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Fact Sheet, February 2010

## Naval Air Station North Island Draft Permit Renewal Available for Review

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View of the hazardous waste treatment tanks.

A draft permit renewal for the hazardous waste storage and treatment activities within the Hazardous Waste Facility Complex located at Naval Air Station North Island in Coronado/San Diego is available for public review and comment. If approved, the permit would allow the facility to continue its hazardous waste storage and treatment activities, with some modifications, for another ten years.

### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The public comment period for the draft Permit, and draft CEQA Notice of Exemption begins on February 16 and ends April 5, 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 April 5, 2010 and sent to:

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(818) 717-6681

Please e-mail comments to: [CYen@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:CYen@dtsc.ca.gov)



## **Why a Permit is Necessary**

Naval Air Station North Island (NASNI) receives and treats hazardous waste within the Hazardous Waste Facility Complex. 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.

## **Facility Description and History**

NASNI was commissioned a naval air station in 1917. NASNI is an active military base which serves as the home port of several aircraft carriers and is part of the largest aerospace-industrial complex in the United States. As a result of the Facility's operations and services to other bases, hazardous wastes are generated and delivered by truck or pipeline to the Hazardous Waste Treatment Complex which houses five permitted storage units and two treatment systems.

In 1980, an interim status document was issued to treat and store hazardous waste.

On March 2, 1991, a hazardous waste facility permit was issued to the Facility to store and treat hazardous waste in tanks and containers. In 1994, the Facility submitted a permit renewal application which proposed the operation of a new container storage unit, a new oily waste treatment plant and closure of the existing oily waste treatment system. The permit was renewed and became effective on January 5, 1998.

From 1998 to 2007, the Facility submitted six permit modifications to modify its storage and treatment activities. These modifications include: (1) the replacement and relocation of the oily waste pipelines, (2) construction of a storage of tank maintenance related waste and (3) administrative changes to revise the permit and Part B Application.

In February 2007, the Facility submitted a Part B application to renew its hazardous waste facility permit.

## **Draft Hazardous Waste Facility Permit**

The proposed hazardous waste facility permit authorizes continued operation of treatment and storage units with some modifications. NASNI will continue to operate five (5) container storage units and two (2) treatment systems at Naval Air Station North Island. The changes proposed by NASNI include:

- Modify the storage capacity of each storage unit, but the total storage capacity of the five permitted container storage units remains unchanged
- Revise the closure plan to conform with the regulations and DTSC's guidance document
- Designate loading and unloading operations at specific areas to meet the secondary containment requirements

## **California Environmental Quality Act**

In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this project. The NOE states that the proposed permit renewal will not have a significant negative effect on human health or the environment.

## **Compliance History**

On January 22, 2009, DTSC conducted an enhanced inspection of all permitted units at the site. No discrepancies or violations were found regarding the hazardous waste management operations. During previous inspections conducted in 2007 and 2008, minor violations were detected and have been corrected.

## You Can Participate in Our Decisions

Before making a final determination on the draft Hazardous Waste Facility 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 here. The administrative record is also available in the DTSC office in Chatsworth. The administrative record includes copies of the permit application, the Draft CEQA Notice of Exemption, this fact sheet and other site-specific documents.

### Coronado Public Library

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Coronado, California  
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(619) 522-7390

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Administrative Record Repository  
937 Harbor Drive, Bldg 1  
San Diego, California  
Telephone & contact & hours

Department of Toxic Substances Control  
9211 Oakdale Avenue  
Chatsworth, California 91311  
Hours: Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Call (818) 717-6521 to make an appointment

To view electronic versions of the draft Permit, draft Notice of Exemption and other related documents, please visit DTSC's EnviroStor website:

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

Enter San Diego as the City and select "Get Report". Click on NORTH ISLAND HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY COMPLEX NAS NORTH ISLAND.

## For More Information

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

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**Comment Form for Naval Air Station North Island  
Hazardous Waste Facility Complex  
Draft Permit Renewal**

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