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## Re-Noticing the Draft Permit Renewal & Draft Corrective Measure Study Available for Review for Safety-Kleen Systems Incorporated, Reedley Recycle Center

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is re-noticing the 45-day public comment period for the draft Hazardous Waste Permit Renewal, Corrective Measure Study, and Proposed California Environmental Quality Act determination for the Safety-Kleen Systems Incorporated, Recycle Center, located at 1000 South I Street in Reedley. DTSC is re-noticing the public comment period because the initial public notice did not run in the local newspaper. To fulfill DTSC's

requirement for the draft Permit Renewal, DTSC must announce a 45-day public comment period in a local newspaper. The initial public notice was scheduled to be published on July 23, 2007 and the public comment period was going to continue through September 6, 2007. However, the new public comment period will begin on August 21, 2007 and end October 4, 2007.

This fact sheet contains information about the facility and the draft documents available for public review and comment.

### Site Location and Operations

Safety-Kleen is a photo waste reclaiming, solvent recycling, and wastewater treatment facility and storage facility for containers and drums. It began operating in 1968. The 2.5-acre site is bordered by a railroad on the northeast side, an automobile dealership to the north and a City of Reedley maintenance yard to the south. Across I Street to the southwest is a residential area. The closest school is more than one-quarter mile away.



### RE-NOTICED PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The new 45-day public comment period for the draft Permit Renewal, draft Corrective Measure Study, and draft CEQA Negative Declaration begins on **August 21, 2007** and ends on **October 4, 2007**. 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 **October 4, 2007**, and sent to:

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Safety-Kleen received its first operating permit 1971. In June 2003, it submitted an application to renew its permit. In conjunction with the permit renewal activities, DTSC is overseeing corrective action activities for contamination of soil and groundwater.

### **Draft Hazardous Waste Facility Permit Renewal**

The types of wastes that Safety-Kleen stores are: paint thinners, paint wastes, used oil, anti-freeze, dry cleaning solvents, and industrial solvents.

Safety-Kleen also treats the following wastes: solvents, photo wastes, part washer solvents, and aqueous wastes.

Wastes are processed by gravity separation, thin film evaporation, distillation, waste water treatment, and fuel blending. Reclaimed solvent and immersion cleaners are redistributed to Safety-Kleen customers. Liquid wastes from off-site photo processing operations containing high silver content are electrowinned to recover the silver. Wastewater is treated to remove the hazardous contents and then is either discharged to the publicly-owned treatment works for further treatment or is transported for off-site disposal.

### **Draft Corrective Measures Study**

After monitoring wells were installed in May 1988, groundwater contamination was detected. Safety-Kleen installed a pilot soil vapor extraction system (SVE) to evaluate its efficiency in removing the contamination. A draft Corrective Measures Study (CMS) is complete and available for public review and comment. The CMS evaluates several cleanup alternatives for the soil and groundwater. The recommended alternative proposes using the existing SVE system to remove residual contamination in the soil underneath the former tank areas, and natural attenuation for the groundwater. This alternative would remove contamination from the soil, thus eliminating the source of the groundwater contamination. Groundwater will be monitored regularly to determine if the contamination would naturally be reduced to a safe level. The groundwater portion of the proposed remedy allows for an active groundwater treatment system, if necessary.

### **California Environmental Quality Act**

The permit renewal for the Safety-Kleen facility does not propose any new construction, excavation or earth-moving activities. No changes to ongoing permitted operations are being proposed. The proposed corrective action measures do not require any earthmoving activities or construction because both the soil vapor extraction system and groundwater monitoring will utilize existing wells and equipment. A California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Initial Study was conducted for this facility that evaluated all potential impacts to the environment (e.g., traffic, aesthetics, agricultural resources, biological resources, etc.) and, as a result, a CEQA Negative Declaration has been prepared. The Initial Study and Draft Negative Declaration are available for you to review at the information repositories listed in this fact sheet.

### **Enforcement History**

DTSC inspects Safety-Kleen on a regular basis. The results of those inspections during the past five years are listed below:

September 2005: No violations.

July and August 2004: Class I violations (cracked tank leaked photo developer hazardous waste, and a tank system failed and spilled photo processing hazardous waste). Safety-Kleen took the necessary steps to correct the violations.

October 2003: Class II violations (failure to conduct weekly inspections on areas where containers are stored or transferred, and failure to conduct daily inspections of hazardous waste tanks, ancillary equipment and the containment systems). Safety-Kleen took the necessary steps to correct the violations.

March 2002: No violations.

Inspection reports are available for review at DTSC's regional office located at 1515 Tollhouse Road, Clovis, CA 93611-0522.

## Next Steps

At the completion of the public comment period and before making a final determination on the draft Permit Renewal and draft Corrective Measure Study. DTSC will review and consider each comment received and prepare a "Response to Comments" document. Anyone who submits comments will receive a copy of the "Response to Comments." Additionally, a copy of the "Response to Comments" will be placed in the information repositories. Response to Comments will also be placed in the information repositories.

## DTSC Contacts

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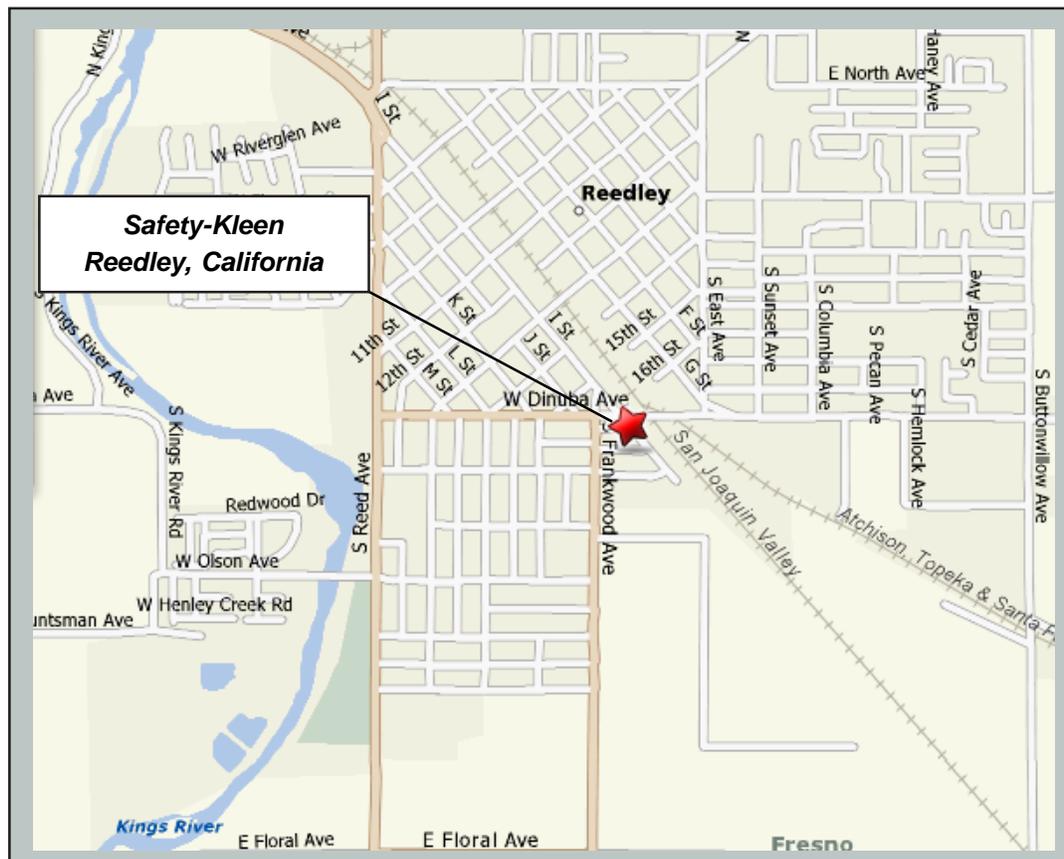
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## Information Repositories

You can participate in our permitting decisions. The Draft Hazardous Waste Facility Permit renewal and other site-related documents are available for public review at the information repositories listed below. The entire administrative record is available in the DTSC office in Sacramento. The administrative record includes copies of the permit application, the Draft CEQA Negative Declaration, the Occupational Health Risk Assessment, this fact sheet and other site-specific documents.

Reedley Public Library  
1027 E Street  
Reedley, CA 93654  
559-638-2818

Department of Toxic Substances Control  
8800 Cal Center Drive  
Sacramento, CA 95826  
Call (916) 255-3779 to make an appointment



### Anuncio

Si prefiere hablar con alguien en español acerca de ésta información, favor de llamar a Jacinto Soto, Departamento de Control de Substancias Tóxicas. El número de teléfono es 510-540-3842.

### Notice to Hearing Impaired Individuals

TDD users can obtain information about the Safety-Kleen facility by using the California State Relay Service at 888-877-5378. Please ask to speak to Kim Rhodes, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at 916-255-3651.

### Would you like to be added to or removed from the Safety-Kleen Reedley Recycle Center mailing list?

If you would like to be added to or removed from the mailing list for the Safety-Kleen site, please fill out the information below and mail back to Kim Rhodes, Public Participation Specialist, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, CA 95826. You can also email your request to be added to or removed from the mailing list by sending a message to [Krhodes1@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:Krhodes1@dtsc.ca.gov).

- Please **remove** my name from the mailing list
- Please **add** my name to the mailing list

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### Inside:

**Information about the draft Hazardous Waste Facility Permit renewal and the draft Corrective Measure Study for the Safety-Kleen Incorporated Recycle Center in Reedley, and announcement of a new public comment period.**