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Draft Hazardous Waste Permit Renewal for Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc., Highland Branch Available For Public Review and Comment

Introduction

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is accepting public comments on the draft Hazardous Waste Facility Permit Renewal for Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc., Highland Branch (referred to as the Facility) from November 7, 2006 through December 26, 2006. The Facility is located at 7979 Palm Avenue in Highland, California. If approved, the Permit Renewal will allow the Facility to continue to store hazardous wastes.

Background

The Facility covers approximately 1.8 acres in an area zoned for industrial use in the City of Highland. A Hazardous Waste Facility Permit which allowed the Facility to store hazardous wastes was last issued by DTSC in September, 1994. Due to a ten-year term limit, this 1994 Hazardous Waste Facility Permit has expired. Per the California Code of Regulations, title 22, section 66270.51, DTSC is allowing the Facility to continue operations until the draft Permit Renewal is processed. If approved, the Permit Renewal will allow the Facility to continue hazardous waste storage and bulking operations for the next ten years.

Public Comment Period

A public comment period for the draft Hazardous Waste Permit Renewal for the Safety Kleen Systems, Inc., Highland Branch runs from November 7, 2006 through December 26, 2006. Written comments must be postmarked by December 26, 2006 and sent to:

Mr. Farshad T. Vakili, P.E.
Hazardous Substances Engineer
Department of Toxic Substances Control
8800 Cal Center Drive
Sacramento, California 95826

You may also send comments through email by contacting Mr. Vakili at fvakili@dtsc.ca.gov by 5:00 p.m. on December 26, 2006. Mr. Vakili may be reached by phone at (916) 255-3612.

A public hearing is not scheduled for this project, however, if you feel one is warranted you can request that one be held. A written hearing request must be sent to Mr. Farshad Vakili at the address above prior to the last day of the public comment period. The request must specify why you think a hearing is necessary. If DTSC agrees with the request, a formal notification will be mailed announcing the hearing date, time, and location. A decision on approving or denying the draft Permit Renewal will not be made until the hearing has been held and all comments submitted have been considered.



Operation of the Hazardous Waste Units

At the Facility, hazardous wastes are stored in containers within a warehouse or in an underground storage tank. No hazardous wastes are treated or disposed of at the Facility. The Facility distributes cleaning solvents and collects waste solvents that are used in a variety of businesses engaged in services such as automotive repair and industrial maintenance. The Facility manages wastes received from its customers. These wastes include used parts washer solvent, spent immersion cleaner, dry cleaning wastes, spent antifreeze, waste oil, and paint waste/lacquer thinner. Other wastes stored at the Facility include wastes generated by Safety-Kleen and wastes stored on a transfer basis only (stored for less than 10 days).

Under the current Permit and as outlined in the draft Permit Renewal, the Facility will be allowed to continue storing hazardous wastes in the container storage area or underground storage tank. The underground storage tank can hold 11,000 gallons and the container storage area can hold 4,300 gallons of hazardous wastes in containers. Periodically, a Safety-Kleen truck comes to the Highland Branch to collect and transport the wastes to another Safety-Kleen facility for either recycling or consolidation. The draft Permit Renewal allows the Facility to place used oil and used antifreeze into drums/containers and into vacuum trucks. This operation is called 'bulking' and is limited to small loads of used oil and antifreeze that are picked up from small quantity generators and commercial customers that have less than full truckloads. One or two containers of the bulked waste will be held at a truck docking area at the Facility for less than 24 hours. No new equipment is needed for the bulking operations.

Effects the Permit Renewal May Have On The Environment

As required by a State law known as the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), DTSC studied the possible effects the proposed permit renewal could have on the environment. DTSC determined that the approval of the draft Permit Renewal for an existing facility would not have a significant adverse effect on human health or the environment. As a result, a CEQA Notice of Exemption has been prepared for this project.

Public Involvement

Before making a final Permit determination, DTSC will review and respond to all public comments submitted during the comment period. A document called a Response to Public Comments will be sent to all individuals who submitted comments or who requested a copy of the document. A copy of the Response to Public Comments will also be available for public review in the information repositories listed in this fact sheet.

DTSC's final decision to approve or deny the draft Permit Renewal will run in the Redlands Daily Facts newspaper at the same time the Response to Comments is made available to the public.

Information Repositories

A copy of the draft Permit Renewal and the proposed CEQA Notice of Exemption are available for public review at:

Highland Branch Library

27167 Base Line Street
Highland, CA 92346
(909) 862-8549

The entire Administrative Record, including a copy of the draft Permit Renewal, CEQA Notice of Exemption, and other project related documents are available at:

Department of Toxic Substances Control
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Notice to Hearing Impaired

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