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Fact Sheet, May 2008

ConocoPhillips in Wilmington Requests Renewal of Post-Closure Permit

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) would like to invite you to comment on the proposed **Post-Closure** Permit (Permit) for the Stormwater Holding Basin 2 (SHB 2) at the ConocoPhillips Los Angeles Refinery Wilmington (LARW) plant at 1660 West Anaheim Street in Wilmington. We invite you to attend and participate in a public meeting. A public meeting is a process for DTSC to provide additional information and receive comments from the community on the proposed Post-Closure Permit. (See box below for meeting and comment period details.)



In addition to the proposed Post-Closure Permit, DTSC also proposes to issue a Notice of Exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Please note: A glossary to define bolded technical terms has been included on page 4 of this fact sheet.

Public Comment Period and Meeting

The 45-day public comment period for the proposed Post-Closure Permit begins on **May 20** and ends on **July 3, 2008**. Copies of the proposed Post-Closure Permit, NOE and supporting documents can be viewed at the information repositories listed on page 3 in this fact sheet. Written and e-mailed comments must be postmarked by **July 3, 2008**, and sent to:

Mike Eshaghian, Project Manager
9211 Oakdale Avenue
Chatsworth, California 91311
(818) 717-6679

Please e-mail comments to: Meshaghi@dtsc.ca.gov

Public Meeting: Tuesday, June 10, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

DTSC will hold a Public Meeting on **June 10, 2008** at the Wilmington Branch Library, 1300 N. Avalon Boulevard in Wilmington (310-834-1082) to explain the proposed Post-Closure Permit, address your questions, and accept your verbal and written comments.

For information on accessibility or to request reasonable accommodations, please contact Ms. Kim Rhodes toll-free at 1-866-495-5651 or 916-255-3651 or by e-mail to Krhodes1@dtsc.ca.gov no later than **June 3, 2008**.



If the proposed Post-Closure Permit is approved, it will allow the following activities to continue:

- Conducting inspections and maintaining the liner cover, and
- Monitor the groundwater to ensure that the SHB 2 is not contributing hazardous constituents to the groundwater

In addition, ConocoPhillips shall secure an emergency permit from DTSC when extreme emergencies occur such as severe storms and massive power outages. This would allow SHB 2 to temporarily store overflow of storm and process water from the refinery process water treatment system instead of releasing it to surface drains.

Why a Permit is Necessary

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. Permits are developed after DTSC's detailed technical review, and are intended to ensure that the facility operates in a manner that protects human health and the environment.

Facility Description

The Willington Plant is a refining, processing and storage facility that processes petroleum received through pipelines from ConocoPhillips' Carson Plant into finished products such as automotive gasoline, jet fuel and diesel fuel. The refinery consists of a 424 acre parcel on which refining operations have been conducted since 1919. SHB 2 is located along the eastern boundary of the refinery and has surface dimensions of 436 feet by 356 feet and a depth at the deepest point of 34 feet.

On July 24, 1995, DTSC approved SBH 2 Closure Plan. The **Post-Closure Plan** required the construction of a synthetic liner on top of the existing concrete liner that covered the entire surface of the impoundment, a leachate collection system to prevent accumulation of liquid between the synthetic liner and the concrete liner, and a liquid evacuation system to remove liquid that could accumulate on top of the synthetic liner system.



Photo of ConcoPhillips, Wilmington

On June 25, 1996, DTSC approved the closure report and certification for closure activities for SHB 2 dated March 25, 1996. Groundwater below the facility is contaminated from historic site activities, including the area below SHB 2. The goal of the post-closure permit is to ensure the pond is not contributing to groundwater contamination.

California Environmental Quality Act – Notice of Exemption

Under the California Environmental Quality Act, DTSC must evaluate whether the proposed actions may have any significant impacts on human health and the environment. As part of this evaluation, DTSC has prepared a Notice of Exemption which concludes that issuance of the Post-closure Permit will not result in any impact to human health or the environment.

Enforcement History

DTSC inspects LARW on a regular basis to ensure they are in compliance with California laws, regulations, and the Permit conditions. The results of those inspections during the past five years are listed below:

- April 20-22, 2005 – No violations were observed.
- November 8 and 15, 2006 – The facility received three violations:
 - The facility failed to transfer hazardous waste from broken bags to a container in good condition;
 - Left container open while not in use; and

- Failed to remove and properly contain the accumulated **Hexavalent Chromium** in the bundle cleaning area after use.
- All violations cited on November 8 and 15 were corrected during inspection.*

Inspection reports are available for review at DTSC's regional office located at 9211 Oakdale Avenue, Chatsworth, California 91311

You can Participate in our Permitting Decisions

The proposed Post-Closure Permit and other site-related documents are available for public review at the information repositories listed below. The entire administrative record is available in the DTSC office in Chatsworth.

Wilmington Public Library

1300 N. Avalon Blvd.
Wilmington, CA 90744
(310) 834-1082

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Wednesday 10a.m.-8p.m.

Tuesday- Thursday 12p.m.-8p.m.

Friday-Saturday 10a.m.-6p.m.

Sunday - Closed

Department of Toxic Substances Control

Chatsworth Regional Office

9211 Oakdale Avenue

Chatsworth, CA 91311

Please call (818) 551-2886 for an appointment

To view **electronic versions of the proposed Post-Closure Permit**, CEQA Notice of Exemption and other related documents, please visit our DTSC's EnviroStor website:

<http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/>. Enter "Wilmington" as the City and select ConocoPhillips - LARW. Click on the link for "Report" and then on the button for "Community Involvement."

For More Information Contact

Please contact any of the following individuals with any questions or concerns you may have regarding proposed Post-Closure Permit or supporting documents:

For questions regarding the proposed Post-Closure Permit or Notice of Exemption, please contact:

Mr. Mike Eshaghian, DTSC Project Manager, at (818) 717-6679 or e-mail MEshaghi@dtsc.ca.gov.

For questions regarding Public Participation, please contact:

Ms. Kim Rhodes, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, toll-free 866-495-5651 or (916) 255-3651 or e-mail KRhodes@dtsc.ca.gov.

For questions from the media, please contact:

Ms. Jeanne Garcia, DTSC Public Information Officer, at (818) 717-2176 or e-mail JGarcia1@dtsc.ca.gov.



Notice to Hearing Impaired Individuals

TDD users can obtain information about the ConocoPhillips, Wilmington by using the California State Relay Service at 888-877-5378. Please ask to speak to Kim Rhodes at 916-255-3651.

Glossary

Hexavalent Chromium: is a group of chemical substances that contain the metallic element chromium in its positive-6 valence (hexavalent) state.

Post-Closure: a regulated unit (for example a unit at a land disposal facility), with a Full Permit or Interim Status Document, which plans to close and leave waste in place rather than clean-close, the facility must obtain or maintain a post-closure permit from DTSC.

Post-Closure Plan: contains a plan describing the activities to occur in preparation for and after post closure.

Would you like to be added or removed from the ConocoPhillips, Wilmington Mailing list?

If you would like to be added or removed from the mailing list for ConocoPhillips, Wilmington, please complete the information below and return to Ms. Kim Rhodes, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, CA 95826. You can also e-mail your request to be added or removed from the mailing list by sending a message to Krhodes1@dtsc.ca.gov.

- Please **remove** my name from the mailing list
- Please **add** my name to the mailing list

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Note: While the mailing list is solely for DTSC use, the list is considered a public record.