

# COMMUNITY Notice

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.

## Further Extension to the Public Comment Period on Proposed Permit Modification Chemical Waste Management Kettleman Hills -- Public Comment Period now ends

October 25, 2013



On January 14, 2009, Chemical Waste Management (CWM) initiated a 60-day public comment period and held a public meeting on February 10, 2009. The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) issued public notices in July 2013 announcing a public hearing scheduled for August 27, 2013, and a public comment period ending on September 4, 2013. DTSC issued additional public notices in August 2013 rescheduling the public hearing to September 18, 2013, and extending the public comment period to end on October 11, 2013. This announcement further extends the end of the public comment period from October 11, 2013 to October 25, 2013.

### Introduction

DTSC's Office of Permitting invites you to review and comment on a draft decision to approve a Class 3 Permit Modification for CWM's Kettleman Hills Facility, located at 35251 Old Skyline Road near Kettleman City, California (CWM

#### Public Comment Period



You may submit comments on these proposed changes on the Kettleman Hills Facility Permit ---**The Public Comment Period has been extended to end on October 25, 2013.**

#### Public Comments

Please send your comments to:

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Sacramento CA 95826

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mailing address is Post Office Box 471 Kettleman City, California 93239). The permit modification would expand the permitted capacity of hazardous waste landfill unit B-18 adding 5,000,000 cubic yards. CWM submitted this request because they are near their permitted capacity.

## Draft decision would add permit conditions

The draft decision would add permit conditions to the current permit including:

- Compliance with the mitigation measures identified in the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report;
- Longer ambient air sampling periods for PCBs;
- An additional air monitoring station to sample air when wind is blowing toward Kettleman City;
- Annual meeting in Kettleman City to explain the environmental monitoring results;
- Construction of a containment system at the sample rack;
- Increased landfill leachate sampling and analysis;
- Annual aerial or land surveys of active hazardous waste landfills and monthly estimates of landfill airspace consumption;
- Compliance with the terms of a Biological Opinion and Incidental Take Statement;
- Specific procedures and notifications for reporting spills, leaks and releases;
- Reduction of diesel truck emissions by prohibiting trucks older than 2007. Trucks older than 2010 would be prohibited beginning in 2018.

## Facility Background

Chemical Waste Management Incorporated operates the Kettleman Hills Facility as a permitted hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal facility on 499 acres of a 1,600 acre parcel. The Kettleman Hills Facility accepts virtually all solid, semi-solid, and liquid hazardous waste. It is not permitted to accept biological agents or infectious wastes, regulated radioactive materials, or compressed gases and explosives. Landfill B-18 is currently permitted as a hazardous waste landfill with 10,700,000 cubic yards of total capacity.

## California Environmental Quality Act

Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), DTSC must review and consider the potential environmental impacts from the proposed permit modification. The 2009 Kings County Final Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (FSEIR) State Clearinghouse No. 2005041064 was prepared by Kings County to analyze the project impacts. DTSC, acting as a Responsible Agency under CEQA, prepared an Addendum to the FSEIR to review and consider the FSEIR and the potential environmental impacts of the project. DTSC has also prepared a draft CEQA Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations. If the project is approved, DTSC will file a Notice of Determination with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research State Clearinghouse to commence the 30-day statutory legal challenge period under CEQA for the project. The FSEIR, Addendum, and CEQA findings are available for inspection at the locations listed in this notice.

## Public Comment Procedures

During the public comment period, any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit. All



written comments received will be considered in making a final decision.

All persons who believe any condition of the draft permit modification is inappropriate or that DTSC's tentative decision to prepare a draft permit modification is inappropriate, must raise all issues and submit all arguments and factual grounds supporting their position, including all supporting material, by the close of the public comment period. 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. Commenters must make supporting material not already included in the administrative record available to DTSC as directed by DTSC. The comment period has been extended to give commenters a reasonable opportunity to submit supporting materials. After considering all comments, DTSC will issue a response to comments that will be available to the public.

## For more information

If you have questions, please contact the following staff:

Wayne Lorentzen, Project Manager

8800 Cal Center Drive

Sacramento CA 95826

(916) 255-3883 or [Wayne.Lorentzen@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:Wayne.Lorentzen@dtsc.ca.gov)

Nathan Schumacher, Public Participation Specialist

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(916) 255-3650 or [Nathan.Schumacher@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:Nathan.Schumacher@dtsc.ca.gov)

Toll free telephone number is (866) 495-5651

If you are a member of the media, please contact:

Russ Edmondson

DTSC Public Information Officer

(916) 323-3372 or [Russ.Edmondson@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:Russ.Edmondson@dtsc.ca.gov)

## You may review the documents at these locations

The Proposed Class 3 Permit Modification application, the CEQA documents, the draft permit, the fact sheet containing more detailed information, and other supporting documents are located at the following locations:

### **Kings County Library, Kettleman City Branch**

104 Becky Pease St.

Kettleman City, CA 93239

(559) 386-9804

Hours of Operation:

Sunday: Closed

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Thursday: 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Friday: Closed

Saturday: Closed

### **Kings County Library, Avenal Branch**

501 Kings Street

Avenal CA 93204

(559) 386-5741

Hours of Operation:

Weekends: Closed

Monday: 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday: 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Thursday: 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Friday: 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.



**Kings County Library, Hanford Branch**

401 North Douty Street

Hanford CA 93230

(559) 582-0261

Hours of Operation:

Sunday: Closed

Monday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday: 10:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Friday: 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday: 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The full administrative record is available from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at our Sacramento office, Mondays through Fridays, excluding state holidays. All data submitted by Chemical Waste Management is available as part of the administrative record.

Department of Toxic Substances Control (Office of Permitting)

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Please contact Amy Ly at (916) 255-4159 to make the necessary arrangements.

Information is also available at our website:

<http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/Projects/CWMISiteDescription.cfm>

<http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/>

## Notice for the Hearing Impaired

TDD users may obtain additional information by using the California State Relay Service at 711 or 1 (800) 735-2929 (TDD). Please ask them to contact Nathan Schumacher at (916) 255-3650 regarding the Kettleman Hills Facility.

## Anuncio

Si prefiere 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