necessary for proper operation, failing to post a hazardous waste sign at each entrance to the active portion of the Facility and failing to include in its contingency plan a list of emergency equipment, and the location and physical description of each item on the list. The violations were corrected and settled with a fine of \$5,500.00.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

Under the California Environmental Quality Act, (CEQA) DTSC must evaluate whether the proposed Permit may have any significant impacts on human health and the environment. As part of this evaluation, DTSC has prepared an addendum to the previously adopted 1999 Negative Declaration in conjunction with the current permit.

NEXT STEPS

DTSC encourages public participation in the decision making process and invites the public to review and comment on the draft Permit. Before making a final decision, DTSC will review and respond in writing to all public comments. DTSC will provide the Response to Comments document to all those who submitted public comments and to other members of the public. A copy of the Response to Comments document will also be placed in the information repositories and on DTSC's website. To review the draft Permit, the addendum and other related documents, please visit our web site:

http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/hwmp_profile_report.asp?global_id=CAD044003556

INFORMATION REPOSITORIES

The draft Permit and other related documents can also be viewed at one of the locations listed below:

Arthur F. Turner Community Library
1212 Merkley Avenue
West Sacramento, California 95691
(916) 375-6465; Call for hours

DTSC Chatsworth Office
9211 Oakdale Avenue
Chatsworth, California 91311
(818) 717-6521; Call for appointment

DTSC's Office of Permitting - Chatsworth (address above) is processing the permit application and has prepared the draft Permit. The administrative record, including the draft Permit, the Statement of Basis, the application, and related documents may be viewed by appointment between 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. at the Chatsworth Office. All data submitted by the applicant is available as part of the administrative record. The Statement of Basis briefly describes how the conditions of the draft permit were derived and the reasons for them.

DTSC CONTACTS

Please contact the following individuals with any questions or concerns you may have about the draft Permit and to obtain further information, including a copy of the draft Permit, the Statement of Basis and/or the application:

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