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Toxic Substances
Control

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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.*



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Fact Sheet, March 2012

San Diego Gas & Electric, Kearny PCB Storage Facility Draft Hazardous Waste Facility Permit San Diego, California

A draft Standardized Hazardous Waste Facility Permit (Permit) renewal for San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) Polychlorinated Biphenyl (PCB) Storage Facility (Facility) located at 5488 Overland Avenue in the City of San Diego is available for public review and comment. The Permit would allow the facility to store hazardous waste for another 10 years. The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) regulates the generation, storage, treatment and disposal of hazardous waste in California. Permits are developed after DTSC's technical review and are intended to ensure that the facility operates in a manner that protects human health and the environment.



Aerial view of the SDG&E Kearny PCB Storage Facility

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

March 20, 2012 to May 3, 2012

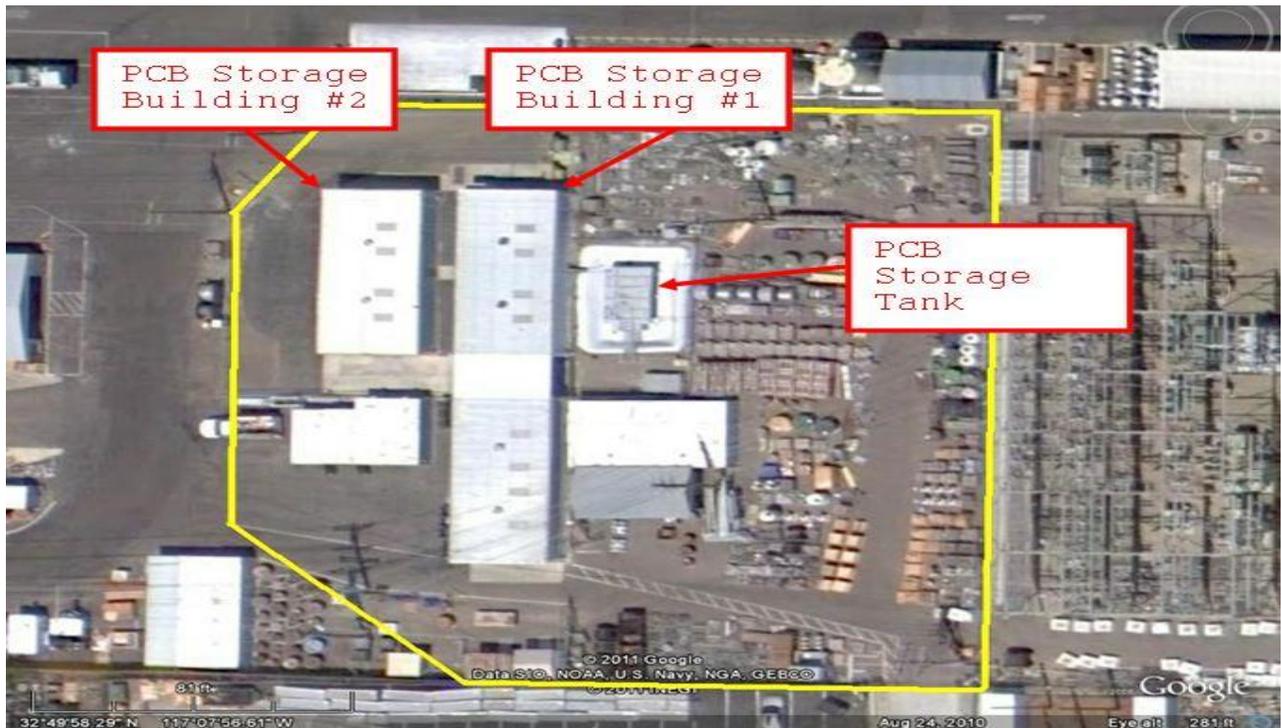
The 45 day public comment period for the draft Permit and draft California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Notice of Exemption (NOE) begins on March 20, 2012 and ends May 3, 2012. Copies of the draft documents can be viewed at the information repositories listed on page 3 of this fact sheet. Written and emailed comments must be postmarked **by May 3, 2012** and sent to:

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Please email comments to mzamudio@dtsc.ca.gov

DTSC has not scheduled a public hearing at this time but will consider one if requested.





Facility Description and Operations

The Facility was originally developed by SDG&E in 1966 as a power generating, maintenance, and operations facility. Since 2001, SDG&E has used the Facility only for the maintenance of electrical transformers and personnel fleet vehicles.

The SDG&E Kearny PCB Storage Facility was constructed in 1982 and receives drummed liquid wastes generated on-site and off-site by SDG&E operations only. The Facility is located in an industrial zoned area of the City of San Diego. It is surrounded by the County of San Diego Department of Public Works to the east; the San Diego Coroner's Office to the west; smaller commercial and light industrial operations to the south; and the County of San Diego Operations Center to the North. There are no residences, schools, hospitals or parks within one half mile of the boundary of the Facility.

The Facility was constructed to provide temporary storage of PCB liquids, PCB articles and PCB contaminated debris. While refurbishing and recycling of electrical equipment is done on site, no manufacturing processes occur at the Facility. PCB-contaminated waste is generated during the refurbishing process and wastes are also delivered to the facility from SDG&E Field Collection Centers (90 day storage facilities) and from spill cleanup sites throughout the SDG&E's Service Territory.

High voltage electrical equipment insulating oil contaminated with PCB's is primarily stored in the PCB Storage Tank or in drums in one of the two Buildings on the property (Building #1 and Building

#2). Liquids (e.g. transformer oils, water, sludge) and solids (e.g. soil, absorbent, personal protective equipment, rags) contaminated with PCBs are stored in drums in Building #1 and Building #2 of the PCB Storage Facility. Also PCB contaminated equipment too big to fit into drums is stored on pallets in one of the two buildings.

Draft Hazardous Waste Facility Permit

The Facility received its first Hazardous Waste Facility Permit in November 2000. The permit expired on November 27, 2010, however the facility is allowed to continue to operate until a permit determination is made on the permit renewal application. The proposed draft Permit will authorize Kearny PCB Storage Facility to continue current hazardous waste operations with no change for another 10 years.

California Environmental Quality Act

Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), DTSC must evaluate whether the proposed actions may have any significant impact to human health and the environment. As part of this evaluation, DTSC has proposed a Notice of Exemption which states that the renewal of the Facility's Permit will not result in a significant negative effect on human health and the environment.

Compliance History

DTSC inspects the Facility on a regular basis to ensure it is in compliance with California laws, regulations and permit conditions. Minor violations have been cited since 2007.

2012 Inspection

- DTSC found no violations

2009 Inspection

- Minor violation was detected and corrected, a 55 gallon drum was found opened, no further action

2007 Inspection

- Minor state violation was detected concerning a Financial Responsibility issue, a subsequent Certified Public Accountant Report resolved this on April 13, 2010
- Minor violation was detected and corrected on October 4, 2007

Next Steps

At the close of the Public Comment Period, DTSC will review and consider any public comments and make a final decision on the draft Permit. A Response to Comments document will be mailed to everyone who makes a comment and provides their name and address. A copy of the Response to Comments document will be placed in the Information Repositories listed in this fact sheet.

Where to Find Project Documents

The draft Permit and other site related documents are available for public review at the information repositories listed below. The entire Administrative Record is available at the DTSC Cal Center Office in Sacramento.

The administrative record includes copies of the permit application, the draft CEQA Notice of Exemption, this Fact Sheet and other site-specific documents.

Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Library

Reference Desk
9005 Aero Drive
San Diego, California 92123
Phone: (858) 573-1396

DTSC Sacramento Regional Office

File Room (By appointment only)
8800 Cal Center Drive
Sacramento, California 95826
Phone: (916) 255-3779

Copies of key technical reports, fact sheets and other site-related information are also available online at DTSC's website: www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public

All documents made available to the public by DTSC can be made available in an alternate format (i.e. Braille, large print, etc.) or in another language as appropriate, in accordance with state and federal law. Please contact Zenzi Poindexter for assistance.

Who to Contact for More Information

For more information about the draft permit or to be added to the site mailing list please contact the following DTSC representatives:

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Notice to the Hearing Impaired

Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) users can obtain information about the site by using the California State Relay Service (888) 877-5378 to reach the Public Participation Specialist. Ask them to contact Zenzi Poindexter at (714) 484-5477 regarding the Kearny PCB Storage Facility.

