



Public Involvement

FACT SHEET, September 2005

Shell submits application to renew hazardous waste permit for boilers

Why did I receive this fact sheet?

On March 1, 2005, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (known as DTSC) received a hazardous waste Facility Permit Renewal application (referred to as a Permit Renewal) from Shell Oil Products, Inc. (Shell) for the boilers that use hazardous waste as fuel at their refinery located at 3485 Pacheco Boulevard in Martinez, California. This fact sheet is to inform you that Shell has submitted a permit renewal for DTSC's approval. In December 1995, DTSC granted Shell a permit to burn liquid hazardous waste as fuel in three of their boilers. These boilers are used to generate steam which is used in their refinery operations. The 10-year permit will be expiring on December 30, 2005. Shell will continue to operate under the terms of this permit beyond the December 2005 expiration date until DTSC makes the decision on their permit renewal application.

Facility background

The Shell Refinery is located on about 1000 acres in Martinez. Its operations include light crude oil and heavy oil processing. The primary purpose of the three boilers is to produce steam. This is done by combining several refinery gases and carbon monoxide to make fuel. Another fuel option is liquid hazardous waste. The current facility permit allows Shell Oil Products, Inc. to feed liquid hazardous waste from their wastewater treatment systems into the boilers for fuel.

The Permit Renewal Process

According to California State law, DTSC permits facilities that treat, store, or dispose of hazardous waste. A Permit can be granted to a new facility, a facility applying to significantly modify an existing Permit, or a facility currently operating under Interim Status (operating while waiting for a permit to be granted or renewed).

**You may review the Shell permit renewal application at:
the Martinez Public Library
Reference Desk**

740 Court St.

Martinez CA. 94553

Please call the library at (925) 646-2898 to find out when they are open.



DTSC is currently conducting a technical review of Shell's permit renewal application. After technical review is complete, DTSC will prepare a Draft Permit and submit it for public review and comment.

What are the next steps?

Once DTSC finds the permit renewal application technically complete, DTSC will make the draft Permit available for public review and comment. The beginning of the 45-day comment period will be announced in a fact sheet similar to this one. DTSC will place a public notice advertisement in the Contra Costa Times. After the public comment period, DTSC will review and consider all public comments and then will decide to approve, modify, or deny the draft Permit.

If you have questions?

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The full administrative record is available at:
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Please call (510) 540-3800 to make an appointment.

Notice to the Hearing Impaired:

You can obtain additional information by using the California State Relay Service at: 1-888-877-5378 (TDD). Please ask them to contact Nathan Schumacher at (916) 255-3650 regarding the Shell Oil Martinez.