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The following are questions many people have about how they can participate in the Public Hearing process for the Kettleman Hills Facility Class 3 Permit Modification.

What is a DTSC Public Hearing?

A Public Hearing is a special type of meeting that government agencies hold to receive public comments on proposed decisions that have been publicized for public review. Public Hearings include a word-for-word record of the comments made by the public. Many government agencies in the United States hold similar kinds of meetings. The process may vary according to each agency's requirements. The primary reason for all Public Hearings is to receive the public's ideas and thoughts about a proposed decision or a particular issue.

When is the Public Hearing?

DTSC has scheduled the public hearing for September 18, 2013, at the Kettleman City Elementary School, 701 General Petroleum Street (referred to as Avenue in Google and MapQuest), Kettleman City at 6:30 p.m.

How can I Participate in the Public Hearing or Public Comment Process for the Proposed Kettleman Hills Facility Class 3 Permit Modification?

- Attend DTSC's Public Hearing on September 18, 2013, and present your comments orally,
- Fill out and submit a public comment card at the hearing,
- Send your comments by mail or e-mail to Wayne Lorentzen at the address stated below between now and October 11, 2013.

What to Expect at the Public Hearing?

At the Public Hearing, DTSC will talk about the proposed permit expansion for the Kettleman Hills facility. Additionally, DTSC will ensure that everyone who wishes to submit a comment is able to do so. Simultaneous translation (English and Spanish) will be provided. If you run out of time giving an oral comment, you may submit a written comment. The length of written comments is not limited. A court reporter will record the oral comments at the Public Hearing and provide DTSC with a written transcript. DTSC will review and consider all comments before making a final decision. When DTSC makes a final Permit decision, DTSC will also prepare a written Response to Comments, which will be made available to the public.

On the evening of the Public Hearing, DTSC will explain and answer questions about the Public Comment process. Following that, DTSC will accept official public comments for the project.

What not to Expect at the Public Hearing?

Once the Public Hearing begins, DTSC staff will not respond to official public comments during the Public Hearing. Responses to public comments will be provided in the Response to Comments document, which will be made available to the public.

How do I comment?

You have several opportunities to comment in person or in writing.

You may speak at the Public Hearing or fill out and submit a public comment card that will be available at the Public Hearing. In order to capture all oral comments made, DTSC will have a court reporter present to produce a written transcript of the Public Hearing. Please introduce yourself so the court reporter can identify you in the transcript. You also may submit your comments in written form via U.S. mail or via e-mail.

Where do I send my comments?

Please send comments to:

Wayne Lorentzen, Project Manager
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8800 Cal Center Drive
Sacramento CA 95826

You may also e-mail to Wayne.Lorentzen@dtsc.ca.gov

When can I comment?

You have until the end of the day on Friday, October 11, 2013, to submit your comments. DTSC will accept comments with United States Postal Service postmarks of October 11 or earlier. You may also submit a written or oral comment at the Public Hearing on September 18, 2013, 6:30 PM at the Kettleman City Elementary School.

What can I comment about?

You may comment if you believe any condition of the draft permit modification is appropriate or inappropriate or that DTSC's proposed decision to prepare a draft permit modification is appropriate or inappropriate. You can raise all issues and submit all arguments and facts supporting your position, including all supporting material, by the close of the public comment period on October 11th. All supporting materials must be included in full and may not be incorporated by reference, unless they are already part of the administrative record, or consist of State or Federal statutes and regulations, DTSC or USEPA documents of general applicability, or other generally available reference materials.

What is the Appeals Process?

Within 30 days after DTSC issues a final permit decision, any person who filed comments on the draft permit or participated in the Public Hearing may petition DTSC to review any condition of the permit decision. Any person who failed to file comments or failed to participate in the Public Hearing may petition for administrative review only on the changes from the draft to the final permit modification decision.