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To Interested Party:

APPROVAL OF CLASS 2 PERMIT MODIFICATION REQUEST FOR CLOSURE PLAN FOR THE HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY, MODIFICATION NUMBER MOD2 SC3-2007-010, THE DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY, 305 CRENSHAW BOULEVARD, TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, EPA NUMBER CAD 009 547 050

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has approved a Class 2 Permit Modification Request dated September 28, 2006 from The Dow Chemical Company (Dow) facility located in Torrance, California. The Class 2 Permit Modification Request is for the revision of the closure activities in the Closure Plan for the Hazardous Waste Management Facility. DTSC's approval is pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 22, section 66270.42.

The Hazardous Waste Management Facility was under a Hazardous Waste Facility Permit from 1996 to 2006 for the storage of hazardous waste. The revised Closure Plan updates the previously approved Closure Plan dated 1992. Dow intends to close the hazardous waste management units and convert to a less than 90-day hazardous waste generator. The hazardous waste management units will be clean-closed to standards for unrestricted use.

Dow held a public meeting on November 8, 2006 for the Class 2 Permit Modification Request. A public comment period for the Permit Modification Request was held on October 9, 2006 to December 8, 2006 and noticed in the Daily Breeze newspaper. During the public comment period, no comment was received from the members of the public.

In its role as Lead Agency under the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), DTSC has determined that this project activity (i.e. the Class 2 modification) will not have potential for a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, DTSC prepared a CEQA Notice of Exemption for this project activity. The Notice of Exemption will be filed with the State Clearinghouse, Governor's Office of Planning and Research.

The decision to approve this Class 2 Permit Modification Request may be appealed in accordance with the California Code of Regulations, title 22, section 66271.18. These

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regulations provide that any person may petition the Department for review of any permit condition which has been changed or added from the permit modification request. In addition, any person who filed comments during the public comment period may petition the Department to review any condition of the permit modification. The petition must include a statement of the reasons supporting the request for review, including a demonstration that any issues being raised, were raised during the comment period, or were not reasonably ascertainable at the time of the public comment period. When appropriate, the petition must show that the condition in question is based on: 1) a finding of fact or conclusion of law which is clearly erroneous; or 2) an exercise of discretion or an important policy consideration which DTSC should review. A petition must be submitted to DTSC requesting a review of the permit decision within a 30 day appeal period beginning on May 9, 2007, and ending on June 7, 2007.

A petition must be postmarked no later than June 7, 2007, and must be submitted to:

Watson Gin, P.E., Deputy Director
Hazardous Waste Management Program
Department of Toxic Substances Control
P.O. Box 806
Sacramento, California 95812-0806

A copy of the petition shall also be sent to:

Jose Kou, P.E., Chief
Southern California Permitting and Corrective Action Branch
Department of Toxic Substances Control
1011 North Grandview Avenue
Glendale, California 91201

Copies of the revised Closure Plan and CEQA Notice of Exemption are also available for review at:

Torrance Public Library
3301 Torrance Blvd.
Torrance, CA 90503
(310) 618-5959

These documents are also available at the DTSC website:

www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/Projects/Dow_Torrance.cfm

Copies of the Class 2 Permit Modification and Notice of Exemption are available for your review in the DTSC file room at 1011 N. Grandview Avenue, Glendale, California. If you have any further questions concerning this permit modification, please contact Vu Nguyen, DTSC project manager, at (818) 551-2199.