

# COMMUNITY UPDATE

**Department of Toxic Substances Control** - Our mission is to protect the people, communities, and environment of California from harmful chemicals by cleaning up contaminated sites, enforcing hazardous waste laws, and compelling the development of safer products.

## PERMITTING PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD POSTPONED DUE TO COVID-19

### DRAFT HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY PERMIT RENEWAL FOR SAFETY-KLEEN SYSTEMS, INC

On March 19, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued a state-wide stay-at-home [order](#) due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The stay-at-home order affects many aspects of the public participation process. Therefore, DTSC is postponing the official public comment period and permit decision for this facility.

Because the draft permit and related documents are ready for public review, DTSC has posted them online and encourages you to read them. To view the Draft Permit and Draft Permit application. Please use the Envirostor link below and click on the "Community Involvement" tab:

[Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc.](#)

There is a Draft RCRA Hazardous Waste Facility Permit (Permit) proposed for Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc. located at 2918 Worthen Avenue in Los Angeles, California (Facility). The Draft Permit, if approved, will allow this Facility to continue to store and transfer spent parts washing solution that is either petroleum-based or aqueous-based.

The kind of waste stored at this Facility is subject to federal hazardous waste permitting requirements because they are defined as hazardous waste under the federal RCRA (Resource Conservation and Recovery Act).

### Facility and Operation California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc. is a storage and transfer facility for used parts washing solution (petroleum-based or aqueous-based). The Facility provides customers with parts cleaning services, which includes parts degreasing units, consisting of a sink affixed to the top of a 16- or 30-gallon drum of cleaner solvent at the customer's location. The Facility provides customers with parts washing solution for use in the degreasing units and collects the used parts washing solution. DTSC regulated activities include storing hazardous waste in containers and one underground storage tank, and rinsing/cleaning containers in the Return and Fill Unit.

### WHY IS A HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY PERMIT NECESSARY?

This Facility stores and transfers RCRA hazardous waste. Facilities that store RCRA hazardous waste are required to obtain a permit from DTSC. A permit lets DTSC make sure that the facility operates in a way that protects human health and the environment.

### COMPLIANCE HISTORY

DTSC inspects the Facility for compliance with laws and regulations that apply to the Facility. Safety-Kleen Systems Inc. is currently in compliance. All inspection reports are available at: [Enforcement History](#).



**California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)**

Under CEQA, DTSC must evaluate whether the Permit may have any significant impacts on human health and the environment. As part of this evaluation, DTSC reviewed the previously certified 1997 Initial Study/Negative Declaration and determined that it provides an adequate description of the currently proposed activities, current regulatory and conditions and analyzed potential impacts and mitigation measures. DTSC has determined that minor updates to the project description and analysis are necessary, however no new or substantially more severe significant effects to the environment will occur. DTSC has determined that an Addendum to the previously certified Negative Declaration is appropriate pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15164. A Notice of Determination will be filed with the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research State Clearinghouse when a final permit decision is made.

NEXT STEPS

DTSC will hold the required 45-day public comment period at a later time to ensure meaningful public participation.

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