

COMMUNITY UPDATE

The mission of DTSC is to protect California's people and environment from harmful effects of toxic substances through the restoration of contaminated resources, enforcement, regulation and pollution prevention.

You May Review and Comment on the Draft Permit for the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory Site 300 Public Comment Period begins March 28 and ends May 17, 2016

Introduction

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) Permitting Division in Berkeley, California invites you to review and submit comments on the draft Hazardous Waste Facility Permit (Draft Permit) for Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. The Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, P.O. Box 808, L-293, Livermore, CA 94551-0808 (LLNL) applied for a permit renewal on its Site 300 facility (Site 300) located on Corral Hollow Road in the eastern Altamont Hills near Tracy, California in San Joaquin County.

DTSC received the permit renewal application (Application) for Site 300 from LLNL for a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) hazardous waste facility permit on July 1, 2005. The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) Office of Permitting – Berkeley is processing the permit application. On June 18, 2008, DTSC initiated a public comment period that took place from June 18, 2008 to August 18, 2008 during which comments were received for a draft Negative Declaration under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and Draft Permit (2008 Draft Permit). DTSC did not finalize a decision at that time; therefore a final permit and response to comments document were not issued.

DTSC instead required the Facility to prepare a work plan and conduct additional site characterization. In addition, the facility made corrections and other changes to the application. This revised application was determined to be technically complete on February 9, 2016. In consideration of comments received on the 2008 Draft Permit and due to soil samples needed prior to the issuance of the 2008 Draft Permit, DTSC has prepared a new draft permit (the Draft Permit) under applicable regulations.

Public Comment Period



March 28 to May 17, 2016

DTSC encourages you to review and comment on the draft permit. DTSC will make a final decision on the draft permit after we have reviewed and considered all public comments. Please send written comments by May 17, 2016 to:

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You may also comment at the Public Hearing on April 27, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the:

**Multipurpose Room
(Cafeteria)
Monticello Elementary
School**
1001 Cambridge Place
Tracy CA 95377



Permitting History

The Facility was established by the Department of Energy and the University of California in 1955 as an experimental test site for explosives testing. Prior to 1992, the Facility operated the B829 High Explosives Burn Pits (B829) and B883 Container Storage Area (B883) under Interim Status granted by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA). In 1993, DTSC issued an order requiring closure of B829 and the submittal of a Part B Permit Application for the Explosives Waste Treatment Facility (EWTF). DTSC issued permit for the operation of the Explosives Waste Storage Facility (EWSF) and B883 in 1996. In 1997, DTSC issued a second Permit for the operation of the EWTF. In 2005, the Facility submitted a consolidated permit renewal application for B883, EWSF, and the EWTF.

Enforcement History

DTSC has the authority to conduct inspections, sampling activities, inspect and copy documents, and take photographs at sites or establishments where hazardous wastes are stored, handled, processed, treated, or disposed. DTSC has been conducting regular inspections at the Facility since 1987. The most recent inspection conducted on March of 2012 DTSC did not find any violations. On the inspection conducted on November of 2010, however, DTSC found that the Facility staff did not use the correct handling codes on one of its manifests that logs hazardous waste received from the LLNL Main site. The error was corrected within three days.

Procedures to reach a final decision

You may review the Draft Permit, Fact Sheet, and other related documents at the locations listed on page

three. The entire administrative record is available in the DTSC office in Berkeley. The public comment period lasts for 45 days in which you can review the Draft Permit and provide comments to DTSC. Written or e-mailed comments must be postmarked or sent by May 17, 2016. DTSC will hold a public hearing for this project on Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at 6:30 p.m., at the Multipurpose Room, Moniticello Elementary School, 1001 Cambridge Place Tracy, CA 95377. Before making a final determination on the draft Permit, DTSC will review, consider, and respond in writing to all public comments. DTSC will send a Notice of Final Permit Decision to all who submitted comments. This notice will reference the procedures for appealing a decision on the Permit. The response to comments documents will be available for the public and will be filed at the different repositories.

Draft Permit Renewal Decision

The Draft Permit renewal would allow the Facility to continue the treatment and storage of non-nuclear explosive hazardous waste and residue as well as the storage of non-explosive hazardous waste. The Permit, if approved, will also allow for the following changes: The building B833 Container Storage Area (B883 CSA) would increase liquid waste storage capacity from 3,300 to 5,500 gallons which is within the existing design capacity for B883 CSA; the treatment capacity for the Explosive Waste Treatment Facility (EWTF) Burn Pan would be reduced from 150 pounds per event to 100 pounds per event; the treatment capacity for the EWTF Open Detonation Unit would be reduced from 350 pounds per event to 100 pounds per event; and the overall storage capacity for the Explosive Waste Storage Facility (EWSF) overall storage capacity for explosives wastes would be reduced to 15,836 pounds. In addition to accepting on-site generated hazardous waste, Site 300 is permitted



to accept explosives waste from the LLNL Main site located in Livermore for storage and treatment at EWSF and EWTF. Radioactive, low level radioactive, or mixed waste is not approved to be stored or treated under the Draft Permit.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

Under the California Environmental Quality Act, DTSC must evaluate whether the proposed actions may have a significant impact on human health and the environment. DTSC prepared a DTSC Environmental Document Analysis form using prior environmental documents issued for the project. Based on this analysis, DTSC determined that an Addendum to the previously issued Negative Declarations from 1996 and 1997 is appropriate for the project. In the event the project is approved, a Notice of Determination will be filed with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research State Clearinghouse.

For More Information

You may review the draft Permit, Fact Sheet, and other related documents at:

Tracy Public Library
20 E Eaton Avenue
Tracy, CA 95376
(866) 805-7323

Civic Center Library	LLNL Discovery Center
1188 S Livermore Ave.	Greenville at East Gate Dr.
Livermore CA 94550	Livermore CA 94551
(925) 373-5500	(925) 423-3272

To view facility related documents electronically, go to <http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/>. Enter "Tracy" as

the City, scroll down and select "Lawrence Livermore National Lab Site 300." Click on the link "Activities" to view documents.

The administrative record may be viewed by appointment Monday – Friday between 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. at the address below. All data submitted by the applicant is available as part of the administrative record.

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Si prefiera hablar con alguien en español acerca de ésta información, favor de llamar a Jesus Cruz, Departamento de Control de Substancias Tóxicas. El número de teléfono es (866) 495-5651.

