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## Clean Harbors, Los Angeles, LLC, Inc Draft Permit Renewal Available for Review



*View of facility entrance on Alba Street*

A draft RCRA Hazardous Waste Permit renewal and a draft California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Negative Declaration for Clean Harbors, Los Angeles, LLC, Inc. located at 5756 Alba Street in Los Angeles are available for public review and comment. The property, located near Alameda Street and Slauson Avenue, is zoned light industrial by the City of Los Angeles, and is allowed by the city's planning department to perform hazardous waste management activities at the premises. The permit renewal would allow the facility to continue treating, storing, and transferring hazardous waste from a variety of industries for another 10 years.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC HEARING**

**Comment Period: June 8, 2010 – July 26, 2010**

The public comment period for the draft Permit, and draft CEQA Negative Declaration begins on June 8, 2010 and ends July 26, 2010. Copies of the draft documents can be viewed at the information repositories listed on page 3 of this fact sheet. Written and emailed comments must be postmarked by July 26, 2010 and sent to:

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**Public Hearing:** Saturday, July 10, 2010 at 2:00 pm at the Augustus F. Hawkins Natural Park, 5790 Compton Avenue, California

DTSC will hold a public hearing to explain the draft permit, and accept your verbal and written comments. For information on accessibility or to request reasonable accommodations, please contact Jeanne Matsumoto toll-free at (866) 495-5651 press 4, then press 6 or by e-mail to [jmatsumo@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:jmatsumo@dtsc.ca.gov) no later than June 25, 2010.



## Facility History

Clean Harbors Los Angeles, LLC has been a permitted facility since 1985 and is now renewing its hazardous waste facility permit from DTSC to continue current operations.

The facility has accepted, stored, treated, and recycled hazardous waste at this location since 1979. The Oil Process Company purchased the property and began a transportation operation for various manufacturing and waste-generating industries in the State of California and other nearby states in late 1979. The facility began planning a waste processing facility in 1980. RCRA applications were submitted to the State of California and USEPA in 1984. DTSC (formerly DHS) and USEPA jointly issued Oil Process Company a Hazardous Waste Facility Permit on June 3, 1985. Thereafter, the facility began receiving hazardous wastes for processing and treatment. The 1985 permit was a five year permit that expired in 1990. The 1985 permit was renewed for another five years in 1990.

Oil Process Company sold the facility to Rollins in 1992, who then operated the facility. Rollins then sold the Los Angeles Facility to Laidlaw Environmental Services in 1997, which changed its name to Safety-Kleen on July 7, 1998. In June 2000, Safety-Kleen and its subsidiaries filed for bankruptcy relief according to Chapter 11 of the United States bankruptcy laws in the District of Delaware Bankruptcy Court. In 2002, Safety-Kleen (Los Angeles), Inc. sold the facility to Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc.

## Facility Operations

Clean Harbors Los Angeles, LLC provides services that include hazardous waste treatment, transfer, storage, consolidation, laboratory packing and de-packing, liquid fuel blending, solvent recycling, and solvent distribution. The facility is also authorized by USEPA to accept and store PCB wastes regulated under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)

Off-site generated hazardous wastes are delivered to the facility in tanker trucks and containers where wastes are sampled and analyzed in accordance with the Waste Analysis Plan. After approval by the onsite lab, containers can be transferred to the storage tanks, while bulk wastes are pumped directly to the storage tanks. The container storage units are located both inside the building

and outdoors. The maximum storage capacity of the facility is 128,370 gallons in containers and 371,230 gallons in tanks at any one time. The maximum treatment capacity is 361,930 gallon per day in tanks and 100,000 gallons per day for other treatment (container processing).

The facility receives containerized wastes and stores the waste in the following areas:

- Containers Storage Warehouse (WMU 1)
- Container Storage Area B (WMU 3)
- Roll-off Container Storage Area (WMU 4)
- New Container Storage Pad (WMU 6);

### *Bulk waste received is stored in:*

- Wastewater Treatment Plant (WMU-5);

### *Wastes are processed and treated in:*

- Container Processing Building (WMU-2)
- Waste Water Treatment Plant (WMU-5);

### *Wastes are transferred off-site via:*

- Truck or rail  
(Rail Transfer Station – not yet constructed)

## Draft Hazardous Waste Facility Permit

This facility received its first DTSC permit in 1985. The most recent permit expired on May 29 1995, however, the facility is allowed to continue to operate until a permit determination is made on the permit renewal application. The proposed draft permit renewal will authorize Clean Harbors, Los Angeles to continue current hazardous waste operations for another 10 years.

## California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

Under the California Environmental Quality Act, DTSC must evaluate whether the proposed actions may have any significant impacts on human health and the environment. In compliance with CEQA, DTSC has prepared a draft Initial Study and a draft Negative Declaration for this project. The Initial Study indicates that the proposed permit will not have a significant negative effect on human health and the environment.

## Compliance History

DTSC inspects Clean Harbors Los Angeles on a regular basis to ensure the facility is in compliance with California laws, regulations and permit conditions. Minor violations have been cited since 2006, they are listed below.

*2009 Inspection* - found no violations.

*2008 Inspection* - found no violations.

*2007 Inspection* - found several violations: 1) stored hazardous wastes in an unauthorized location; 2) stored liquid waste contaminated with PCBs (5 ppm to < 50 ppm) in an unauthorized tank; 3) failed to submit a permit modification application for the crane equipment used in the Container Processing Building; 4) failed to maintain and operate its facility to minimize the possibility of sudden or non-sudden release of PCB oil onto ground in three different locations; and 5) failed to conduct an inspection of inactive tanks that have not been closed. A Consent Order was issued and a penalty of \$42,500 was assessed on January 15, 2009.

*2006 Inspection* - found only administrative violation: failure to submit a Training and Contingency Plan.

### **Why a Permit is Necessary**

The Clean Harbors, Los Angeles facility receives and treats hazardous waste onsite. These activities are subject to California Law and regulations to ensure that they are performed in a manner that does not harm people or the environment.

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is a department within the California Environmental Protection Agency. DTSC regulates the generation, storage, treatment, and disposal of hazardous waste in California. A permit enables DTSC to effectively regulate the hazardous waste management activities at facilities. DTSC is authorized to impose special conditions in this Permit pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25200(a) and the regulations in California Code of Regulations, title 22, division 4.5, governing tanks, containers, and other facility and operation standards. Permits are developed after DTSC's technical review, and are intended to ensure that the facility operates in a manner that protects human health and the environment.

### **How You Can Participate**

Before making a final determination on the draft Permit, DTSC will review and respond in writing to all public comments. A Response to Comments document will be sent to all those who submitted public comments and to those who request a copy. A copy of the Response to Comments will also be placed in the information repositories.

The draft Hazardous Waste Facility Permit renewal and other site-related documents are available for public review at the information repositories listed below.

#### **Florence Library**

1610 E. Florence Ave.

Los Angeles, CA 90001-2522

Telephone: (323) 581-8028

Hours: Mon. 11:00 am to 7:00 pm

Wed. & Tues. 11:00 am to 8:00 pm

Thur., Fri. & Sat. 11:00 am to 5:00 pm

Sun. Closed

#### **Department of Toxic Substances Control**

9211 Oakdale Avenue

Chatsworth, CA 91311

Please call (818) 717-6521 for an appointment

Hours: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Mon. – Fri.

The administrative record is available at the DTSC Chatsworth office. The administrative record includes copies of the permit application, the draft CEQA Negative Declaration, this fact sheet and other site-specific documents.

#### **For More Information Contact**

Please contact any of the following individuals with any questions or concerns you may have regarding the draft permit:

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#### **Notice to Hearing Impaired Individuals:**

TDD users can obtain additional information about Clean Harbors, Los Angeles facility by calling the California State Relay Service at (1-888-877-5378) to reach DTSC Public Participation Specialist, Jeanne Matsumoto at (714) 484-5338.

