

COMMUNITY UPDATE

The mission of DTSC is to protect California's people and environment from harmful effects of toxic substances by restoring contaminated resources, enforcing hazardous waste laws, reducing hazardous waste generation, and encouraging the manufacture of chemically safer products.

APPLICATION FOR HAZARDOUS WASTE POST-CLOSURE FACILITY PERMIT (Former Kaiser Steel Mill), FONTANA, CALIFORNIA

Para información en español por favor comuníquese con Jesus Cruz al número (916) 255-3315.

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites 45-day public comment concerning a Hazardous Waste Post-Closure Facility Permit Application (Permit Application) for the former Kaiser Steel Mill (Site), located at 13557 San Bernardino Avenue, Fontana, California 92335. The Site is owned by PTAC West LLC. (PTAC) and will be operated by CCG Ontario, LLC (CCG). PTAC and CCG are located at 4545 Airport Way, Denver, Colorado 80239.

What is being proposed? PTAC West LLC filed the Permit Application with DTSC. The Permit Application describes procedures that PTAC would follow to comply with regulatory post closure facility permit requirements for the closed hazardous waste management facility (facility) located at the Site. The closed facility consists of the Chemwest Upper Ponds/Consolidated Waste Cell, Above-Ground Storage Tanks, Chrome Ponds, and Adjacent Areas (CCAC). The procedures perform the following primary functions:

- Ongoing maintenance of a cap for a closed hazardous waste landfill;
- Environmental groundwater monitoring; and
- Maintenance of financial mechanisms to fund long-term post closure permit activities as described above.

DTSC has prepared a draft permit for public review. The draft permit imposes conditions on facility operations. Approval of the draft Permit would allow PTAC West LLC to transition the CCAC from a closed facility to a Post Closure Permitted Facility.

Site Description: The Site occupied approximately 1,200 acres of land. Located on the Site were Resource Conservation Recovery Act (RCRA) units identified as the Chemwest Upper Ponds, Consolidated Waste Cell, two above-ground storage tanks (ASTs), and two Chrome Ponds, which were utilized in steel production operations. These RCRA units were closed as required by the Health and Safety Code, division 20, chapter 6.5. The RCRA units, along with adjacent areas located near the northern portion of the East Slag Pile, were covered by an approximately 28.75-acre RCRA cap. The landfill cap covering the RCRA units and adjacent areas is called the "CCAC cap." The capped CCAC is a closed hazardous waste landfill, and is the hazardous waste management unit (HWMU) that is the subject of the draft Hazardous Waste

Public Comment Period



January 29 through March 16, 2016

DTSC encourages you to review and comment on the proposed Draft Permit. The draft permit and other project related documents are available for review at the locations listed in this document on the second page.

DTSC will provide a final approval decision after all public comment has been evaluated. Please submit written comments postmarked, FAX, or emailed by March 16, 2016 to:

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A meeting or hearing can be provided upon request or based on public interest.



Post Closure Facility Permit. The inventory of the HWMU (former ferrous chloride, chrome and other hazardous waste containment structures and contaminated soil) is calculated to be at least 200,000 cubic yards.

Basis for Draft Permit Conditions: DTSC has added draft permit conditions, in Part V of the draft Permit in accordance with California Code of Regulations (CCR), title 22, section 66270.32. A summary of the basis for the additional special permit conditions follows:

Land Use Covenant: As required by Civil Code section 1471(c), DTSC has determined that Land Use Covenants (LUCs) are necessary to protect public health and the environment due to the presence of the hazardous materials, as defined in Health and Safety Code section 25260, disposed in the capped CCAC. The proposed Permit Application identifies that on December 13, 2010, LUCs were recorded on Site. The Permittee shall comply with the requirements and restrictions of the LUCs. The Permittee shall reimburse DTSC for its costs incurred in reviewing groundwater monitoring reports, and implementing and enforcing the LUCs, including costs incurred in conducting inspections, preparing inspection reports, and reviewing any Soil Management Plan or Health and Safety Plan as may be required by the LUCs.

Groundwater Monitoring Program:

The Draft Permit identifies that groundwater monitoring requirements are to be continued under CCR title 22, article 6.

Alternative Activities for Cover:

The Draft Permit identifies that the following alternative protective soil cover layer may be used: replacing the surface vegetation with an asphalt concrete parking lot, installing photovoltaic panels on the cover, or other similar surface improvements subject to CCR, title 22, sections 66264.117 (d) and 66264.118.

Where you can find information: A copy of the Draft Permit and other Site related technical documents are available at the following locations:

Lewis Library and Technology Center, 8437 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, CA 92335. Phone: 909.547.4500.

The same documents are also available at:

DTSC file room at 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630. Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., contact Jone Barrio, phone: (714) 484-5337.

You can also visit the DTSC EnviroStor online website at:

http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=80001542

Next Steps: At the close of the 45-day public comment period, DTSC will review and consider all public comments and assess the technical adequacy of the proposed Draft Permit prior to final approval.

A Response to Comments document will be made available to all community members and stakeholders who submit.

Who to contact for more information: Please contact the following DTSC representatives if you require further information regarding the proposed Permit:

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