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Toxic Substances
Control

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Department of Toxic
Substances Control is
to provide the
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Fact Sheet, June 2009

Aerojet-General Corporation submits Closure Plan for Hazardous Waste Storage Facility

Para información en español por favor comuníquese con Jeanne Garcia al número (818) 717-6573

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to comment on a proposed Closure Plan for a former Hazardous Waste Storage Facility for Aerojet-General Corporation (Aerojet), located at 1100 West Hollyvale Street, Azusa, California.

Aerojet currently plans to close the Hazardous Waste Storage Facility and revert to generator status, with the former Hazardous Waste Storage Facility to be used by Northrop Grumman Systems Corporation (Northrop Grumman) as a temporary 90-day storage facility for hazardous waste. Aerojet sold its interest in the subject property to Northrop Grumman in September 2001.

DTSC operates under the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) and regulates the generation, storage, treatment, and disposal of hazardous waste in California.

45-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Comment Period: June 23 through August 7, 2009

DTSC is holding a 45-day public comment period on the Closure Plan for the Hazardous Waste Storage Facility, and invite you to submit comments.

It is DTSC's finding that the Closure Plan for Hazardous Waste Storage Facility will not adversely impact public health or the environment. Please submit your written comments, postmarked by August 7, 2009, to:

Robert Romero, Project Manager
Department of Toxic Substances Control
5796 Corporate Avenue
Cypress, CA 90630

Should DTSC receive sufficient public interest, the Agency will consider holding a public meeting. DTSC will make the final decision regarding the Hazardous Waste Storage Facility after the comment period ends, and all the public comments have been reviewed and considered.



Permit History

The facility has been operating since 1983 and has no history of any violations regarding its handling of hazardous waste.

On December 30, 1983, the California Department of Health Services (now DTSC) issued Aerojet an Interim Status Document allowing it to operate the Hazardous Waste Storage Facility. These wastes include alkalies and cyanides, flammables, toxics and heavy metals, oxidizers, and acids. The hazardous waste was stored in five storage bays. Detailed information regarding the types of hazardous waste stored at the facility can be found on Table 5 of the draft Closure Plan. The Draft Closure Plan and associated documents are available for review at <http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public>

Aerojet submitted notice of its intent to close the Hazardous Waste Storage Facility in March 2000 and submitted a Closure Plan to DTSC for review and comment in May 2000. DTSC determined that the Closure Plan was technically complete in April 2009.

Notice of Exemption to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

As part of the permit process, DTSC has prepared a Notice of Exemption to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Notice of Exemption states that the project would have no significant adverse effects on public health or the environment.

Closure of Hazardous Waste Facilities

Under Article 7 of Chapter 15 of Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations, owners and operators of hazardous waste management facilities undergoing closure are required to do so in a manner that controls, minimizes or eliminates post-closure escape of hazardous waste, hazardous constituents, leachate, contaminated rainfall or run-off, or waste decomposition products to the ground or surface waters or to the atmosphere, and complies with the closure requirements of the chapter.

Where can you find further information?

Documents relating to the Closure Plan for the Hazardous Waste Storage Facility are available for review at the following locations:

DTSC

5796 Corporate Avenue

Cypress, CA 90630

Call Julie Johnson (714) 484-5337 to make an appointment.

Hours:

Monday to Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Azusa City Library

729 N Dalton Ave

Azusa, CA

(626) 812-5232

Hours:

10:00 am - 9:00 pm Monday - Wednesday

10:00 am - 6 pm Thursday

10:00 am - 5 pm Friday and Saturday

Do you have any questions?

If you have any questions about this project, please contact the following:

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