

Public Notice

The mission of DTSC is to protect California's people and environment from harmful effects of toxic substances by restoring contaminated resources, enforcing hazardous waste laws, reducing hazardous waste generation, and encouraging the manufacture of chemically safer products.

Draft Post-Closure Permit, Draft Interim Measures Work Plan & Draft Negative Declaration For Solar Turbines, Inc., Available For Public Review & Comment Public Comment Period: February 29th – April 14th, 2016 & Public Hearing Announcement

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED? The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites public review and comment on a draft Post-Closure Permit and draft Interim Measures Work Plan (IMWP) and draft Negative Declaration, for Solar Turbines, Inc., Harbor Drive Facility (Facility), located at 2200 Pacific Highway, San Diego. These draft documents are required to address environmental impacts caused by prior operational activities and will not impact ongoing commercial activity at the Facility. If approved, the Post-Closure Permit specifies requirements for groundwater monitoring and existing structure maintenance and implementation of cleanup in accordance with a corrective action consent agreement executed in 2015. A Post-Closure Permit is necessary because it enables DTSC to regulate post-closure activities at the Facility and ensure these activities are conducted in a manner that protects human health and the environment. Cleanup activities are needed to remediate impacted groundwater to achieve cleanup goals that are protective of human health and the environment.

The Facility has been used for production of several industrial activities including production of aircrafts, aircraft parts, and turbine engines since the 1920s. Turbine engines, first developed in the 1940s, are currently the primary emphasis of Solar's production. In 1987, DTSC issued a permit allowing Solar to operate seven hazardous waste management units (HWMUs) for treating and storing hazardous waste. These seven HWMUs were closed in 1995 and soil remediation was conducted. Operation of five of the seven HWMUs caused releases of chemicals into groundwater. As a result, these five units were covered with concrete and groundwater monitoring and corrective action are required. In addition to HWMUs, releases of chemicals such as volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and metals in soil and groundwater have occurred in several manufacturing buildings. If approved, the IMWP will establish a method for capturing and treating impacted groundwater at the Facility.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) – DTSC is required by CEQA to review environmental activities for the possibility of impacts, before approving the project. DTSC evaluated whether the issuance of the Post-Closure Permit and approval of the IMWP would have any potentially significant adverse impacts and prepared an Initial Study for this project. The Initial Study concludes the proposed permit issuance and IMWP approval will not result in any significant adverse impacts to the environment. Therefore, DTSC proposes a CEQA Negative Declaration that is also available for public review and comment.

HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE - We encourage your participation. A 45-day public comment period is being held to receive public comments on the draft Permit, draft IMWP, and draft CEQA Negative Declaration. **The 45-day public comment period begins February 29th, and ends April 14th, 2016. All public comments must be postmarked or e-mailed no later than April 14th, 2016,** and sent to: Chia Rin Yen, DTSC Project Manager, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA, 90630-4732 or ChiaRin.Yen@dtsc.ca.gov.

PUBLIC HEARING ANNOUNCEMENT – We want to know what you think. DTSC is hosting a public hearing to present the draft Post Closure Permit, draft IWMP and draft CEQA Negative Declaration and receive public comments. **The public hearing is planned for Tuesday, March 29th, 2016, at 6:00 pm, at:**

The Port of San Diego
3165 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92101

WHERE TO FIND DOCUMENTS: The draft Permit, draft IWMP and draft CEQA Negative Declaration and other project documents are available for review at the San Diego Public Library, 330 Park Boulevard, San Diego, 92101, (610) 236-5800 and at DTSC, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630-4732, (714) 484-5336. Facility documents are available for electronic review on DTSC's EnviroStor website at www.EnviroStor.dtsc.ca.gov.

DO I GET MORE INFORMATION? - For questions about the Solar Turbines, Harbor Drive Facility, please contact Chia Rin Yen, DTSC Project Manager, at (714) 484-5317, e-mail: ChiaRin.Yen@dtsc.ca.gov, or Stacey Lear, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (714) 484-5354, e-mail: Stacey.Lear@dtsc.ca.gov or toll-free 1-866-495-5651. For Media Inquiries, contact Sandy Nax, DTSC Public Information Officer at (916) 327-6114.

NOTICE TO HEARING IMPAIRED: TTY users may use the California Relay Service @ 711 or 1-800-855-7100. You may also contact the Public Participation Specialist listed at the end of this update.

