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## **DeMenno/Kerdoon Hazardous Waste Facility Permit Issued**

**LOS ANGELES** - The California Environmental Protection Agency's Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) today announced approval of a Hazardous Waste Facility Permit to DeMenno/Kerdoon (DK) authorizing the treatment, storage and transfer of hazardous wastes in tanks and containers at its facility at 2000 North Alameda Street in the City of Compton.

DeMenno/Kerdoon uses the facility to receive hazardous waste such as used oil/water mixtures, waste antifreeze, and waste-derived fuels from refineries, manufactures, retail businesses, federal and state governments, counties, municipalities, utilities, and school districts. DeMenno/Kerdoon stores, and recycles these wastes into marketable products with the exception of waste-derived fuels that are stored and transferred to other permitted treatment and disposal facilities.

The permit, which is valid for ten years, does not authorize DK to dispose of hazardous waste at the facility that began operations in 1928 as a petroleum refinery. DeMenno Kerdoon purchased the facility in 1974. In 1994, DTSC issued an Interim Status Document to the facility, so it could continue operations while the permit was being processed. The permit will become effective on July 6, 2001, unless it is appealed.

The permit also authorizes DK to construct a rail spur connecting to the main rail system that runs along Alameda Street. The spur will be used to receive and ship hazardous waste and products produced at the facility.

***DTSC is one of six Boards and Departments within the California Environmental Protection Agency. DTSC's mission is to protect and enhance public health and the environment by regulating the management of hazardous waste and promoting its reduction.***

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