



**Department of
Toxic Substances
Control**

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the 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
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Fact Sheet, February 2008

Draft Permit Renewal Available for Review and Comment for Safety Kleen, El Monte

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to review and comment on the draft Hazardous Waste Facility Permit Renewal for the Safety-Kleen, El Monte facility located at 10625 Hickson Street, El Monte, California (Los Angeles County) from February 15 through March 31, 2008.

Draft Hazardous Waste Facility Permit Renewal

Safety-Kleen, El Monte began operation in 1976. On September 29, 2004, Safety-Kleen submitted an application to renew its Permit. Safety-Kleen, El Monte is an existing facility and this proposed renewal will allow the facility to continue hazardous waste storage operations for the next ten years. The types and volumes of wastes handled and stored will not be changed. DTSC will not make a determination to approve, modify, or deny the draft Permit until the community has the opportunity to comment.

Facility Description

The facility includes five drum storage areas and one underground hazardous waste storage tank. Five drum storage areas are located within a warehouse at the facility. The drum storage areas store drums of hazardous wastes. Each drum storage area is ventilated and has a secondary containment system designed to contain spills and/or leaks. The secondary containment system of each unit has a collection sump, a concrete floor and a concrete berm to ensure any hazardous waste spilled would be contained.

The types of wastes stored in drums at the facility include paint thinners, paint wastes, used oil, anti-freeze, dry cleaning solvents, industrial solvents, and petroleum-based parts washing solution. Wastes are collected in drums and brought to the facility by trucks. The hazardous wastes are then brought to the drum storage areas until they can be transported off-site. Drums of aqueous-based parts washing solutions are also unloaded into the underground hazardous waste storage tank.

Public Comment Period

The 45-day public comment period for the draft Permit begins on February 15, 2008 and ends on March 31, 2008. Written and e-mailed comments must be postmarked by March 31, 2008 and sent to:

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Department of Toxic Substances Control
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Sacramento, California 95826

Please e-mail comments to: Fvakili@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. Heidi Nelson, Public Participation Specialist, toll-free at 866-495-5651 or 916-255-3575 or by e-mail to hnelson@dtsc.ca.gov. In your request please indicate the reason(s) for the request and DTSC will evaluate if a meeting is warranted.



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California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

Under the California Environmental Quality Act, DTSC must evaluate whether the Permit may have any significant impacts on human health and the environment. As part of this evaluation, DTSC has completed a Notice of Exemption (NOE) which proposes that the activities at the facility will not result in any impact to human health or the environment.

Enforcement History

DTSC inspects Safety-Kleen, El Monte on a regular basis to ensure they are in compliance with California laws, regulations, and the Permit conditions. The results of those inspections during the past five years can be reviewed at the El Monte Public Library, 3224 Tyler Avenue, El Monte, California. Call the El Monte Public Library at (626) 444-9506 for days and hours of operation.

You can Participate in our Permitting Decisions

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 determination on the Permit, DTSC will review and respond in writing to all public comments. A Response to Comments document will be sent to all those who submitted public comments and to those who request a copy. A copy of the Response to Comments will also be placed in the information repositories.

DTSC Contacts

Please contact the following individuals with any questions or concerns.

For questions regarding the draft Permit Renewal, please contact: Mr. Farshad Vakili, DTSC Project Manager (916) 255-3612 or by e-mail to fvakili@dtsc.ca.gov

For questions regarding the public participation process, please contact Ms. Heidi Nelson, DTSC Public Participation Specialist toll free at (866) 495-5651 or by email to hnelson@dtsc.ca.gov

Members of the media please contact Ms. Jeanne Garcia, DTSC Public Information Officer at (818) 551-2176 or by e-mail to jgarcia1@dtsc.ca.gov.

Notice to Hearing Impaired Individuals

You can obtain additional information by using the California State Relay Service at (888) 877-5378 (TDD). Ask them to contact Ms. Heidi Nelson at (916) 255-3575 regarding the Safety-Kleen, El Monte draft Permit Renewal.

Information Repositories

To review information about this project, please visit the El Monte Public Library, 3224 Tyler Avenue, El Monte, California. Call (626) 444-9506 for hours and days of operation.

The administrative file is available for review at DTSC's Chatsworth office located at 9211 Oakdale Avenue, Chatsworth, California.