



Department of  
Toxic Substances  
Control

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Department of  
Toxic Substances  
Control is to  
provide the highest  
level of safety, and  
to protect public  
health and the  
environment from  
toxic harm.*



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Environmental  
Protection Agency

Fact Sheet, January 2009

## Post-Closure Permit Proposed for West County Landfill, Incorporated

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to review and comment on the draft Hazardous Waste Post-Closure Permit (Permit) for the West County Landfill (WCL) located at One Parr Boulevard. The approval of this Permit will allow the facility authority to continue its operation, monitoring, and maintenance of specified permitted units.

The previous Post-Closure Permit for WCL was issued July 9, 2003, and there are no physical changes proposed for this new Permit .

In addition to the draft Permit, DTSC also proposes to issue a Notice of Exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) which is available for review.

### Why a Permit is Necessary

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.

### Public Comment Period and Hearing

The 45-day public comment period for the draft Permit begins on January 23, 2009 and ends on March 10, 2009. Copies of the draft Permit, CEQA Notice of Exemption and supporting documents can be viewed at the information repositories listed on page 3 in this fact sheet. Written comments must be postmarked March 10, 2009, and sent to:

Peter Bailey, DTSC Project Manager  
8800 Cal Center Drive  
Sacramento, California 95826

E mail comments must be sent by March 10, 2009 to: [PBailey@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:PBailey@dtsc.ca.gov)

DTSC will conduct a Public Meeting/Hearing to explain the Draft Permit, address your questions, and accept your verbal and written comments. Meeting/Hearing will be held on February 24, 2009 at 6:30 PM at the following location:

The Community Senior Citizen Center of North Richmond,  
1708 5th Street  
Richmond, 94801  
510-232-3511

For information on accessibility or to request reasonable accommodations, please contact Mr. Jesus Cruz toll-free at 1-866-495-5651 or 916-255-3315 or by e-mail to [JCruz@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:JCruz@dtsc.ca.gov) no later than February 10, 2009.





### **Facility History and Description**

West County Landfill stopped receiving hazardous waste in 1985 and the facility was certified closed by DTSC with waste remaining in place in compliance with the Closure Plan. The Closure Plan required the following items to be implemented in order to properly close the facility. With closure certification, state and federal regulations require that a post-closure plan for a 30-year period be developed and implemented by the facility.

The specific post-closure activities required to be implemented with the issuances of the post-closure permit are the following:

- Monitor the groundwater for water quality and gradients,
- Manage leachate by extracting, treating and discharging it to the West County Wastewater District (WCWD) Wastewater Treatment Plant,
- Monitoring the slurry wall surrounding the facility, and
- Inspecting, maintaining and repairing the structures at the facility, which include the closed landfill and the leachate treatment system.

### **California Environmental Quality Act Notice of Exemption**

DTSC evaluated possible environmental impacts associated with the proposed activities of West County Landfill, as required by 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 located on page 3.

### **Enforcement History**

DTSC inspects the West County Landfill on a regular basis to ensure they are in compliance with California laws, regulations, and the permit conditions. The following violations were found during inspections over the past five years

**On December 9, 2002 and March 4, 2003,** DTSC staff inspected WCL at Parr Boulevard and Garden Tract Road in Richmond.

**On January 28, 2004,** DTSC issued a Compliance Evaluation Inspection Report describing violations observed during those inspections and others discovered in subsequent research. These violations

were for inadequate operation records, open containers, release of wastes, inadequate inspection records and unauthorized storage of hazardous wastes.

**On June 15, 2005**, DTSC performed a Compliance Evaluation Inspection of the WCL facility, and discovered no violations as a result of the inspection.

**On February 2, 2006**, DTSC issued an Enforcement Order to WCL, with an Imminent and Substantial Endangerment Determination, Docket HWCA 20061079 (“Enforcement Order”) The Enforcement Order sets forth DTSC’s assertion that West County Landfill failed to operate and maintain an adequate leachate extraction and treatment system to establish and maintain an inward hydraulic gradient within the Hazardous Waste Management Facility (HWMF), and that this had created the potential for releases of leachate, which is classified as RCRA hazardous waste (waste code F039), from the HWMF into the environment. The Enforcement Order also set forth DTSC’s assertion that West County Landfill violated Health and Safety Code Section 25202(a) by failing to comply with certain Permit Requirements.

**On September 26, 2007**, DTSC entered into a Consent Order with West County which superseded and replaced the requirements set forth in the Enforcement Order. This was agreed to by both parties in order to avoid the expense of litigation and carry out the compliance actions necessary to correct the violations that DTSC asserted in the Enforcement Order. In signing the Consent Order, West County remained in dispute with the allegations in the Enforcement Order, but agreed to specified compliance actions without admission of wrongdoing.

West County provided DTSC with a Post-Closure Permit Application on November 22, 2006, which contains revised operation plans to satisfy DTSC’s required compliance actions. Since that time, DTSC’s Geological Services Unit and Permit Renewal Team has been working closely with West County to ensure the scheduled completion of compliance actions, as well as revisions to West County’s proposed operation plans.

Inspection reports are available for review at DTSC’s regional office located at 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, California 95826.

## **You can Participate in our Permitting Decisions**

The draft Permit Renewal, Notice of Exemption, 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.

Richmond Public Library Main Branch  
325 Civic Center Plaza  
Richmond, California 94804  
510-620-6561  
Mon – Wed: Noon – 8 p.m.  
Thurs and Sat: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Friday: Noon – 5 p.m.  
Sunday: CLOSED

Department of Toxic Substances Control  
Sacramento Regional Records Room  
8800 Cal Center Drive  
Sacramento, California 95826  
Phone: 916-255-3758  
(Please call for an appointment)

To view electronic versions of the proposed Permit Renewal, CEQA Notice of Exemption and other related documents, please visit DTSC’s EnviroStor website: <http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/>. Enter “Richmond” as the City. Click on the link “Report” West County Landfill for additional information.

## **For More Information Contact**

Please contact any of the following individuals with any questions or concerns you may have regarding proposed Post-Closure Permit, CEQA Notice of Exemption or supporting documents:

For questions regarding the draft Permit Renewal or CEQA Notice of Exemption, please contact Mr. Peter Bailey, DTSC Project Manager, at 916-255-3602 or by e-mail to

[PBailey@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:PBailey@dtsc.ca.gov).

For questions regarding Public Participation, please contact Mr. Jesus Cruz, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, toll-free at 866-495-5651 or 916-255-3315 or by e-mail to [JCruz@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:JCruz@dtsc.ca.gov).

For questions from the media, please contact Ms. Claudia Loomis, DTSC Public Information Officer, at 916-255-6578 or by e-mail to [CLoomis@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:CLoomis@dtsc.ca.gov).

## Notice to Hearing Impaired Individuals

TDD users can obtain information about the West County Landfill by using the California State Relay Service at 888-877-5378. Please ask to speak to Jesus Cruz 916-255-3315.

### Would you like to be added or removed from the West County Landfill Mailing list?

If you would like to be added or removed from the mailing list for the West County Landfill Facility, please complete the information below and return to Mr. Jesus Cruz, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, CA 95826. You can e-mail your request to be added or removed from the mailing list to [JCruz@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:JCruz@dtsc.ca.gov).

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City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: While this mailing list is solely for DTSC use, the list is considered a public record.*