NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Draft Permit Renewal is Available for Review and Comment for the Safety-Kleen, El Monte Los Angeles County, California

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: February 15 through March 31, 2008

WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED?

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to review and comment on the draft Hazardous Waste Facility Permit Renewal (Permit) for the Safety-Kleen, El Monte Facility located at 10625 Hickson Street in the City of El Monte. Safety-Kleen, El Monte is an existing facility and the Permit will allow the facility to continue operations for an additional 10 years. The types and volumes of wastes handled and stored will not be changed.

The facility is a branch of a chemical distribution chain owned by the Safety-Kleen System, Inc. The facility distributes washing cleaners and immersion cleaners (carburetor cleaner). Safety-Kleen's truck operators replace spent or used cleaner solvents with virgin or recycled cleaner solvent at the customer's location, and transports the hazardous wastes back to the facility. The hazardous wastes at the facility are eventually transported to Safety-Kleen's Reedley Recycle Center for recycling or to a permitted facility for disposal or treatment.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT - NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Under the California Environmental Quality Act, DTSC must evaluate whether the proposed action will have any significant impacts on human health and the environment. As part of this evaluation, DTSC has proposed a Notice of Exemption (NOE) which concludes that renewal of this Permit will not result in any impact to human health or the environment. The draft NOE is available for public review.

WHY THIS NOTICE?

The purpose of this notice is to provide you with the opportunity to learn more about the draft Permit and to provide comments on it to DTSC, within forty-six (46) days of this notice.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

Your participation is encouraged. Comments regarding the Permit Renewal may be submitted in writing to Mr. Farshad Vakili, P.E., DTSC Project Manager, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, California 95826, or e-mail: fvakili@dtsc.ca.gov. All mail must be postmarked by 5 PM on March 31, 2008. E-mailed comments must be received by DTSC no later than 5 PM on the same date.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the draft Permit is available for review at DTSC's Chatworth office located at 9211 Oakdale Avenue, Chatsworth, California and at the El Monte Public Library, 3224 Tyler Avenue, El Monte, California. Call (626) 444-9506 for hours and days of operation.

CONTACT:

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the project, please contact Mr. Farshad Vakili, P.E., DTSC Project Manager, at (916) 255-3612 or by e-mail to fvakili@dtsc.ca.gov. For public participation activities, please contact Ms. Heidi Nelson, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (916) 255-3575 or by e-mail to hnelson@dtsc.ca.gov. Members of the media should contact Ms. Jeanne Garcia, DTSC Public Information Officer, at (818) 551-2176 or by email to jgarcia1@dtsc.ca.gov.

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