

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.

You may comment on draft plans for treatment of contaminated groundwater located at the Former Kearney KPF Facility, 1624 E Alpine Ave. in Stockton

Introduction

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites your comment on the permit renewal for the groundwater extraction, monitoring and treatment system at the former Kearney-KPF facility, located at 1624 East Alpine Avenue in Stockton, California 95205. We call this permit a Post-Closure Permit. Please see the map on page 3.

This document introduces the former Kearney-KPF (Kearney) facility and gives you some background. Here we will tell you about:

- The public comment period;
- The groundwater treatment system;
- What our next steps will be;
- Where to get more information.

Background

KPF Electric Company (KPF) began operation at the East Alpine Facility in 1951 and continued until 1986. They manufactured high voltage switching devices for American and Canadian utility companies. Kearney-National Inc. bought KPF in June 1984. Today at the Site, trucking, equipment storage, auto repair, and construction take place. The 12.6 acre location now has ten buildings.

Both companies dumped rinse waters and spent acid into two low lying ponds on the property. This dumping resulted in cleaning chemicals polluting the groundwater. Kearney removed the soil from the two ponds. They covered the two ponds with a clay cover in 1991. In 1991, groundwater sampling revealed solvents in groundwater beneath the two ponds. To start cleanup, Kearney built a groundwater treatment system. They put in five extraction wells on the property and started this treatment system in 1992.

Public Comment Period



March 1 to April 14, 2017

You may comment on this proposed action. Please send your comments postmarked or e-mailed by April 14, 2017 to:

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You may attend the public hearing:

April 5 2017 at 6:30 PM
Multi-Purpose Room
William Harrison
Elementary School
3203 Sanguinetti Lane
Stockton CA 95205

Questions, please contact
Mr. Nathan Schumacher at
(866) 495-5651 or

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Current Treatment System

Kearney remotely operates five extraction wells to pull out the polluted groundwater. They then pipe it over to an ultraviolet light oxidation system and an air stripper to remove the solvents from the water. Kearney then discharges the treated water to a basin that allows the water to soak back into the ground. Kearney has 48 monitoring wells including the five extraction wells at this location.

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 completed inspections in 2001, 2003, 2004, 2007, 2010, 2014, and 2016.

On October 11, 2016, DTSC conducted a Compliance Evaluation Inspection. DTSC requires that Kearney remove a large trailer that was placed over one of the monitoring wells by June 14, 2017. On October 24, 2016, DTSC conducted a groundwater audit inspection. DTSC's inspection report required Kearney to cleanup and destroy one of the monitoring wells by no later than May 20, 2017.

California Environmental Quality Act

Under state law, we must judge whether the proposed actions will have any unfavorable effects on human health or the environment. We determined that the activities will not have any negative effects. Therefore, DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption. DTSC has placed a copy in the Cesar Chavez Central Public Library in Stockton (please see the next column for the address).

Our Next Steps

You may attend our public hearing on the proposed renewal of the Post-Closure Permit.

6:30 PM April 5, 2017

Multi-Purpose Room, William Harrison Elementary School

3203 Sanguinetti Lane

Stockton CA 95205

Before making a final decision on this draft Permit, we will consider and respond to all public comments that we receive. We will send our responses to those who have commented or have shown interest in receiving our response to comments.

Information Locations

The proposed Post-Closure Permit and other related documents are available for public review at the following location:

Cesar Chavez Central Library

605 North El Dorado Street

Stockton, CA 95202, (209) 937-8221

The entire administrative record is available at the DTSC Sacramento office. The administrative record includes copies of the proposed Post-Closure Permit, the California Environmental Quality Act proposed Notice of Exemption and other related documents.

File Room, Department of Toxic Substances Control

8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento CA 95826

For arrangements, please call (916) 255-3758



You can review most documents electronically by going to:

http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/hvmp_profile_report.asp?global_id=CAD981429715

For More Information

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The Former Kearney Facility Location