



Department of
Toxic Substances
Control

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Control is to
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to protect public
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toxic harm.*



State of California



California
Environmental
Protection Agency

Fact Sheet, April 2010

Draft Permit Available for Review for TP Industrial, Inc. in Gardena

Si desea información en español, comuníquese con Ricardo Gonzales al (818) 717-6693 o número gratis 1-866-495-5651.



View of the facility entrance from Alondra Boulevard

A post-closure permit renewal for the TP Industrial, Inc. facility (TPI), located in Gardena, is available for public review and comment. The TPI facility has been closed since 1986 and is undergoing environmental cleanup and post-closure activities. If approved, the post-closure permit would allow the facility to continue post-closure activities for another ten years.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The public comment period for the draft Permit, and draft CEQA Notice of Exemption begins on **April 16** and ends **June 2, 2010**. 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 received by **June 2, 2010**. Please send your comments to:

Chia-Rin Yen, Project Manager
9211 Oakdale Avenue
Chatsworth, CA 91311
(818) 717-6681

Please e-mail comments to: CYen@dtsc.ca.gov

A public hearing is not scheduled for this project; however, if you feel one is warranted you can request a hearing by contacting Jeanne Matsumoto, Public Participation Specialist, toll-free at (866) 495-5651, press 4, then 6, or by email to JMatsumo@dtsc.ca.gov. In your request please indicate the reason(s) for the request and DTSC will evaluate if a meeting or hearing is warranted.



Why Post-Closure is Necessary

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) determined that four hazardous waste management units are the suspected source of the releases of hazardous waste to soil, vadose zone and groundwater located within the facility. As a result, DTSC requested the facility to cover over the entire site and continue monitoring the groundwater. The post-closure permit requires the facility to continue the cover maintenance, groundwater monitoring and the site cleanup.

DTSC is a department within the California Environmental Protection Agency. DTSC regulates the generation, storage, treatment, and disposal of hazardous waste in California. DTSC also oversees the closure, post-closure and soil and groundwater investigations. If contamination is found during the environmental investigations, DTSC then oversees the cleanup of these facilities.

DTSC is authorized to impose special conditions in this permit pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25200(a) and the regulations in California Code of Regulations, title 22, division 4.5 governing tanks, containers and other facility and operation standards.

Facility Description and History

The TPI facility is located at 525 and 535 East Alondra Boulevard, in Gardena. The 1.5-acre site was used as farm land prior to 1958. The site was then occupied by a motorcycle repair service until 1964 when it was used by a Freon recycler. The TPI facility began operations in 1966 as a solvent recycling and distribution facility. In 1982, chlorinated solvents were detected at the site and the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board was notified of possible releases to soil and groundwater at the facility. The main release of chlorinated solvent was caused by three leaking underground tanks.

In 1986, the facility discontinued their solvent handling activities and started closure activities. TPI was formally closed in 1993. The facility currently consists of a warehouse where files and office equipment are stored, a groundwater treatment system, groundwater extraction and monitoring wells, and a soil vapor extraction and treatment system.

In 1999, TPI signed a five year lease with "Parking Concepts, Inc" a company that used to use the facility for repairing buses. Since 2004, the facility changed ownership and is now being used by Arena Painting Contractors to store painting equipment. Beginning in 1985, several soil and groundwater cleanup activities have been conducted including site closure, and operation of a soil vapor extraction and treatment system.

Draft Hazardous Waste Facility Permit

TPI received its first DTSC permit in 1994. The permit expired on August 3, 2004. The proposed draft post-closure permit authorizes continued site maintenance, groundwater monitoring and site cleanup.

California Environmental Quality Act

In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this project. The NOE states that the proposed permit renewal will not have a significant negative effect on human health or the environment.

Enforcement History

DTSC inspects the TPI facility to ensure compliance with California laws, regulations and permit conditions.

2003 Inspection - Violations cited:

- The existing fence was not adequate in providing security of the area where hazardous waste is stored on the facility site.
- Labels on hazardous waste storage containers were not maintained as required.
- Covers on monitoring wells were not properly secured.

2004 Inspection - Violations cited:

- Covers on monitoring wells were not properly secured and well information was not properly identifiable.
- TPI was required to submit a plan to remove the clarifier system and the piping leading to and from it. DTSC also required that the clarifier system components be tested and disposed of appropriately.

2006 and 2008 Inspection - No violations were cited.

You Can Participate in Our Decisions

Before making a final determination on the draft Post-Closure Permit, DTSC will review and respond in writing to all public comments. A Response to Comments document will be sent to all those who submitted public comments and to those who requested a copy. A copy of the Response to Comments will also be placed in the information repositories listed below.

The draft Hazardous Waste Facility Post-Closure Permit renewal and other site-related documents are available for public review at the information repositories. The administrative record is also available at the DTSC office in Chatsworth. The administrative record includes copies of the permit application, the Draft CEQA Notice of Exemption, and other site-specific documents.

Gardena Mayme Dear Library

1728 West Gardena Boulevard
Gardena, CA 90247

Hours: Mon-Wed: 12:00 pm- 8:00 pm
Thurs-Fri: 10:00 am- 6:00 pm
Sat-Sun: Closed

Phone: (310) 323-6363

Department of Toxic Substances Control

9211 Oakdale Avenue
Chatsworth, California 91311

Hours: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday – Thursday
Call (818) 717-6521 to make an appointment

To view electronic versions of the draft Permit, draft Notice of Exemption and other related documents, please visit DTSC's EnviroStor website: <http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/>.

Enter Gardena as the City and select TP Industries, Inc. Click on the link "Report" then "Community Involvement".

For More Information Contact

Please contact the following individuals with any questions or concerns you may have regarding the draft permit:

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For Media Inquiries:

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Notice to Hearing-Impaired Individuals:

You can obtain additional information about the site by using the California State Relay Service at (888) 877 5378 (TDD), or by calling Jeanne Matsumoto, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (714) 484-5338 or toll free 1-866-495-5651 and press option 4 then press 6.

**T P Industrial, Inc. Facility
Draft Permit Renewal**

If you use this form to send us your comments, please include your name and address. All written comments must be postmarked no later than **June 2, 2010**. Please send this form to:

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You may also email this same information to: CYen@dtsc.ca.gov

Name: _____

Address: _____

Affiliation (if any): _____

Telephone Number (optional): _____

Comment: (If you need more space, please feel free to use another sheet of paper)

T P Industrial, Inc. Facility

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Return this coupon to Jeanne Matsumoto, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress CA, 90630. You can e-mail your mailing list request by sending a message to JMatsumo@dtsc.ca.gov.

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