

Fact sheet  
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General Electric International Inc.  
Los Angeles Service Center  
Anaheim, California



DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC  
SUBSTANCES CONTROL

## ***Proposed Hazardous Waste Storage Facility Permit needs Public Comment***

**DTSC is one of six  
Boards and  
Departments within  
the California  
Environmental  
Protection Agency.  
The Department's  
mission is to restore,  
protect and enhance  
the environmental  
quality and  
economic vitality,  
by regulating  
hazardous waste,  
conducting and  
overseeing cleanups,  
and developing and  
promoting pollution  
prevention.**

*State of California*



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Environmental  
Protection Agency**



Our agency is the Department of Toxic Substances Control. We regulate the generation, storage, and treatment of hazardous waste in California. We are the lead agency to implement the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). We issue permits to facilities to store and treat hazardous waste according to regulations and laws.

We are seeking public comment on a proposed hazardous waste permit for the General Electric International Inc., Los Angeles Service Center (LASC), located at 3601 East La Palma Avenue in Anaheim, California.

The facility is requesting authorization from our agency to store the facility generated hazardous waste for longer than 90 days at the site.

If granted, the permit would authorize the continued use of its hazardous waste storage building, with modifications. This permit does not apply to the stored polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) hazardous waste that had been allowed under the previous permit.

This fact sheet summarizes the proposed action and tells you how to provide comments.

**Para información en español por favor comuníquese con Leticia Hernández al número (714) 484-5488.**

### **Public Comment Period**

**June 25, 2004 through  
August 9, 2004**

We invite you to submit comments during this period. Please see page 2 of this fact sheet for information on where to find the documents and how to submit comments.

### **Public Hearing**

Tuesday, July 27, 2004, at 6:00  
p.m.

Placentia Public Library,  
411 East Chapman Ave., Placentia

The public hearing will be held to discuss the project and an opportunity for you to ask questions or make comments regarding the permit.

### **Historical use of the site**

The facility is located in an area zoned for light-industrial use. It is a maintenance and repair shop for industrial and electrical equipment such as large motors, generators, transformers, circuit breakers and switchgear. These repair and maintenance activities generate hazardous wastes including waste oil, part cleaning mixed solvents, paint, acid, batteries and coolant. The facility

is requesting authorization to store the hazardous waste for longer than 90 days at the site. This storage requires a permit.

In 1993, our agency issued a permit to the facility to store polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) and non-PCB hazardous waste. The permit expired in August 2003. Before the expiration date, the facility began closure activities of its PCB storage unit under the oversight of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and applied to continue storing hazardous waste at the Hazardous Waste Storage Building.

### **Our proposed permit allows the continued storage of hazardous wastes**

The maximum storage capacity is twenty-six 55-gallon drums. The proposed permit requires sufficient aisle space to allow the safe movement of the emergency equipment and personnel. All containers cannot be stacked more than two containers high.

The Hazardous Waste Storage Building is an entirely enclosed building. There are no sewer lines, floor drains, drain valves or any other openings that would allow liquid to flow out of the storage building. If a spill occurred, it would be contained by the 7-inch-high secondary containment inside the building.

### **No environmental impact**

We prepared a Notice of Exemption (NOE) in accordance with California Environmental Quality Act. We determined that the continued operation of the Hazardous Waste Storage Building will not cause any significant impact to the environment.

We reviewed the permit application and determined that it complies with all applicable regulatory standards and requirements. We prepared a proposed permit which states specific conditions for the facility to operate its Hazardous Waste Storage Building. This permit is based on our technical review, and is intended to make sure the facility operates in a manner that protects public health and the environment. This permit will make all conditions enforceable and will impose penalties for non-compliance.

### **Conducting investigations to clean up contaminations**

The facility is conducting a corrective action to clean up releases caused by its past operations. Some PCB contaminated soil was removed in 2000 along the railroad track located east and adjacent to the facility. This area is also known as Area of Concern #3. There are plans to conduct a sitewide corrective action. The schedule has not yet been determined.

### **Regular inspections conducted**

To ensure that the facility stores its hazardous waste in accordance with permit conditions and applicable regulations, we conducted two inspections during the last five years. We found only minor violations such as recordkeeping. The facility corrected these minor violations either during the inspections or within 30 days of the inspection.

### **Where to find documents**

We invite you to learn more about what is happening at GE LASC Anaheim site. All the main reports and other information are at the Placentia Public Library at 411 East Chapman Avenue in Placentia, Tel: (714) 528-1906.

We also have this information at our agency's office at 1011 Grandview Ave in Glendale. Please call Jone Barrio in the File Room at (818) 551-2952 to make an appointment. File Room hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

### **Who to call at our agency**

If you have questions regarding the cleanup, please call or email either of these people at our agency:

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