



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Renewal of Post-Closure Permit Proposed for Square D Company Beaumont, California



PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: November 10 through December 24, 2008

WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED? The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to review and comment on a draft Post-Closure Permit Renewal (Permit) for Square D Company (Square D) located at 1060 East Third Street in Beaumont. Square D Company was a copper sheet and foil manufacturer that ceased its operation in 1990. The 10-year renewal would allow the facility to continue the groundwater monitoring and maintenance activities.

The initial Post-Closure Permit for Square D was issued by DTSC on March 27, 1989. The facility is proposing some changes to this Permit. The changes include: (1) Modifying its boundary to the extent of the North Post-Closure Area, (2) Reinforcing portion of the cap to allow the truck traffic at the North Post-Closure Area, (3) Installing a permanent fence to restrict the site access, and (4) Install an additional groundwater well.

DTSC regulates the generation, storage, treatment and disposal of hazardous waste in California. A Permit enables DTSC to effectively regulate the hazardous waste management activities at facilities. Permits are developed after DTSC's detailed technical review, and are intended to ensure that the facility operates in a manner that protects human health and the environment.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT – NOTICE OF EXEMPTION: DTSC evaluated any possible environmental impacts associated with the proposed activities of Square D as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). DTSC has prepared a Notice of Exemption which states that the Hazardous Waste Facility would not have significant impacts to human health and the environment. The findings are available for review, along with other supporting documents in the information repositories.

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 to DTSC, within forty-five (45) days of this notice.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE? Your participation is encouraged. Comments concerning the Draft Permit may be submitted in writing to Chia-Rin Yen, DTSC Project Manager, 9211 Oakdale Avenue, Chatsworth, California 91311, or e-mail Cyen@dtsc.ca.gov. All mailed comments must be postmarked by 5 pm on December 24, 2008. E-mailed comments must be received on the same date.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION? A copy of the Draft Permit and CEQA Notice of Exemption is available for review in the Information Repositories located at Beaumont Library District, 125 East Eighth Street, Beaumont, 92223, and Department of Toxic Substances Control, Chatsworth Regional Office, 9211 Oakdale Avenue, Chatsworth, 91311.

CONTACT: If you have any questions or wish to discuss the project, please contact Chia-Rin Yen, DTSC Project Manager, at (818) 717-6681 or by e-mail to Cyen@dtsc.ca.gov. For public participation activities, please contact Kim Rhodes, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (916) 255-3651 or by e-mail to Krhodes1@dtsc.ca.gov. Members of the media should contact Jeanne Garcia, DTSC Public Information Officer, at (818) 717-6573 or by e-mail to Jgarcia1@dtsc.ca.gov.