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Toxic Substances  
Control

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Toxic Substances  
Control is to  
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Fact Sheet, September 2009

## Ducommun AeroStructures Draft Post-Closure Permit is Available for Review

*Si prefiere hablar con alguien en español acerca de ésta información, favor de llamar a Jeanne Garcia, Departamento de Control de Substancias Tóxicas. El número de teléfono es (818) 717-6573.*



Photo of the facility viewed toward the southwest

A draft Post-Closure Permit for Ducommun AeroStructures, El Mirage Facility is available for public review and comment. If approved, this post-closure permit would allow the facility to continue maintenance and environmental monitoring of the closed, regulated hazardous waste unit at the site.

### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND MEETING

The public comment period for the draft Permit, and draft CEQA Notice of Exemption begins on September 9 and ends October 26, 2009. 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 October 26, 2009, and sent to:

Stephen Baxter, Project Manager  
9211 Oakdale Avenue  
Chatsworth, CA 91311  
(818) 717-6695

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

### Public Meeting: Thursday, October 15, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

The Department of Toxic Substances Control will hold a public Meeting on October 15, 2009 at the El Mirage Community Center, 1488 Community Center Lane, El Mirage, California to explain the draft Permit, address your questions, and accept your verbal and written comments.

For information on accessibility or to request reasonable accommodations, please contact Jeanne Matsumoto toll-free at 1 (866) 495-5651, press "4" then "6" or (714) 484-5338 or by e-mail to [jmatsumo@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:jmatsumo@dtsc.ca.gov) no later than September 30, 2009.



## Why a Permit is Necessary

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

The Ducommun AeroStructures El Mirage Facility is located at 4001 El Mirage Road, within the community of El Mirage, an unincorporated area of San Bernardino County.

Ducommun and previous facilities at the site, performs chemical milling of aerospace components. This operation uses corrosive solutions of acids and bases to chemically etch various metal components to specifications. A resulting corrosive wastewater is produced containing dissolved metals.

From 1967 to 1978, Andalite Inc. operated at this location. Andalite discharged their corrosive wastewaters into a 2.25 acre, unlined percolation pond. Use of the pond was discontinued in 1978 when Andalite was bought by Aerochem Inc.

Aerochem constructed a 0.75 acre lined surface impoundment within the pond. The surface impoundment was used to store and treat some of Aerochem's wastewaters before sending it off-site for further treatment and/or disposal. Aerochem stopped using the surface impoundment in October 1987.

Aerochem closed the pond and surface impoundment together, as a combined regulated unit. The closed regulated unit occupies 3.1 acres within Ducommun's 20 acre property. The wastewater remaining in the impoundment was removed and sent off-site.

The remaining sludge and sediment was stabilized, solidified and returned back into the impoundment. A multi-layered landfill cap was installed over the former surface impoundment and the former pond, to cover the stabilized waste. Aerochem submitted a Closure Certification to DTSC in November 1991. DTSC issued a post-closure permit to Aerochem in November 1995.

In January 2001, Aerochem Inc. and other entities were combined to form Ducommun AeroStructures, the current operator at this location.

This regulated unit is currently closed and does not accept any additional waste. **Ducommun does not operate any active permitted hazardous waste management unit(s) at the El Mirage Facility.**

## Draft Post-Closure Permit

The proposed post-closure permit authorizes continued groundwater monitoring during the corrective action activities. The permit also regulates maintenance activities to ensure the integrity of the installed landfill cap.

## California Environmental Quality Act

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 draft Notice of Exemption which states that issuance of the post-closure permit renewal will not have a significant negative effect on human health or the environment.

## Corrective Action History

Ducommun has ongoing compliance obligations related to groundwater and soil contamination resulting from the etching operations. Cleanup remedies are being evaluated under the oversight of DTSC. In addition, Ducommun is required to prepare and submit an Interim Measures Work Plan (IMWP) to address groundwater contamination at the site. The IMWP proposes to conduct groundwater extraction activities to achieve the following:

- Control the movement of contamination in the groundwater
- Reduce the source of contamination through soil vapor extraction
- Expand the groundwater monitoring system and provide drinking water to nearby residents

## How You Can Participate

Before making a final determination on the draft 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. The draft Post-Closure Permit and other site-related documents are available for public review at the information repositories listed below. The administrative record for Ducommun is available in the DTSC Cypress Field Office. Documents include copies of the permit application, the draft CEQA Notice of Exemption, this fact sheet and other site-specific documentation.

### Adelanto Branch Library

11497 Bartlett Avenue  
Adelanto, CA 92301  
(760) 246-5661  
Mon 12-8  
Tue & Thu 12-6  
Wed & Fri 10-6  
Sat 10-5  
Sunday - Closed

### Department of Toxic Substances Control

5796 Corporate Avenue  
Cypress, California 90630  
Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Call (714) 484-5337 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 "Adelanto" as the City and select "DUCOMMUN AEROSTRUCTURES, HAZ WASTE - POST CLOSURE PERMIT". Click on the link for "Report".

## For More Information

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

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Claudia Loomis  
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### Notice to Hearing-Impaired Individuals

You can obtain additional information about the site by using the California State Relay Service at (888) 877 5378 (TDD), or by calling Jeanne Matsumoto, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (714) 484-5338 or toll free 1-866-495-5651 and press option 4 then 6.

**Comment Form for Ducommun Aerostructures El Mirage Facility  
Draft Post-Closure Permit**

If you use this form to send us your comments, please include your name and address. All written comments must be postmarked no later than October 26 2009. Please send this form to:

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**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Affiliation (if any):** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Ducommun Aerostructures El Mirage Facility**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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