



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

### Post-Closure Permit Renewal Proposed for IT Montezuma Hills Facility Rio Vista, California



**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** July 15 through August 28, 2008

**WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED?** The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to review and comment on the draft Post-Closure Permit Renewal (Permit) for Montezuma Hills Facility located at 6292 Little Honker Bay Road in Rio Vista. Montezuma Hills Facility consisted of a treatment, storage, and disposal Facility for Class I and II hazardous wastes from 1979 to 1986.

The current Post-Closure Permit for Montezuma Hills Facility was issued January 31, 1998. During its operation, the Facility utilized 12 surface impoundments for evaporation of liquid and sludge wastes. There are no physical changes proposed in the Permit.

The Montezuma Hills Facility was closed in accordance with the California Environmental Protection Agency and DTSC approved Closure and Post-Closure Plans. Wastes disposed at the Facility were primarily liquids, sludge, and solids from oil and gas exploration and production activities, and the petroleum refining industry. During closure, the former waste management units were completed. Excavated, and the sludge and sub-soil were deposited in an onsite waste consolidation landfill. A non-hazardous groundwater evaporation basin was also constructed to contain and evaporate recovered groundwater.

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. Permits are developed after DTSC's detailed technical review, and are intended to ensure that the facility operates in a manner that protects human health and the environment.

**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT – NOTICE OF EXEMPTION** - DTSC evaluated any possible environmental impacts associated with the proposed activities of IT Montezuma Hills Facility as required by the California Environmental Quality Act. DTSC has prepared a Notice of Exemption which states that the continue operations of the Hazardous Waste Facility would not have any impacts to human health and the environment. The findings are available for review, along with other supporting documents in the information repositories.

**WHY THIS NOTICE?** The purpose of this notice is to provide you with the opportunity to learn more about the Draft Permit and to provide comments to DTSC, within forty-five (45) days of this notice.

**HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?** Your participation is encouraged. Comments concerning the Draft Permit may be submitted in writing to Mr. Peter Bailey, DTSC Project Manager, 8800 Cal Center, Sacramento, California 95826, or e-mail [Pbailey@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:Pbailey@dtsc.ca.gov). All mail must be postmarked by 5 PM on August 28, 2008. E-mailed comments must be received by DTSC no later than 5 PM on the same date.

**WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?** A copy of the Draft Permit and CEQA Notice of Exemption is available for review in the Information Repositories located at Rio Vista Library, 44 South Second Street, Rio Vista, 94571 and Department of Toxic Substances Control, Sacramento Regional Records Room, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, 95826.

**CONTACT:** If you have any questions or wish to discuss the project, please contact Mr. Peter Bailey, DTSC Project Manager, at (916) 255-3602 or by e-mail to [Pbailey@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:Pbailey@dtsc.ca.gov). For public participation activities, please contact Ms. Kim Rhodes, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (916) 255-3651 or by e-mail to [Krhodes1@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:Krhodes1@dtsc.ca.gov). Members of the media should contact Ms. Claudia Loomis, DTSC Public Information Officer, at (916) 255-6578 or by e-mail to [Cloomis@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:Cloomis@dtsc.ca.gov).