DTSC Approves Expansion of the Kettleman Hills Facility Landfill

Introduction

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), Office of Permitting, has approved the Class 3 Permit Modification for Chemical Waste Management’s (CWM’s) Kettleman Hills Facility, located at 35251 Old Skyline Road near Kettleman City, California. This modification expands the total capacity of hazardous waste landfill unit B-18 from 10,700,000 cubic yards to 15,600,000 cubic yards. DTSC made this decision after a five-year review that is the most comprehensive in the Department’s history and included findings of multiple health studies, air and groundwater monitoring data, the facility’s compliance history and review of 5,553 comment submittals from the public.

Public involvement contributed considerably to the final permit conditions which include a requirement that trucks using the facility must meet stricter diesel-emission standards. Additional protections to the community include increased air sampling that allows for detection of very low concentrations of PCBs, increased sampling and analysis of liquids that leach to a collection system below the landfill, an improved containment system to control spills and increased inspections and collaboration with the United States Environmental Protection Agency’s (U.S. EPA’s) inspection efforts.

DTSC’s Response to Comments is available at http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/Projects/CWMI_Kettleman.cfm and at the repository locations listed on page 3.
Who may appeal?

Within 30 days after a final permit decision any person who filed comments on the draft permit or participated in the public hearing may petition the Department to review any condition of the permit decision. Any person who did not file comments or participate in the public hearing on the draft permit may petition for administrative review only on the changes made from the draft to the final permit decision.

Is there a fee to file an appeal?

No, there is no fee.

What should be in an appeal?

The petition must include a statement of the reasons supporting that review, including a demonstration that any issues being raised were raised during the public comment period (including any public hearing) to the extent required by the California Code of Regulations, Title 22, and when appropriate, a showing 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 the Department should, in its discretion, review.

Where should you send your appeal?

Please use these addresses:
Department of Toxic Substances Control
Permit Appeals Officer
700 Heinz Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94710

Or, Appeals@dtsc.ca.gov

Who can I contact for more information?

If you have questions, please contact:
Nathan Schumacher
Public Participation Specialist
8800 Cal Center Drive
Sacramento CA 95826
(916) 255-3650 or Nathan.Schumacher@dtsc.ca.gov
Toll free telephone number is (866) 495-5651

If you are a member of the news media, please contact:
Russ Edmondson
DTSC Public Information Officer
(916) 323-3372 or Russ.Edmondson@dtsc.ca.gov

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Where can I review the documents?

The Response to Comments and other supporting documents are available at the following locations:

**Kings County Library, Kettleman City Branch**
104 Becky Pease St.
Kettleman City, CA 93239
(559) 386-9804

**Avenal Branch**
501 East Kings Street
Avenal, CA 93204
(559) 386-5741

**Hanford Branch**
401 North Douty Street
Hanford, CA 93230
(559) 582-0261

The Administrative Record for the final permit is available from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. on weekdays at our Sacramento office.

Department of Toxic Substances Control
8800 Cal Center Drive
Sacramento, CA 95826
Please contact Amy Ly at (916) 255-4159 to make the necessary arrangements.

Information is also available at the following links:

http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/Projects/CWMI_Kettleman.cfm

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

**Anuncio**

Si prefiere hablar con alguien en español acerca de esta información, favor de llamar a Jesus Cruz, Departamento de Control de Substancias Tóxicas. El número de teléfono es (866) 495-5651.