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2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) prepared this Public Participation Plan (PPP or Plan) for the Chemical Waste Management, Inc., Kettleman Hills Facility (KHF or CWM) in Kettleman City, California. DTSC created an initial PPP in November 1994. It was updated in May 2013 and again in August 2023 in preparation for a public comment period on a draft permit decision and associated documents.

The PPP provides information on KHF's background, current uses, a description of the surrounding community, a summary of community issues and concerns, a description of specific public participation activities DTSC conducted or participated in and activities it will conduct throughout the permitting process. Input on the PPP is welcome, and the PPP will be updated to reflect additional information shared or additional public participation activities undertaken by DTSC at the request of the community.

This Plan documents DTSC's commitment to the community of Kettleman City. This Plan sets forth the actions which DTSC will take during the proposed permit decision to keep the community informed and to provide opportunities for community participation in the decision-making process.

Site Background and Uses: KHF is a 1,600-acre Facility north of Highway 41, 2.6 miles west of the intersection of Highway 41 and Interstate 5. KHF is 6.5 miles from the City of Avenal and 3.5 miles west of the community in Kettleman City.

KHF accepts solid, semi-solid, liquid hazardous wastes. KHF is one of two operating Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) hazardous waste off-site disposal facilities in California and the only one in California that accepts Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) regulated polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) waste for disposal. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) oversees the TSCA permit for the PCB unit. DTSC oversees the other hazardous waste management units at the Facility, and coordinates with other government agencies, as necessary.

Community Outreach: DTSC evaluates community interest, views, and concerns about KHF based on feedback from a variety of outreach activities. Outreach activities since 2013 include:

- Surveys/Interviews – two surveys were completed, one in 2017 via door-to-door canvassing in Kettleman City and Avenal and one via USPS in 2022. DTSC included interviews as well in these endeavors.
- Meetings – DTSC and USEPA community meeting in 2018 provided updates on the permit renewal process for both agencies. DTSC has attended Facility's annual required informational public meetings. To date there have been a total of 8 annual meetings.
- Mailouts – Community updates provided information on project permit renewal process.

Updates have included invitation information to DTSC held public meetings, requests to community members and stakeholders to provide public comments on an Environmental Document Analysis. Updates regarding Class 1 Permit Modifications requests from the Facility. DTSC has also shared flyer invitations to stakeholders regarding Annual Facility Required informational meetings.

- DTSC also participated in a variety of community events including health fairs hosted by Kings County and independent health fairs hosted by the local community organizations. DTSC staff have volunteered at local food distribution events to remain connected with community members.

Community Concerns: Community members have identified concerns with clean drinking water, pesticide exposure, air quality, birth defects and other socioeconomic burdens.

Recommended Public Participation Activities: DTSC develops public participation activities and communication strategies aimed at ensuring the local community is informed and involved in the decision-making processes for permit modifications and renewal applications. Required public participation activities, include public notice ads, public notice radio announcements, fact sheets, providing project documents at repositories in proximity to the impacted community and public hearings. DTSC provides all public participation documents and conducts all public meetings and hearings in English and Spanish.

DTSC will also conduct additional workshops, meetings, briefings with elected officials, meetings with interested parties or community organizations as requested and work with them to ensure community needs and expectations for engagement are identified and met during the permit public participation process. DTSC will place all project documents for public review at the information repositories and on DTSC's website ensuring access to stakeholders for participation in the decision-making processes.

3. INTRODUCTION

3.1 Purpose of the Public Participation Plan

As written in DTSC's Public Participation Policy and Procedures Manual (February 2001), the purpose of this PPP update is to:

- Document local community interest, views and concerns related to the Kettleman City's environment as well as DTSC's permitting and corrective action activities; and
- Identify specific public participation activities that will facilitate community involvement in DTSC's decision-making process for the facility.

This PPP update includes: a description of Kettleman City and background information; a description of the surrounding community and local organizations that serve the community (Section 4); a summary of community members' issues and potential concerns (Section 5); and specific public participation activities to be conducted during and following the permitting and corrective action processes (Section 6). Appendix A contains previous outreach material prepared for this Facility and data from 2017; Appendix B contains Community Survey and data from 2023; Appendix C contains a Key Contact List; and Appendix D contains the Public Notices for 2024.

DTSC considers the PPP a living document and it will update it, as necessary, to reflect changes to the project or plans to engage the surrounding community.

4. SITE DESCRIPTION AND SURROUNDING LAND USE

4.1 Site Location, Surrounding Land Uses, and Project Description

The Kettleman Hills Facility is in a rugged, rural area of Kings County, adjacent to State Highway 41 at 35251 Old Skyline Road. On pages 11 and 12, there is a map and a photograph that provides a sense of the location.

DTSC oversaw one investigation and cleanup activity in the 1980's at Beacon Oil, 1.5 miles southwest from Kettleman City. There was limited interest.

Surrounding land uses near the Facility include grazing land, oil, and gas production. The closest residence is located about 2.5 miles to the north-northeast of the Facility.

Presently, 695 acres of KHF is available and permitted for hazardous waste management. In operation for over 30 years, KHF also accepts municipal waste in a separate operating unit at the site. The Waste Management Facility accepts solid, semi-solid and liquid hazardous and extremely hazardous wastes. Kettleman Hills Facility does not accept Class A explosives, regulated radioactive materials, biological agents, or infectious wastes.

The Facility began operations in June 1975, when McKay Trucking Inc. started disposing of liquid wastes derived for oil production activities at the site. In April 1979, Chemical Waste Management Inc. (a subsidiary of Waste Management) acquired the site.

Kettleman Hills is regulated and inspected by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, California Department of Toxic Substances Control, California Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, Kings County Department of Public Health, San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution District and the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery.

4.2 Facility Description

The Facility employs about 65 people when fully operating. There are nine operating units permitted to treat, store, or dispose of hazardous waste at KHF. The nine units are:

1. A drum storage unit that allows storage of hazardous waste in containers.
2. The PCB Flushing and Storage Unit (also regulated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency). Workers at this unit transfer liquid PCB waste from bulk containers to a 10,000-gallon storage tank or to Department of Transportation approved metal drums for eventual off-site treatment or disposal.
3. Two permitted bulk storage units. These storage units provide temporary storage of stabilized and un-stabilized waste before land disposal, treatment, or shipment off-site.
4. A final stabilization unit, which processes various solid, semi-solid and selected liquid wastes not suitable for direct shipment to a landfill unit or for treatment by solar evaporation or by some other method used at KHF. Processing includes mixing with cement or another stabilizing agent.
5. Three solar evaporation units or surface impoundments.
6. The landfill unit, B-18, allows for final land disposal. (Also regulated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency).

KHF needs several other permits and permissions to conduct their operations. These include:

1. Conditional Use Permits (No. 05-10) from the Kings County Community Development Agency, formerly known as Kings County Planning Agency.
 - a. Must contact Permitting Department of Kings County to receive application packet.
2. Nonhazardous, Nonputrescible, Industrial Solid Waste Registration Permit from the Kings County Department of Public Health.
 - a. Must contact the industrial waste program in Kings County who will send the proper permit application package.
3. Title V Permit (Authority to Construct, Permit to Operate) from the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District.
 - a. Must submit the following forms: application, actual emissions, potential to emit, insignificant activities, compliance, and compliance certification.
4. Biological Opinion from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).
 - a. Submit written report to the USFWS that includes project description, project area

description, physical and biological attributes of the area, identification of species that “may be present” in the area, and a description of how the proposed project may affect each protected resource; then, make a section 7 determination for the habitat in your proposed project area.

5. Consistency Determination (concurring with USFWS) or a new Fish and Game Code Section 2081 permit from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.
 - a. Permit allows for the import, export, taking, or possession of any endangered or protected species; given that the impacts of the activity are minimized.
6. Waste Discharge Requirements from the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board.
 - a. Requirements for this site were set in January of 2014 and can be [accessed here](#).¹
7. Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Permit (Coordinated Approval) from the U.S. EPA.
 - a. TSCA addresses the production, use, and disposal of specific chemicals such as PCBs, asbestos, radon and lead-based paint.
 - b. Must submit a request for approval to the EPA regional administrator in the Kettleman region. Request must include copy of letter from EPA with the EPA identification number for the facility, as well as the name, organization, and phone number of the point of contact; description of waste management activities consulted; and the owner’s certification that they are aware of the TSCA requirements.

¹ California Regional Water Quality Control Board Central Valley Region. <https://www.waterboards.ca.gov>

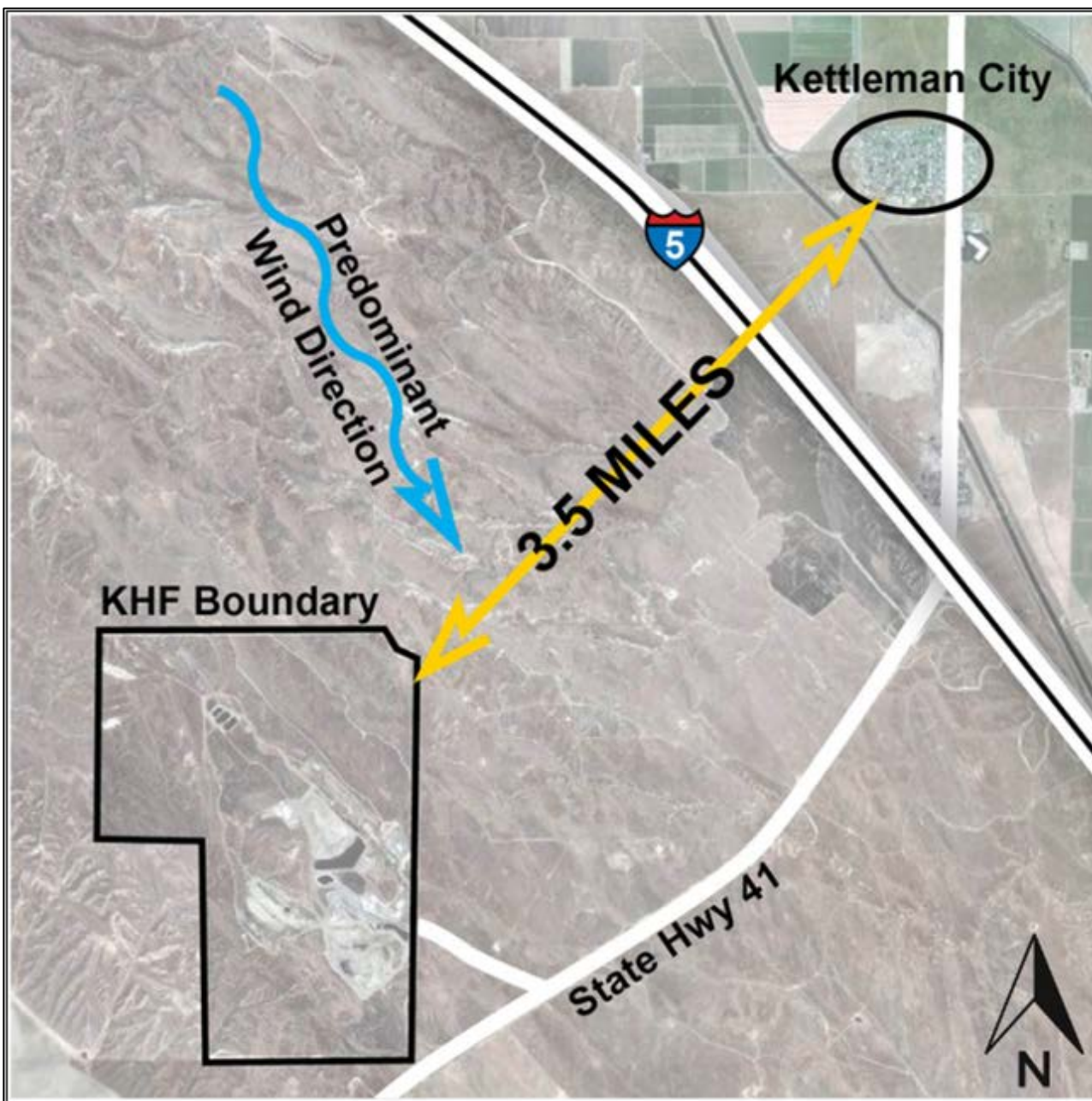


Figure 1: Facility Map



Figure 2: Photograph of a portion of the Facility

4.3 Proximity to Sensitive Receptors

DTSC considers people who, by virtue of their age or disability status, may be more sensitive to exposure to toxic contaminants. These “sensitive receptors” include schools, childcare centers, and medical clinics. Table 1 shows the type of sensitive receptors and distance from the Facility within a five-mile radius of KHF.

Table 1 – Sensitive Receptors

| Name | Address | Type | Miles from Facility |
|----------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Family Recourse Center | Kettleman City | Resources and Infant Care | 3.5 + |
| Kettleman City Head Start Center | Kettleman City | Pre-school childcare | 3.5 + |
| Kettleman City Elementary School | Kettleman City | Elementary School | 3.5 + |

4.4 Community of Kettleman City

Kettleman City was founded in 1929 after oil was discovered in 1928 in the Kettleman Hills nearby. Kettleman City is an unincorporated community of 1,273 people. According to the U.S. Census Department’s data for 2020, the racial makeup of the community was 98.9 percent Latino and 1.1 percent White. The median age is 44 years old, and the median annual income is \$41,568. About 68.5% of adults (age 25 or higher) are educated at less than 9th grade level, about 20.1 % hold a high school diploma, about 9.4 % have some college education, and about 2% hold a bachelor’s degree.

Table 3 summarizes demographic data derived from the U.S. Census Department's Population, Housing, Social and Economic estimates for 2021, supplemented with economic data from the California Employment Development Department.

Table 2 – Kettleman City Population Details²

| Category | Count | Percent |
|---|-----------|---------|
| Total Population | 1,273 | 100% |
| Male | 687 | 54% |
| Female | 586 | 46% |
| Median Age | 44 | - |
| Household Size | 2.6 | - |
| Hispanic | 125 | 98.9% |
| White | 14 | 1.1% |
| Median Household Income | \$41,568 | - |
| Median Home Value | \$186,300 | - |
| Unemployment Rate (2020) | 577 | 45.3% |
| Less than 9 th grade education | 657 | 68.5% |
| High School Graduate or Higher) | 193 | 20.1% |
| Some College (age 25 or higher) | 90 | 9.4% |
| Bachelor's Degree or Higher | 19 | 2% |

4.4.1 Local Government

Kettleman City, an unincorporated community since its establishment in 1920s, is part of Kings County. Richard Valle represents the community as the District 2 County Supervisor. Mr. Valle is one of five supervisors elected from different Districts of Kings County to fulfill four-year staggered terms. The Board of Supervisors has administrative, legislative, and quasi-judicial duties and responsibilities prescribed to it by the California State Constitution and Statutes. The County Administrative Officer functions as the manager of Kings County, managing approximately 1,658 full-time, part-time, and temporary workers. The final 2022/2023 overall budget totals \$423 million, derived primarily from sales taxes,

² U.S. Census Bureau (2021). American Community Survey, 5-year estimate. Retrieved from Census Reporter Profile page for 93239.

property taxes, as well as federal and state fund transfers.

4.5 Local and /or Interested Organizations

The following paragraphs summarize the interests and involvement of several local organizations in Kettleman City and throughout California associated with this project.

4.5.1 Kettleman City Community Services District

The Kettleman City Community Services District provides water and garbage services to the community of Kettleman City. Kings County created the District to provide these services and to appoint a Board of Directors that directs the District staff.

4.5.2 Kettleman City Community Center/ Family Resource Center

The Kettleman City Foundation and Kings County combined resources to build the Kettleman City Community Center. Housed at the Community Center is the Family Resource Center which is a program of First 5 of Kings County. First 5 Kings is the local agency established to distribute Proposition 10 tobacco tax funds. Kings County receives tobacco tax funding to serve the needs of Kings County's children ages zero to five. First 5 Kings funds family resource centers, early learning experiences and health and family services throughout Kings County for young children and their families.

4.5.3 Kettleman City Elementary School/ Reef-Sunset Unified School District

The Reef-Sunset Unified School District is in a small valley in western Kings County, between California's Central Valley and the Central Coast. The district serves about 2,700 students, who live in Avenal and Kettleman City. The district office and most of the district's nine schools are in Avenal. Students from Kettleman City Elementary School have done better on the state achievement assessment tests than students in other District schools. However, their achievement levels are below statewide averages.

4.5.4 El Pueblo Para El Aire y Agua Limpia / People for Clean Air and Water

This group is referred to in Spanish as El Pueblo Para El Aire y Agua Limpia (El Pueblo), People for Clean Air and Water. It is an environmental advocacy group in Kettleman City, California. The group formed to oppose the Waste Management proposal for an incinerator submitted to DTSC in 1989, which was withdrawn. The group has been active in environmental advocacy ever since.

4.5.5 Greenaction for Health and Environmental Justice

Greenaction for Health and Environmental Justice (Greenaction), founded in 1997, works

with communities primarily in the Western United States to change industry and government policies and practices that they believe do not protect local communities or people's health. They also seek to promote environmental, social, and economic justice. Based in San Francisco, the organization has been involved with the Kettleman Hills Facility since it was founded.

4.6 Settlement Agreement

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI), 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-7, and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) Title VI regulations, 40 C.F.R. Part 7, prohibit discrimination based on race, color, or national origin in any programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance. DTSC and CalEPA are recipients of financial assistance from U.S. EPA and are subject to the provisions of Title VI and U.S. EPA's implementing regulations.³

Greenaction and El Pueblo objected to DTSC's May 21, 2014, permit expansion approval for the Kettleman Hills hazardous waste landfill on numerous grounds, including civil rights grounds, and filed a Petition for Review of the decision with DTSC on June 23, 2014.

DTSC denied the Petition for Review on October 13, 2014. El Pueblo and Greenaction filed Title VI Complaint with U.S. EPA's Office of Civil Rights (OCR, now External Civil Rights Compliance Office) against CalEPA and DTSC on March 19, 2015, (EPA File No. 09R-15-R4). The Title VI Complaint objected to DTSC's May 21, 2014, permit decision. OCR accepted the complaint for investigation by letter on April 17, 2015, concluding it met the four jurisdictional requirements described in U.S. EPA's nondiscrimination regulations.

In August 2016, DTSC and CalEPA reached an agreement regarding Greenaction and El Pueblo's civil rights complaint. In compliance with the agreement, DTSC, in consultation with CalEPA and after public comment, adopted and implemented policies guiding DTSC compliance with language access and civil rights requirements. DTSC also committed to enhance public involvement using procedures that provide for early identification and integration of public concerns during DTSC's permitting processes for hazardous waste facilities.

Additional project documents developed because of the settlement agreement include a Civil Rights Analysis to determine if DTSC is adhering to applicable Civil Rights Laws and a CalEnviroScreen Evaluation to determine how the multiple pollution burdens faced in Kettleman City can be mitigated through DTSC's permitting process.

³ Settlement Agreement may be found here: <https://dtsc.ca.gov/kettleman-title-vi-settlement-agreement/>

4.7 CalEnviroScreen 4.0 Information

The Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) office released a California Communities Environmental Health Screening Tool known as CalEnviroScreen Version 4.0 (Cal/EPA and OEHHA 2021). CalEnviroScreen (EnviroScreen) is an online mapping application used to identify California communities disproportionately burdened by multiple sources of pollution. The tool uses existing environmental, health, demographic and socioeconomic data to create an overall screening score for zip codes across the state. An area with a higher score indicates higher burden.⁴

KHF is in census tract 6031001701, which is in the 75-80% percentile EnviroScreen scores, indicating a higher overall pollution burden relative to other communities in California. Kettleman City is in census tract 6031001601, which is in the 92-100% percentiles EnviroScreen Scores, indicating a much higher pollution burden relative to other communities in California. The Specific pollution burden measures that went to the overall score for both census tracts and the percentiles that compare California communities to each other (Facility Census tract and Kettleman City Census Tract) are summarized in the next page:

⁴ OEHHA, *CalEnviroScreen 4.0* (October 20, 2021) <<https://oehha.ca.gov/calenviroscreen/report/calenviroscreen-40>> (as of June 8, 2022).

**CalenviroScreen 4.0 Overall Percentiles
Facility Census tract 6031001701**

CalEnviroScreen Percentile Score 75-80%

Pollution Burden Percentile 54%

Population Characteristics Percentile 86%

**Pollution Burden Exposure Indicators
Percentile**

Air Quality: Ozone: 65%

Air Quality: PM 2.5: 43%

Diesel Particulate Matter: 6%

Pesticide Use: 62%

Toxic Releases: 81%

Traffic Density: 13%

Drinking Water Contaminants: 54%

Children's Lead Risk from Housing: 85%

Environmental Effects Indicators Percentile

Cleanup Sites: 0%

Groundwater Threats: 41%

Hazardous Waste Generators
& Facilities: 17%

Impaired Water Bodies: 0%

Solid Waste Sites and Facilities: 93%

Population Characteristics

Sensitive Population Indicators Percentile

Asthma: 49%

Low Birth Weight: 38%

Cardiovascular Rate: 87%

Socioeconomic Factor Indicators Percentile

Education: 99%

Linguistic Isolation: 96%

Poverty: 96%

Unemployment: 93%

Housing Burden: 69%

**CalenviroScreen 4.0 Overall Percentiles
Kettleman City Census tract 6031001601**

CalenviroScreen Percentile Score 92-100%

Pollution Burden Percentile 80%

Population Characteristics Percentile 92%

**Pollution Burden Exposure Indicators
Percentile**

Air Quality: Ozone: 71%

Air Quality: PM 2.5: 60%

Diesel Particulate Matter: 9%

Pesticide Use: 92%

Toxic Releases: 51%

Traffic Density: 9%

Drinking Water Contaminants: 72%

Children's Lead Risk from Housing: 78%

Environmental Effects Indicators Percentile

Cleanup Sites: 26%

Groundwater Threats: 92%

Hazardous Waste Generators
& Facilities: 4%

Impaired Water Bodies: 44%

Solid Waste Sites and Facilities: 88%

Population Characteristics

Sensitive Population Indicators Percentile

Asthma: 77%

Low Birth Weight: 60%

Cardiovascular Rate: 96%

Socioeconomic Factor Indicators Percentile

Education: 97%

Linguistic Isolation: 92%

Poverty: 80%

Unemployment: 82%

Housing Burden: 53%

5. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND INTEREST

5.1 History of Community Involvement

DTSC is committed to keeping the Kettleman City community informed of facility activities and involved in decision-making processes. Since 1987, DTSC has conducted public participation activities to support community engagement related to the permitting and corrective action activities for this Facility. Key milestones from 1987 – 2013 are documented in the 2013 Public Participation Plan. Key milestones after 2013 include:

| Date | Activity |
|---------------------------|--|
| April 14, 2017 | Landfill B-18 Waste Transfer Plan, detailing proposal to transfer hazardous waste within landfill B-18 to create additional capacity to dispose of waste contaminated with PCBs received from Chemical Waste Management. |
| August 3, 2017 | Kings County Community Survey conducted to give residents the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed permit decision. |
| September 14, 2017 | DTSC released Landfill B-18 Waste Transfer Plan from Chemical Waste Management, Inc. for public review. |
| September 2017 | DTSC released the Kettleman Hills Notice of Deficiency in both English and Spanish. |
| October 19, 2017 | DTSC tabled at the Kings County Public Safety Event. Bilingual staff, fluent in English and Spanish distributed Departmental information. |
| November 6, 2017 | DTSC released the Second Notice of Deficiency for Revised Permit Renewal Application for the Chemical Waste Management, Inc., informing the company that the Department had completed its technical review. |
| November 16, 2017 | DTSC and US EPA conducted a joint meeting to discuss the permit renewal applications for each agency in English and Spanish. |
| January 2018 | Information sheet regarding Kettleman Hills Facility made available to the public in both English and Spanish; community update provided to residents in the area with schedule of 2018 meetings and an update from the United States Environmental Protection Agency. |
| August 2022 | DTSC was invited to attend a Community Health Fair hosted by Greenaction in Kettleman City. DTSC took the opportunity to receive feedback and to identify best practices to continue to keep the community of Kettleman involved in DTSC decision making process. |
| October 2022 | DTSC prepared and distributed 804 Community Surveys in English and Spanish to all Kettleman City residents and Stakeholders using the most |

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| | updated mailing list for the project. DTSC decided to resurvey the community to receive feedback about the level of interest in, and concerns regarding the Facility. DTSC received a total of 18 responses. 16 stakeholders provided contact information to participate in follow up community interviews. |
| December 2022 | DTSC requested permission to volunteer during the Food Distribution event hosted bimonthly in Kettleman City by Kings Community Action Organization (KCAO). DTSC distributed hard copies of community surveys and cover letters to attendees. |
| February 2023 | Community Survey remained open until the end of February. DTSC received one additional survey from Food Distribution events. |
| March 2023 | DTSC prepared Community interviews questionnaire for follow up with stakeholders and residents that provided contact information and were interested in participating in a follow up community interview. |
| April 2023 | DTSC reached out to stakeholders that had shown interest in participating in community interviews. DTSC additional emailed and mailed letters to follow up with residents and stakeholders to schedule a time to follow up with interviews. |
| May 2023 | DTSC scheduled three interviews with three stakeholders. Both the Project Manager and Public Participation Specialist interviewed the stakeholders. The interviews were recorded and held remotely. One interview was completed in English and two were completed in Spanish. DTSC provided questionnaires prior to the interviews for additional information and the nature of interviews. DTSC also provided a link with the recording of the meeting for transparency and for stakeholders to have a copy of the interview. |

5.2 In-Person Survey Canvassing 2017

General Summary: DTSC has data of 70 interviews conducted with representatives of Kings County government, Kettleman City residents, and local business stakeholders who characterized themselves as having a high level of interest in Waste Management and its business. A similar survey was conducted in the Avenal Community with 8 total interviews. Interviews show that people want to know about the landfill. Most residents shared with DTSC that receiving information through U.S. mail was a good method of communication. Nearly all interview participants offered information about a wide variety of community needs and concerns. Presented below is a summary of each of the key issues and concerns raised by community members during the interviews:

5.2.1 Concerns Expressed During Canvassing

Water Quality: All interviewees expressed deep concerns about the taste, quality, and quantity of water provided by the Kettleman City Community Services District (the district). Residents reported cloudy, brownish water as well as rotten egg smells and poor taste. Many indicated that the water was worse in the mornings, and often prevented them from being able to shower or bathe. Interviewees also remarked about the need for lower cost, clean, drinking water and an increase in dental services to mitigate the impacts of the poor drinking water. Some respondents also indicated they needed more education on water quality and effective measures for water purification at home.

Many interviewers were shown copies of an announcement distributed to all local residences by the district. This notice asked residents to conserve water because one of the two wells used by the district was not producing water while undergoing maintenance.

At the time, local officials explained that the District's limited water supply dictates enforcement of a strict moratorium on any new water service within the District. The District did not allow any new water hook ups. Poor water supply has limited community growth, services, and new employment opportunities. Several large development proposals were in limbo because of this ongoing moratorium. These constrictions, and the other externalities caused by poor water quality, negatively impact community members in Kettleman City.

Birth Defects and Cancer Rates: About one in four interviewees expressed concerns about birth defects and cancer cases in the community. These respondents noted an increase in the cases of asthma, cleft palates at birth, hydrocephalus in children, and increases in prevalence and mortality of cancer. Many respondents expressed heightened concern for those who work at KHF. Three people expressed doubts and a lack of understanding of how the California Department of Public Health conducted their analysis of birth defects found in the community. A few residents felt that there was no connection between the landfill and the community's health problems, indicating drug use and lack of access to health care for the birth defects and cancer cases seen in the community.

Access to Health Care: Approximately one of four interviewees supported increased local access to health care. Several residents reported traveling 75 miles or more for routine medical appointments and buying prescription medications. A local clinic provides basic medical care; however, residents are dissatisfied with the clinic as more specialized medical attention requires traveling to other communities.

Access to Services: Most interviewees expressed a general concern about the lack of services in the community. Several interviewees provided anecdotes about trips to Hanford (round trip is 77 miles) to purchase essentials, like groceries or to fill drug prescriptions. Respondents indicated that the medical and dental services in the area are inadequate, making it difficult for them to receive the care they need. Many respondents indicated their growing concern that there is a lack of available, affordable, fresh food in the area and that this problem affects them daily.

Lack of Attention to Public's Concerns: Many residents expressed apathy regarding DTSC's intervention on the Kettleman site, especially in the past. Respondents feel as though their concerns, as expressed at public meetings and in surveys, have never been taken seriously in the past so are hesitant to trust that DTSC will make a positive impact on the community. A few respondents were unaware of the issues regarding the landfill and cited lack of communication as the reason. Respondents indicated they prefer to receive their information on social media, through the local schools, or from posted fliers in the post office or around town. Additionally, ten respondents indicated their preferred method of communication was through more causal in person methods, like going door to door rather than holding community meetings.

Necessity of Landfill: Some survey respondents were aware of the necessity of the landfill in the community and are hesitant to see it disappear or move. Of those respondents, many indicated they themselves or someone close to them relies on the landfill for employment and expressed a need for better, safer jobs in Kettleman. Others remarked that if the landfill closed, it would have to relocate to a different area, and the previously stated concerns would not go away, but rather just relocate to the area of the new landfill site.

Pesticide Drift and Over Spraying: Five residents conveyed their concerns about pesticide over drift and over spraying especially on the North and Northwest sides of the community. These interviewees felt that this problem to date has not been addressed.

Street Condition and Lighting: A few residents identified the condition of the streets as an important concern. Broken pavement, lack of pavement, potholes, and the lack of sidewalks were also mentioned by these residents.

Quality of High School Education/ Youth Crime: Interviewers noted that some residents reported that they had concerns about the lack of activities for young people after school. Several also mentioned that Avenal High School did not provide the kind of educational

experience that they felt was best for their children. Gangs and crime by young people were a concern of these residents as well. In addition, residents expressed their interest in identifying after school activities to engage the youth.

Facility Impacts: Three people expressed ongoing and strong concern that the landfill run by Waste Management was destroying residents' health and was an ongoing threat to the viability of the community. Two residents commented that the facility needed to be closed.

5.3 Community Outreach Activities Fall 2022 – Spring 2023

In October 2022, DTSC mailed a cover letter and survey to the public to update the public participation plan. This survey was created to assess the level of awareness and interest in the project, identify health and safety concerns, as well as gather feedback from respondents on their willingness to participate in the engagement process. The survey was written in English and Spanish distributed by email as well as post. Copies of the letter and survey can be found in Appendix B.

The survey was mailed on October 7, 2023 to 804 residents, property owners, interested parties, including local, state, and federal elected officials. DTSC prepared and will maintain the growth of this list over time and through ongoing community involvement.

Eighteen people responded, 16 in English and two Spanish. DTSC will use the feedback to refine our public outreach approach to suit the needs, interest and concerns about the project and Site. Results in both languages and combined totals are available in Appendix B.

5.3.1 Concerns Expressed in the Survey

Water Quality: Survey Respondents expressed the same concerns surrounding as they did during the 2017 canvassing effort. Additionally, respondents noted that poor water quality prevents them from being able to shower, bathe, or wash their clothes.

Community Interviews: DTSC scheduled follow up community interviews for additional feedback and to better understand and expand on community concerns previously shared in the Community Survey. Three interviewees were completed in May 2023. Two interviewees continued to express deep concerns about the water quality. This is a persistent issue in this community as indicated in both the 2012 and 2017 surveys and during outreach activities.

Birth Defects and Cancer Rates: The same two interviewees expressed concerns about the number of birth defects and cancer cases in the community. They also stated concerns for those who work at the plant. One of the interviewees expressed concerns about the facility and contamination in general in her community. The interviewee expressed having personal experience with a lot of health problems and her oldest daughter having chronic spinal issues due to complications resulting likely from pesticide exposure during her pregnancy. The interviewee has been a resident of Kettleman City for over 50 years. Both interviewees expressed concern about pesticides drift and over spraying in the area. They felt that this problem to date has not been addressed. The interviewees asked that it be noted that they both live in Kettleman City.

Necessity of Landfill: One interviewee expressed understanding of the necessity of the landfill in Kettleman and is hesitant to see it disappear or move. The reason explained by the interviewee was related to animal emergency disposal to protect human health and other species. As explained by the interviewee when and if rendering capacity is exceeded or suspended, permitted landfills offer the next best environmental solution to the disposal of

carcasses. One local facility that accepts mortalities is the Kettleman Hills landfill. This is a service the local area uses especially during the summer when heat becomes an issue in the area. This stakeholder stated that he lives in a town near Kettleman City.

All interviewees confirmed that they have received community updates, community surveys and other information materials related to KHF from DTSC. They would like to continue to receive information related to the facility and be included as project continues to move forward.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ACTIVITIES

Having received the input described, DTSC commits to several specific public participation activities. The following activities are recommended to provide members of the public with facility information and appropriate opportunities for public comment.

6.1 Objectives of the Plan

The objectives of the Public Participation Plan are to:

- Ensure that the local community is provided with timely and accurate information written in English and Spanish, regarding the facility, its permit and activities associated with the permit's enforcement process.
- Provide information in locations easily accessible to community members.
- Provide community members with opportunities to discuss and ask questions regarding any permit related activities in their preferred language.
- Encourage representatives from the local community to share their concerns, and identify interests and issues associated with the facility.
- Formally document community issues and concerns and identify specific public participation activities, to ensure that the community is involved in the DTSC decision-making process; and
- Identify the most effective methods to address community interests and concerns throughout the operation of the facility.

6.2 Public Participation Activities

The activities described below have been designed to fulfill DTSC's public participation outreach requirements and to meet the objectives stated above.

6.2.1 Language Access Policy / Translation of Vital Project Documents draft Permit

DTSC is committed to ensuring meaningful access and an equal opportunity to DTSC programs, services, activities, and information to persons who are limited English proficiency (LEP), in compliance with state and federal non-discriminations laws.

To ensure meaningful access to language assistance services, DTSC will take the following steps during the Draft permit process:

- Ensure members of the public are always treated with dignity and respect.
- Employ enough qualified bilingual persons in public contact positions consistent with

the requirements of the California Dymally-Alatorre Bilingual Services Act of 1973 and other applicable state and federal non-discrimination laws.

- Provide translated vital documents and information to LEP persons by mail, email, or other communication medium.
- Ensure non-vital and vital documents are accessible in alternate formats for individuals with disabilities. DTSC has translated summaries starting with the first major public document in 2011.

DTSC provides translated project related documents in Spanish which include, community updates, public notices, and presentation materials prepared for this community. DTSC contracts with California Interpreting and Translation (CIT) located in Van Nuys, CA for translations services and for interpretation services at meetings, hearings, and workshops. In addition, the Office of Environmental Equity assigned bilingual staff to work on this project.

6.2.2 Establish DTSC Information Contacts

DTSC has identified information contacts for the public to direct questions and concerns about the project. DTSC will include contact information in documents distributed to the public.

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Sacramento, CA 95826
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DTSC Public Participation
Specialist
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6.2.3 Update Mailing List and E-mail List

DTSC maintains a targeted mailing list for this project including: all post office box holders in Kettleman City; city, county, state, and federal representatives; and representatives of both local and regional environmental and social organizations. DTSC updates the mailing list when needed to ensure accuracy of the information and adds names and addresses of individuals upon request. DTSC maintains an e-mail list for this facility as well.

6.2.4 Maintain Information Repositories

DTSC has and will continue to place project documents in three local public library branches so that interested community members can review them. The repositories include copies of key permit and enforcement documents, the public participation plan, community notices and public notices, and other documents as they are developed and distributed to the public.

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| Kings County Library, Kettleman City Branch 106 Becky Pease St. Kettleman City, CA 93239 Tel. (559) 386-9804 | Hours of Operation: Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday: Closed Tuesday: 12 to 5 p.m. Wednesday: 12 to 5 p.m. Thursday: 12 to 5 p.m. |
| Kings County Library, Avenal Branch 501 Kings Street Avenal CA 93204 Tel. (559) 386-5741 | Hours of Operation: Weekends: Closed Monday: 9 to 5 p.m. Tuesday: 9 to 5 p.m. Wednesday: 9 to 5 p.m. Thursday: 12 to 5 p.m. Friday: 8 to 12 p.m. |
| Kings County Library, Hanford Branch 401 North Douty Street Hanford CA 93204 Tel. (559) 582-0261 | Hours of Operation: Sunday: Closed Monday: 8 to 5 p.m. Tuesday: 8 to 5 p.m. Wednesday: 8 to 5 p.m. Thursday: 8 to 5 p.m. Friday: 8 to 12 p.m. Saturday: 8 to 12 p.m. |

Administrative Record: In addition to the library repositories, the complete file or administrative record is available for review at DTSC's office in Sacramento.

Department of Toxic Substances Control - File Room
8800 Cal Center Drive Sacramento, CA 95826

Please call (916) 255-4159 for an appointment
Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Monday through Friday

EnviroStor Database: Copies of key permit and enforcement reports, community notices and other site-related information are available online: <http://.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/>.

6.2.5 Prepare and Distribute Fact Sheets and Community Updates

DTSC will prepare community updates and fact sheets at key permitting milestones to provide interested community members and the broader regional community with information about the Facility. DTSC will use plain, non-technical language and incorporate graphics to enhance understanding. Fact sheets and updates will announce the start and end dates of public comment periods, include details for public meetings and hearings as well as key components of the document available for comment. DTSC will distribute these documents to the postal mailing and e-mail lists and at any time upon request.

6.2.6 Establish Public Comment Period for the Draft Permit

DTSC will establish a public comment period of at least 90 days (45 days more than required) to accept comments on the Draft permit. DTSC will notify the public in advance of the start dates via a mailed community update, radio advertisement and a public notice placed in an adjudicated publication as required by the California Health and Safety code. The public comment period will allow community members and other interested parties an opportunity to make known their concerns about the Draft Permit. DTSC will accept written comments during the public comment period via mail, comments provided by email and verbal comments at the public hearing.

6.2.7 Public Notice Advertisements in Newspapers and Radio

DTSC will run a public notice in the Hanford Sentinel beginning the public comment period on the Draft Permit decision. The public notice will be a display advertisement placed in the body of the newspaper. The public notice will include the following information:

- A brief overview of the permit decision proposed in the draft permit renewal.
- Locations of the information repositories and the website where this document is available for review.

- The start and end dates of the public comment period.
- A mail and e-mail address, to which members of the public can send written comments; and
- An announcement of the time, date, and location for the workshop and public hearing.

DTSC will place the same public notice written in Spanish in La Vida del Valle, a Spanish- language newspaper that serves the area. In addition, DTSC will place both English and Spanish radio advertisement announcing the public comment period on major decision documents as required by California state regulations. Based on input from Kettleman City youth, DTSC intends to use Twitter to communicate the beginning date of the public comment period and other short items of community interest.

Additionally, DTSC should consider placing flyers around the area in English and Spanish. Many survey respondents noted that they would prefer having more face-to-face interactions with DTSC, which is possible with this method of information dispersion. By delivering information directly to the local community, DTSC can ensure more people are hearing our message; though not every resident reads the paper or listens to the radio, they will visit locations where the flyers can be seen and, thus, would engage with DTSC's information about the site.

6.2.8 Conduct Engagement Events for CalEnviroScreen Vulnerability Evaluation

DTSC will hold a workshop to discuss the results of the evaluation and hear from community members regarding their lived experience to contribute to the evaluation of multiple impacts. Following the workshop, the information will be reviewed, and it will contribute to the decision on the draft Permit. If input impacts the terms of the permit, it will be noted in the document.

6.2.9 Conduct Public Hearings/Briefings on Draft Permit

DTSC will hold a public hearing on the draft Permit in March 2024 to explain the process and permit components to interested community members, to answer questions, and to receive public comments on the draft permit. DTSC will hold additional community meetings, briefings or engagement events as warranted by project needs, public interest, and requests.

6.2.10 Police Presence Concerns at Public Meetings and Hearings

Based on a previous event involving police presence at a public meeting, stakeholders raised concerns and expressed that police presence impacted the involvement and feedback shared from attendees during the public comment period. DTSC encourages public participation and promotes the inclusion of all individuals, therefore, DTSC is not planning to have police present at scheduled upcoming events for this project. However, if security is necessary, the following plan was developed: Ensure the security presence is not

implemented in a manner that is threatening or could be perceived as threatening; Create a neutral policy to avoid a legitimate public safety risk; Ensure that the persons providing the security have received de-escalation and non-violent conflict resolution training; Use preemptive public announcements and/or engagement with stakeholders to mitigate potential concerns about security; Police dogs will not be used.

6.2.11 Unexpected Events Before or During Community Events

If an unexpected event or natural disaster occurs before the scheduled community events, DTSC will postpone the meetings until further notice. If the event occurs during a community event, safety protocol will be followed, and a determination will be made on whether the event is safe to continue under the original planned activities or if the event needs to be postponed for a later date. DTSC will consider alternatives such as scheduling remote meetings via teleconferencing services and online video conferencing platforms.

DTSC is committed to keeping the community and stakeholders informed of any circumstances affecting the location, date, and time of scheduled meetings.

6.2.12 Respond to Public Comments on the Draft Permit

DTSC may receive public comments through mail, e-mails, and at the public hearing. All communication tools distributed by DTSC will include the phone numbers and e-mails of DTSC contacts to call with questions about the facility. DTSC contacts will respond promptly to questions.

DTSC will prepare a document responding to comments received, called a Response to Comments document, addressing comments received during the public comment period on the Draft permit decision. All individuals who offered comments will receive a copy of the Response to Comments document. This document will also be available upon request and for review at the Information Repositories and EnviroStor.

6.2.13 Provide Project Updates

Based on the preference for communication via written materials expressed in our 2022 survey, DTSC will distribute written project updates to provide the community with information on the status of the project. DTSC will use simple, non-technical language and graphics to aid understanding. DTSC will distribute these updates via U.S. Mail and e-mail. DTSC also may place them in public places where community members gather like libraries or community centers.

6.2.14 Conduct Community Project Briefings

DTSC will hold informal community briefings with interested community members and local business stakeholders, as needed, throughout the life of the facility. Meeting goals:

- to communicate enough information so that the community will have an accurate understanding of the permit.
- that the needs of the community are being identified
- provide updates to community members.
- build relationships and mutual understanding and a shared vision between DTSC and the Kettleman City community.

6.2.15 Additional Activities

DTSC may conduct outreach activities in addition to those described above. DTSC will attend community events to develop relationships with community members and update them on DTSC activities. DTSC will also explore other ways to engage the community in the decision-making process and include them if successful.

APPENDICES

Appendix A Community Survey Data 2017

Appendix B Community Survey Data 2022

Appendix C Key Contact List

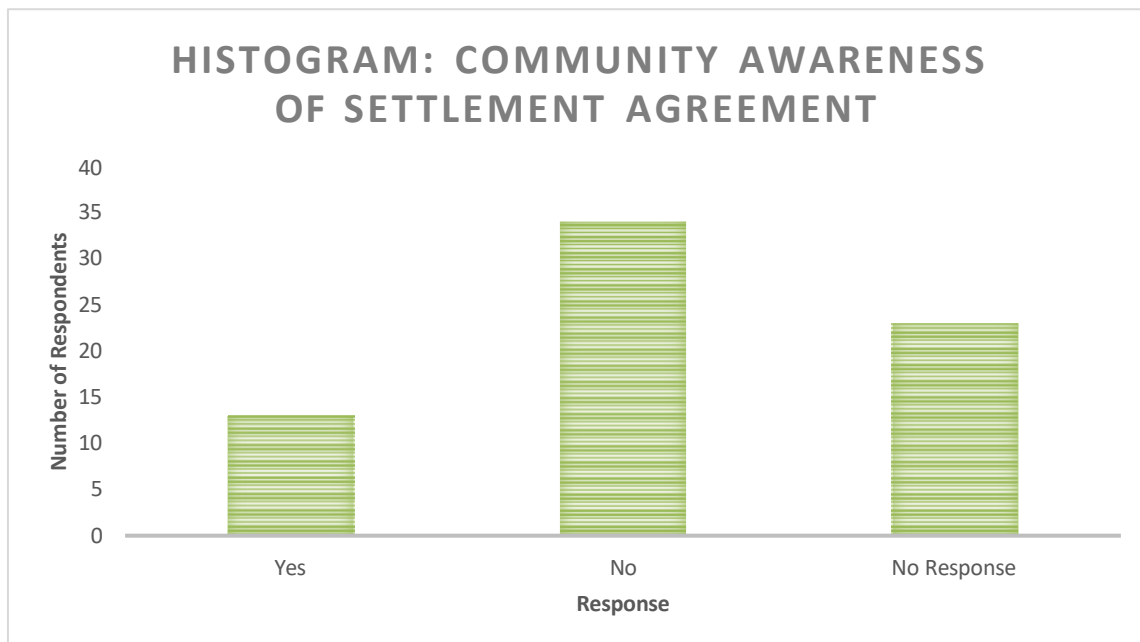
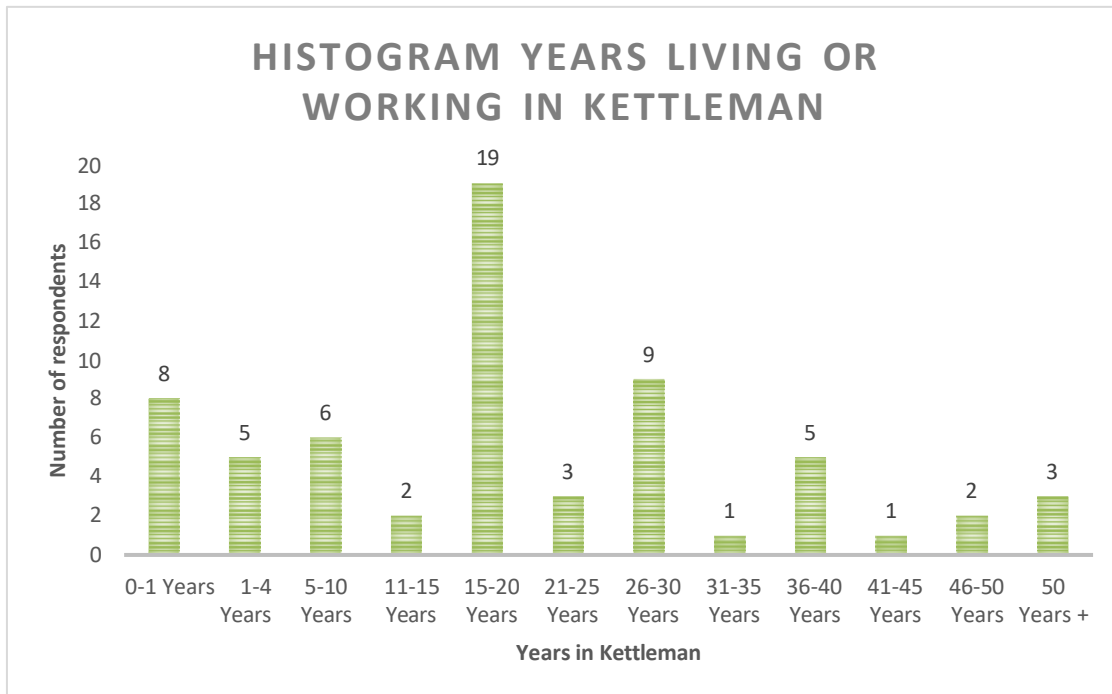
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Community Survey Data 2017

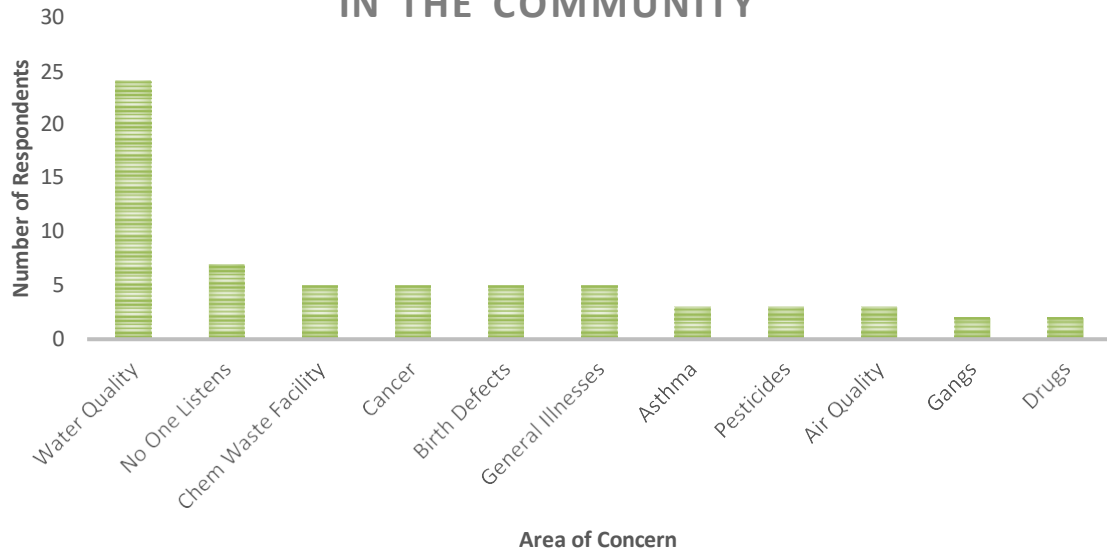
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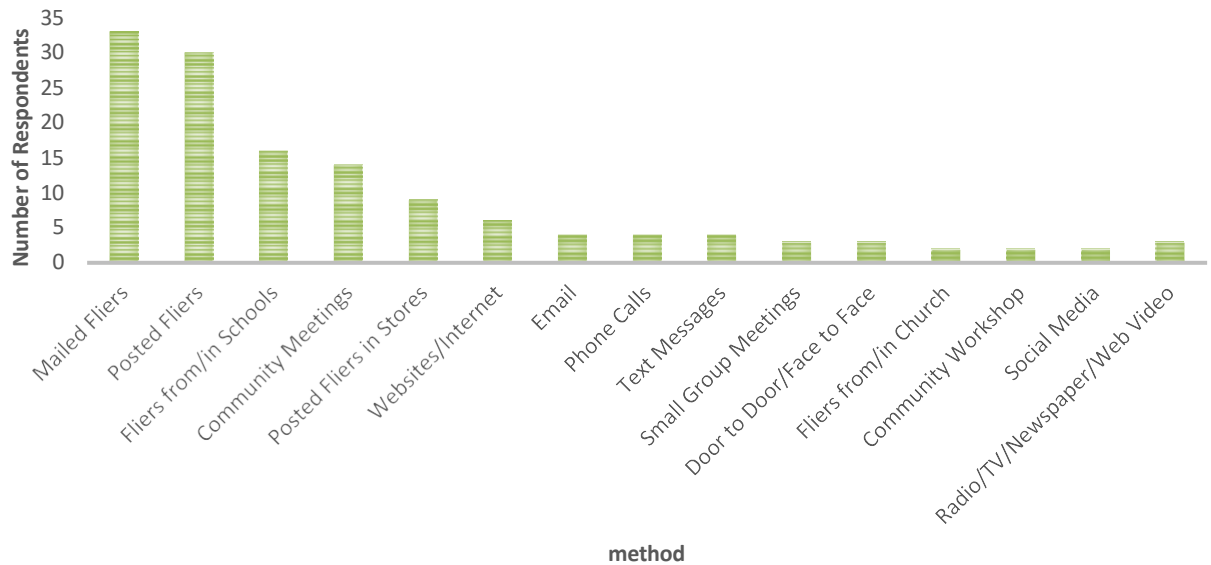
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- 34 Interviews in Spanish - 36 in English



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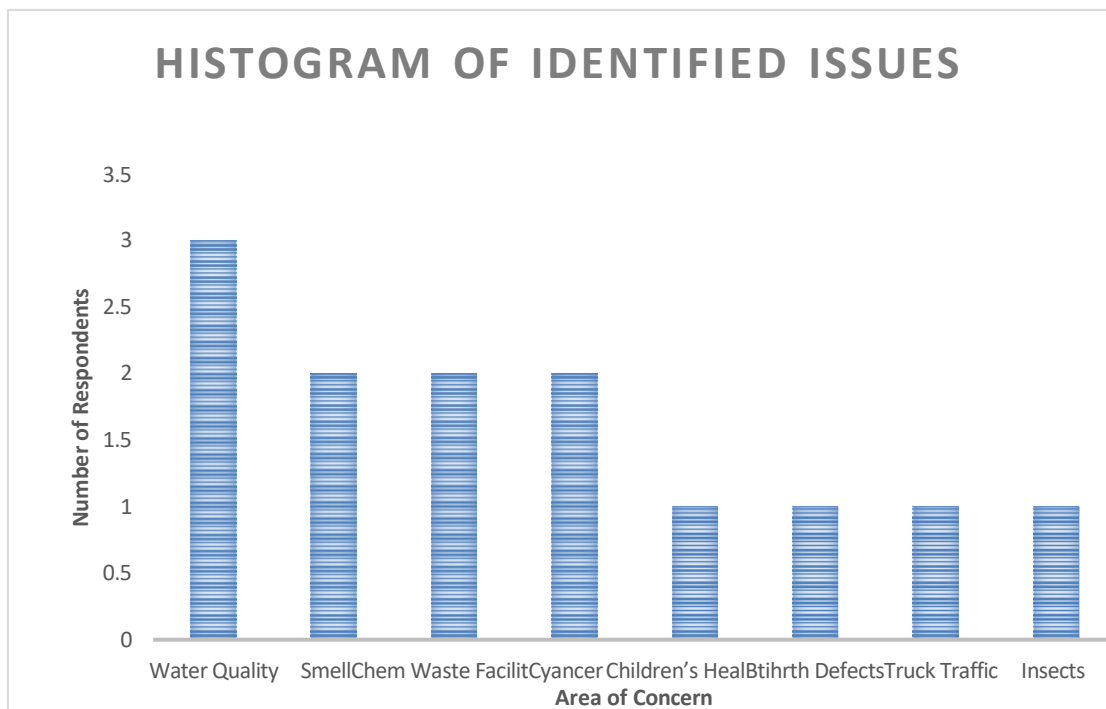
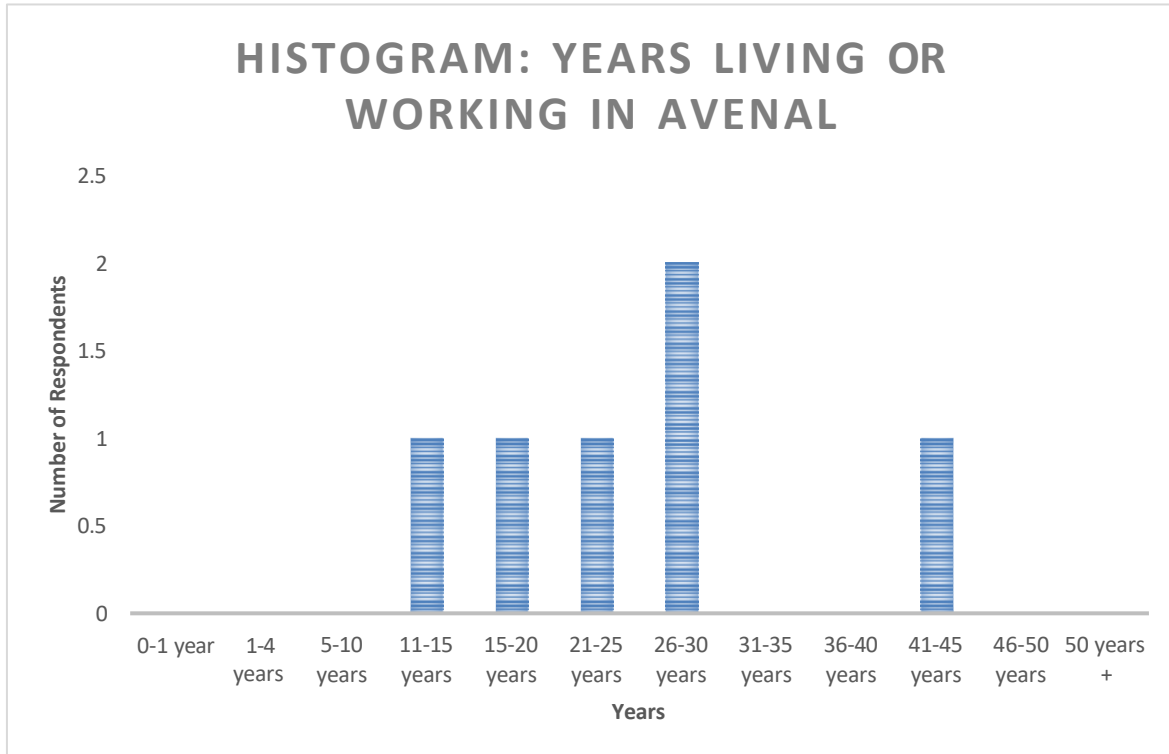
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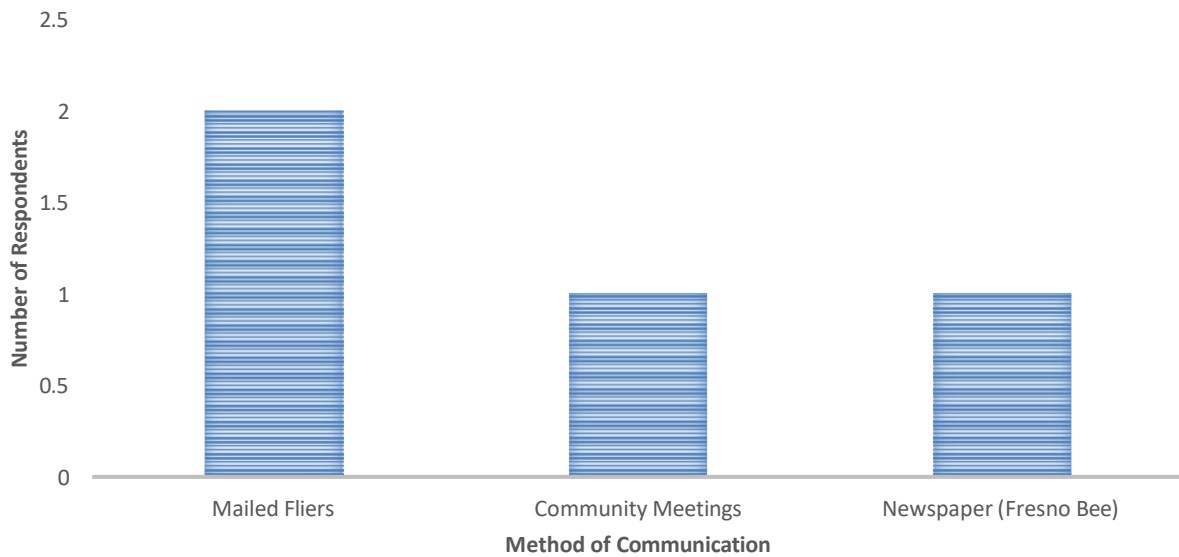
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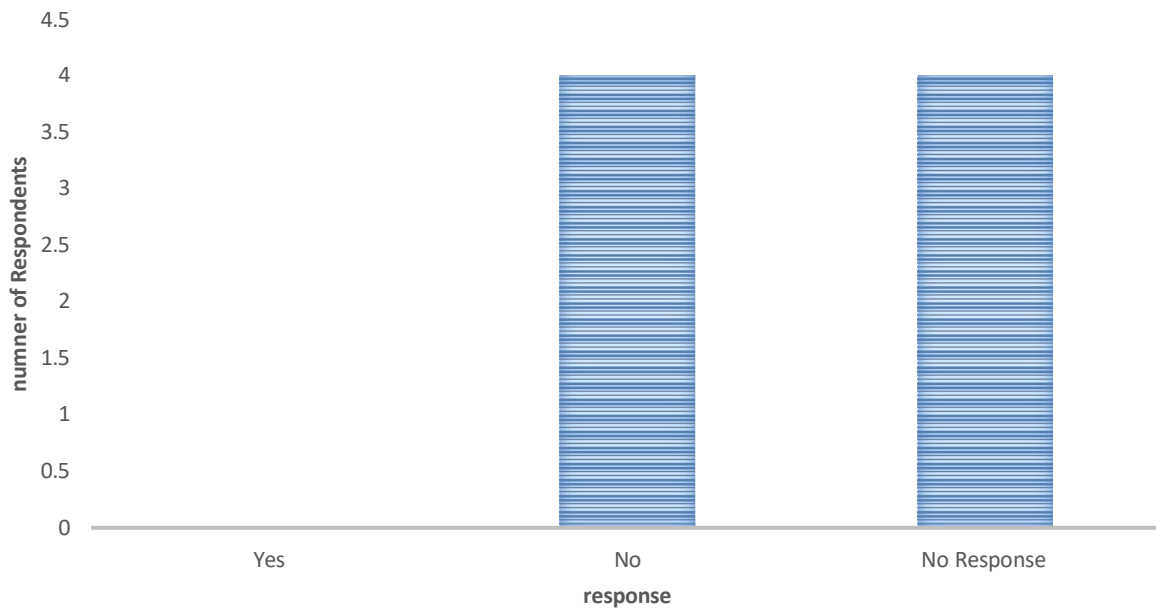
- 5 women, 3 men
- 5 interviews in Spanish, 3 in English



HISTOGRAM: PRFERRED METHOD OF COMMUNICATION



HISTOGRAM: AWARENESS OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT





Chemical Waste Management, Inc. Kettleman Hills Facility

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has prepared this update to provide you with information regarding the Kettleman Hills hazardous waste facility and landfill. DTSC is currently reviewing a permit renewal application from Chemical Waste Management, Inc. (CWMI) for the Kettleman Hills Facility (KHF). DTSC plans to make a final permit decision on the application by December 2018. Before DTSC makes a final decision, DTSC will give local residents the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed permit decision.

Permitting Information

CWMI has a permit issued by DTSC to treat, store, and dispose of most categories of hazardous waste at the KHF in six active waste management units. That permit is the subject of a pending renewal application. For more information on the existing permit, you can use this link:

<https://dtsc.ca.gov/kettleman-hills-facility/>

For the enforcement history of this facility, please use this link:

http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/eeerp_profile_report.asp?global_id=3002354

Facility History

The KHF site has been used for waste disposal operations since 1975 and was purchased by CWMI in 1979. The Facility is in Kings County, 3 ½ miles west of the community of Kettleman City. You can access environmental and demographic information on Kettleman City on CalEnviroScreen at this link:

<https://oehha.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=4560cfbce7c745c299b2d0cbb07044f5>

The KHF is located on approximately 1,600 acres. CWMI uses 580 acres for waste management activities.

DTSC's permit decisions for the KHF are subject to public review and comment and past decisions have been appealed. In March 2015, Greenaction for Health and Environmental Justice and El Pueblo para el Aire y Agua Limpia filed a complaint with U.S. EPA's Office of Civil Rights under Title VI of the Federal Civil Rights Act relating to DTSC's decision to authorize an expansion of Landfill B-18 at KHF. The complaint was resolved in August 2016 when DTSC and Cal/EPA entered into a voluntary Settlement Agreement with Greenaction for Health and Environmental Justice and El Pueblo para el Aire y Agua Limpia.

The Agreement describes factors that DTSC will consider when reviewing CWMI's pending application to renew its permit and any expansion application. DTSC will meet all applicable state and federal civil rights requirements both during the permitting process and oversight of this facility.

The Settlement Agreement and the benefits resulting from the Agreement are posted on the DTSC website and can be accessed using this link:

<https://dtsc.ca.gov/kettleman-title-vi-settlement-agreement/>

Next Steps

DTSC will host a public meeting in Kettleman City later this year to update local residents on the status of our review of the permit renewal application. Please contact the following DTSC staff for further information:

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Project Manager
Ryan.Batty@dtsc.ca.gov
(916) 255-3644

Nathan Schumacher
Public Participation Specialist
Nathan.Schumacher@dtsc.ca.gov
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DTSC Kettleman City Community Interview Questions

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), which regulates the Kettleman Hills Landfill Facility, wants to engage the public in decisions it makes about the landfill in a way that provides the people most affected by its decisions opportunities to ask questions and voice their concerns. We are now considering a permit renewal application from the Kettleman Hills Landfill Facility.

DTSC would like to hear your thoughts and concerns about the Kettleman Hills Landfill Facility, and we are conducting these interviews to find out how to best inform you about its activities regarding the landfill so that you will have an opportunity to participate and provide your input.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, Zip: _____

Telephone Number: (____) _____ **Email:** _____

- 1. How long have you lived or worked in this area?**

- 2. Are you familiar with the Kettleman Hills Landfill?**

- 3. Do you have thoughts or concerns about the Kettleman Hills Landfill?
What are they?**

- 4. Have you had any contact with local, state or other government officials regarding
issues related to Kettleman City or the Kettleman Hills Landfill?**



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5. Have you heard about the Settlement Agreement between DTSC and Greenaction as well as *El Pueblo Para El Aire y Agua Limpia de Kettleman City*?

6. On a scale of 1 to 5, please rate which mode of communication works best for you. Number 5 is your best mode of communication with number 1 as your least preferred mode.

| | Least | | | | Best |
|--------------------------------------|-------|---|---|---|------|
| - Mailed Flyers | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| - Small group meetings | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| - E-mails | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| - Web site | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| - Community meetings | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| - Internet Videos | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| - Information through your schools | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| - Information through your church | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| - Information posted in public areas | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| - Workshops (Open Houses) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| - Other_____ | | | | | |



- Thank you for taking this time to talk with us. If you have any further thoughts, questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Nathan Schumacher, DTSC, at toll free (866) 495-5651 or Nathan.Schumacher@dtsc.ca.gov.



Chemical Waste Management, Inc. Centro de Kettleman Hills

El Departamento de Control de Sustancias Tóxicas (DTSC, por sus siglas en inglés) preparó esta actualización para brindarle información sobre el centro y vertedero de desechos peligrosos de Kettleman Hills. En este momento, el DTSC está revisando una solicitud de renovación de permiso presentada por Chemical Waste Management, Inc. (CWMI) para el Centro de Kettleman Hills (KHF, por sus siglas en inglés). El DTSC planea tomar una decisión final sobre el permiso solicitado para diciembre de 2018. Antes de que el DTSC tome una decisión final, les dará a los residentes locales la oportunidad de revisar y realizar comentarios sobre la acción de permiso propuesta.

Información del permiso

CWMI cuenta con un permiso emitido por el DTSC para tratar, almacenar y desechar la mayoría de las categorías de desechos peligrosos en el KHF en seis unidades activas de administración de desechos. Ese permiso está sujeto a una solicitud de renovación pendiente. Para más información sobre el permiso existente, puede utilizar el siguiente enlace:

<https://dtsc.ca.gov/kettleman-hills-facility/>

Para ver los antecedentes de cumplimiento de este centro, utilice este enlace:

http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/eeerp_profile_report.asp?global_id=3002354

Antecedentes del centro

El sitio de KHF se utiliza para operaciones de administración de desechos desde 1975, y fue comprado por CWMI en 1979. El Centro se encuentra en el Condado de Kings, a 3 millas y media al oeste de la comunidad de la Ciudad de Kettleman. Puede acceder a la información ambiental y demográfica de la Ciudad de Kettleman en CalEnviroScreen mediante el siguiente enlace:

<https://oehha.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=4560cfbce7c745c299b2d0cbb07044f5> El

KHF está ubicado sobre aproximadamente 1,600 acres. CWMI utiliza 580 acres para actividades de administración de desechos.

Las decisiones sobre el permiso que tome el DTSC para el KHF están sujetas a revisión y comentario público, y se ha apelado a decisiones anteriores. En marzo de 2015, Greenaction for Health and Environmental Justice y El Pueblo para el Aire y Agua Limpia presentaron una queja ante la Oficina de Derechos Civiles de la EPA de EE. UU. en virtud del Título VI de la Ley Federal de Derechos Civiles en relación con la decisión del DTSC de autorizar una expansión del vertedero B-18 en KHF. La queja se resolvió en agosto de 2016, cuando el DTSC y Cal/EPA celebraron un Acuerdo de Conciliación voluntario con Greenaction for Health and Environmental Justice y El Pueblo para el Aire y Agua Limpia.

El Acuerdo describe factores que el DTSC tendrá en cuenta al revisar la solicitud pendiente de CWMI para renovar su permiso y toda solicitud de expansión. El DTSC cumplirá con todos los requisitos federales y estatales de derechos civiles, tanto durante del proceso de otorgamiento del permiso como en la supervisión del centro.

El Acuerdo de Conciliación y los beneficios resultantes de él están publicados en el sitio web del DTSC, y se puede acceder a ellos mediante este enlace:

<https://dtsc.ca.gov/kettleman-title-vi-settlement-agreement/>

Próximos pasos

El DTSC realizará una reunión pública con la Ciudad de Kettleman más adelante en el año para poner a los residentes locales al día sobre el estado de nuestra revisión de la solicitud de renovación del permiso. Por favor, contacte a los siguientes miembros del personal del DTSC para solicitar más información:

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Gerente de Proyecto

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Nathan Schumacher

Especialista en Participación Pública

Nathan.Schumacher@dtsc.ca.gov

Sin cargo (866) 495-5651 o a la línea directa (916) 255-3650

19 de julio de 2017



Preguntas de la entrevista del DTSC para la comunidad

El Departamento de Control de Sustancias Tóxicas (DTSC, por sus siglas en inglés), que regula el Centro Vertedero de Kettleman Hills, quiere que el público participe en las decisiones que toma sobre el vertedero de una manera que les brinde a los más afectados por sus decisiones la oportunidad de realizar preguntas y plantear sus inquietudes. En este momento, estamos considerando una solicitud de renovación de permiso del Centro Vertedero de Kettleman Hills.

El DTSC quisiera saber qué piensan y qué los preocupa sobre el Centro Vertedero de Kettleman Hills, y estamos realizando estas entrevistas para averiguar cuál es la mejor manera de informarles sobre sus actividades con respecto al vertedero, para que tengan la oportunidad de participar y brindar sus comentarios.

Nombre: _____

Dirección: _____

Ciudad, código postal: _____

Número de teléfono: () _____ **Correo electrónico:** _____

- 1. ¿Hace cuánto vive o trabaja en esta área?**

- 2. ¿Conoce el Vertedero de Kettleman Hills?**

- 3. ¿Tiene algún comentario o inquietud con respecto al Vertedero de Kettleman Hills? ¿Cuáles son?**

- 4. ¿Alguna vez entró en contacto con las autoridades locales, estatales o gubernamentales con respecto a algún problema relacionado con la Ciudad de Kettleman o el Vertedero de Kettleman Hills?**



Preguntas de la entrevista del DTSC para la comunidad

5. ¿Escuchó hablar del Acuerdo de Conciliación entre el DTSC y Greenaction, y de *El Pueblo Para El Aire y Agua Limpia* de la Ciudad de Kettleman?

6. En una escala del 1 al 5, califique el medio de comunicación que más prefiere. El 5 es el medio de comunicación que más prefiere, y el 1 es el que menos prefiere.

| | Menos prefiere | | | | Más prefiere |
|---|-------------------|---|---|---|-----------------|
| - Folletos enviados por correo | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| - Reuniones en grupos pequeños | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| - Correos electrónicos | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| - Sitio web | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| - Reuniones de la comunidad | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| - Videos en internet | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| - Información mediante sus escuelas | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| - Información mediante su iglesia | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| - Información publicada en áreas públicas | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| - Talleres (jornadas abiertas) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| - Otro _____ | | | | | |



Preguntas de la entrevista del DTSC para la comunidad

7. **¿Qué consideraría que es una participación significativa de la comunidad con respecto a las decisiones del DTSC sobre el Vertedero de Kettleman Hills?**

8. **¿Tiene algún otro comentario, sugerencia o inquietud que quisiera compartir con nosotros?**

Muchas gracias por tomarse este tiempo para hablar con nosotros. Si tiene algún otro comentario, pregunta o inquietud, no dude en contactar a Nathan Schumacher, DTSC, llamando a la línea gratuita (866) 495-5651 o por correo electrónico a Nathan.Schumacher@dtsc.ca.gov.

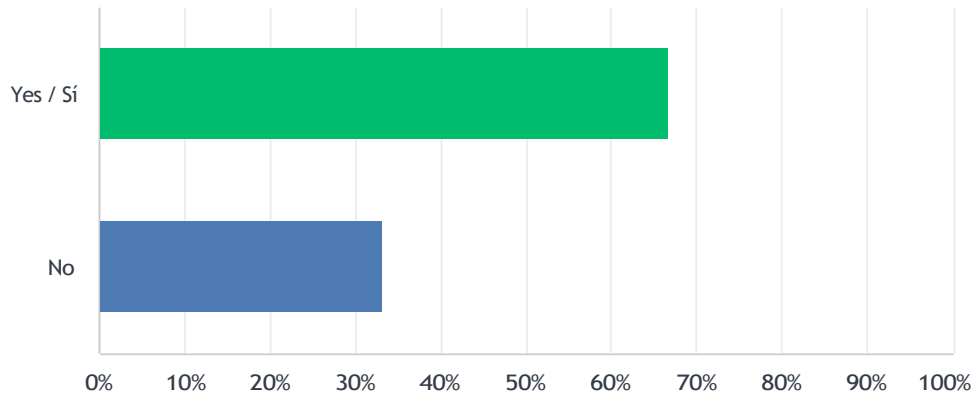
APPENDIX B

Community Survey Data 2022

Q1. Have you been kept up to date about Kettleman Hills Facility (Facility) operations?

¿Se le ha mantenido al día sobre las operaciones de la Instalación de Kettleman Hills (Instalación)?

Answered: 18 Skipped: 1

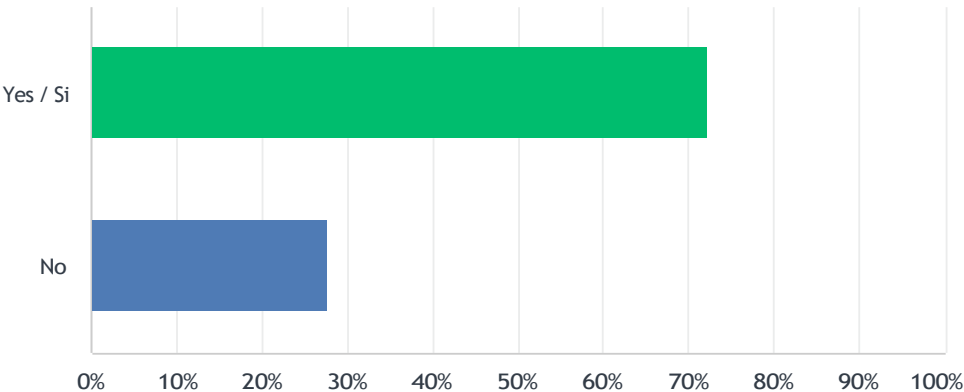


| ANSWER CHOICES | | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|--|-----------|----|
| Yes / Sí | | 66.67% | 12 |
| No | | 33.33% | 6 |
| TOTAL | | | 18 |

Q2. Do you have access to a computer and internet to review Site documents and provide public comment to DTSC?

¿Tiene acceso a una computadora e Internet para revisar los documentos del Sitio y proporcionar comentarios públicos al DTSC?

Answered: 18 Skipped: 1

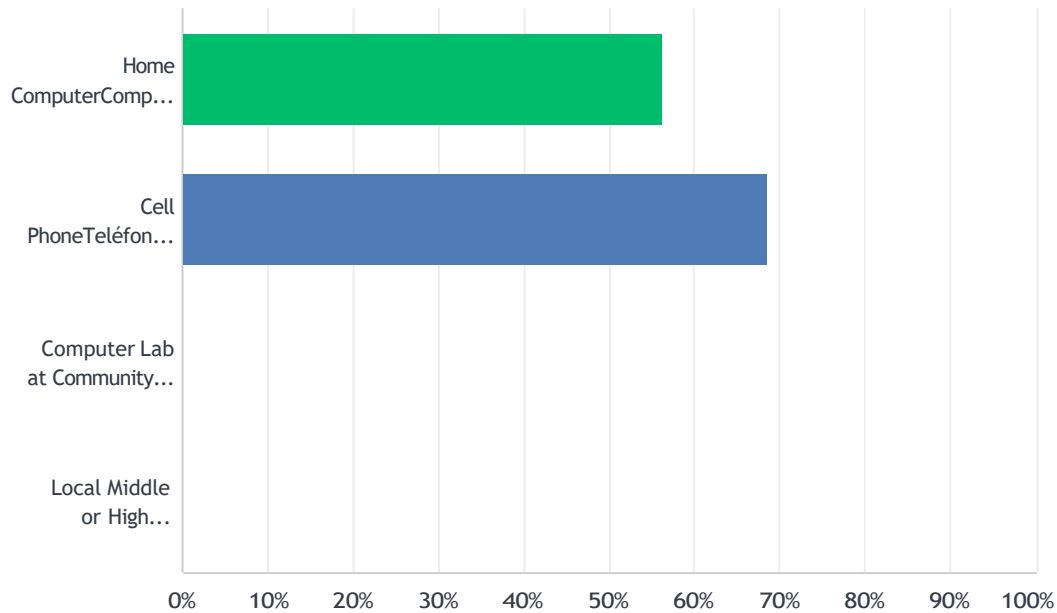


| ANSWER CHOICES | | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|--|-----------|----|
| Yes / Si | | 72.22% | 13 |
| No | | 27.78% | 5 |
| TOTAL | | | 18 |

Q3. I use the following to access email or use the Internet.

Utilizo lo siguiente para acceder al correo electrónico o utilizar Internet

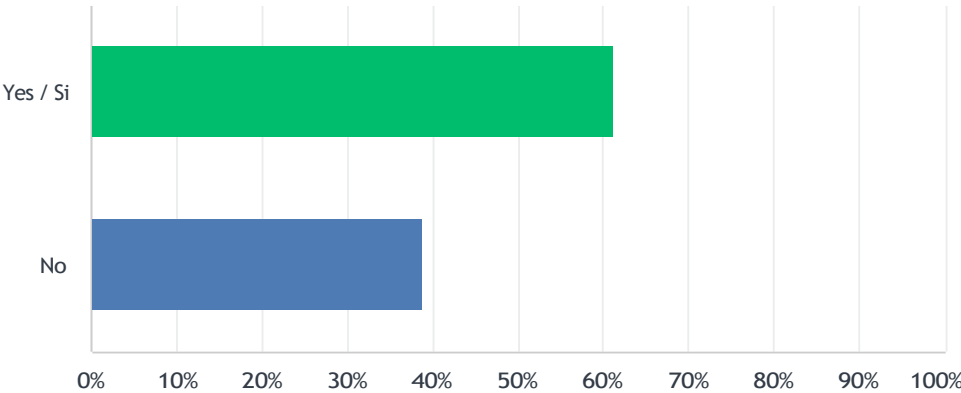
Answered: 16 Skipped: 3



| ANSWER CHOICES | | RESPONSES | |
|---|--|-----------|----|
| Home ComputerComputadora desde casa | | 56.25% | 9 |
| Cell PhoneTeléfono móvil | | 68.75% | 11 |
| Computer Lab at Community CenterLaboratoria de Informatica en el Centro Comunitario | | 0.00% | 0 |
| Local Middle or High SchoolEscuela Secundaria o Preparatoria Local | | 0.00% | 0 |
| Total Respondents: 16 | | | |

Q4. Do you know where to find information about the Facility?
¿Sabe dónde encontrar información sobre la Instalación?

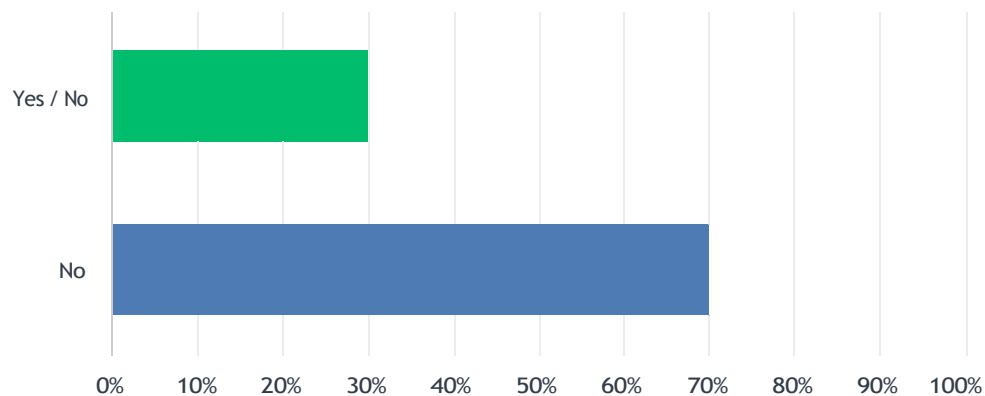
Answered: 18 Skipped: 1



| ANSWER CHOICES | | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|--|-----------|----|
| Yes / Si | | 61.11% | 11 |
| No | | 38.89% | 7 |
| TOTAL | | | 18 |

Q5. Have you used DTSC's database, EnviroStor, to learn about the Facility and its permit? <https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public>.
 ¿Ha utilizado la base de datos del DTSC, EnviroStor, para conocer la Instalación y su permiso? <https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public>

Answered: 17 Skipped: 2

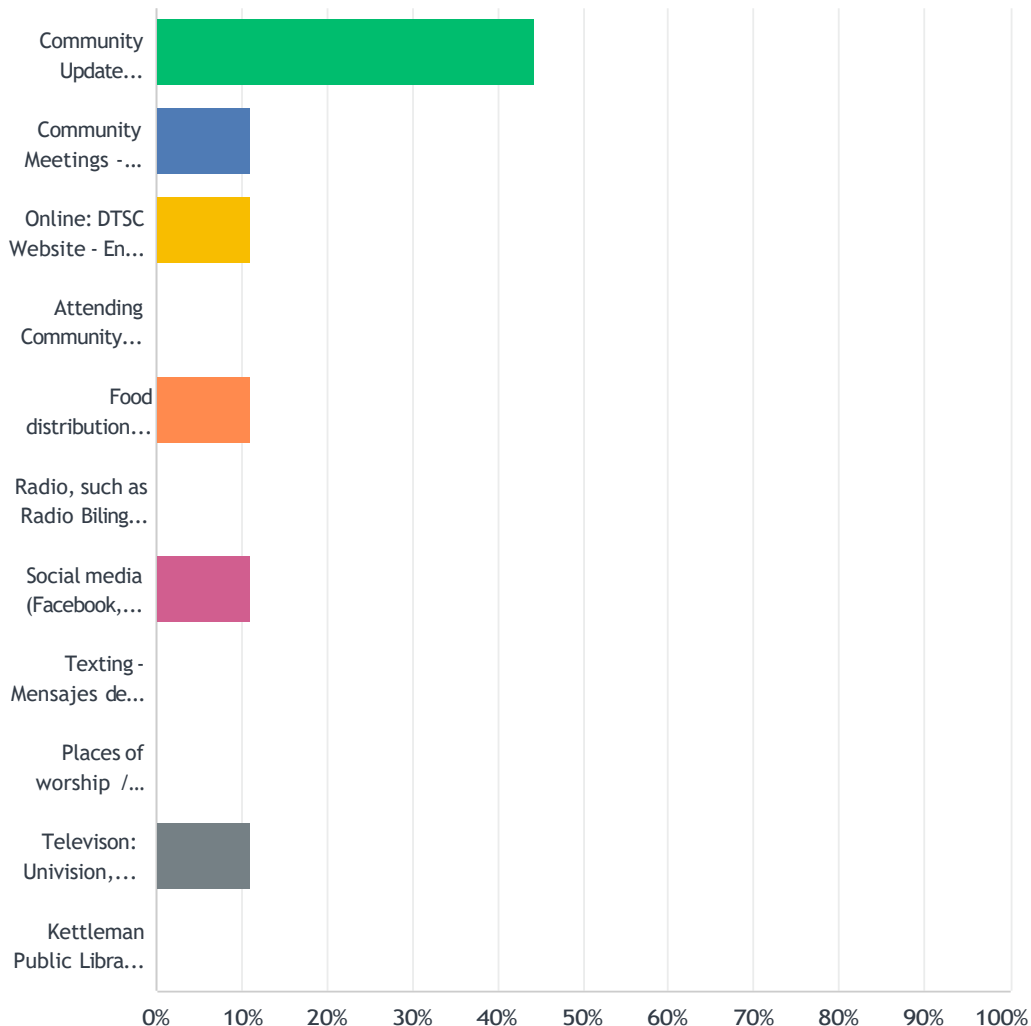


| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|----|
| Yes / No | 29.41% | 5 |
| No | 70.59% | 12 |
| TOTAL | | 17 |

Q6. We want to engage with you more regarding our oversight of this Facility.
What is the best way to provide you with information?

Queremos involucrarnos más con usted en lo que respecta a la supervisión
de esta Instalación. ¿Cuál es la mejor manera de proporcionarle
información?

Answered: 18 Skipped: 1

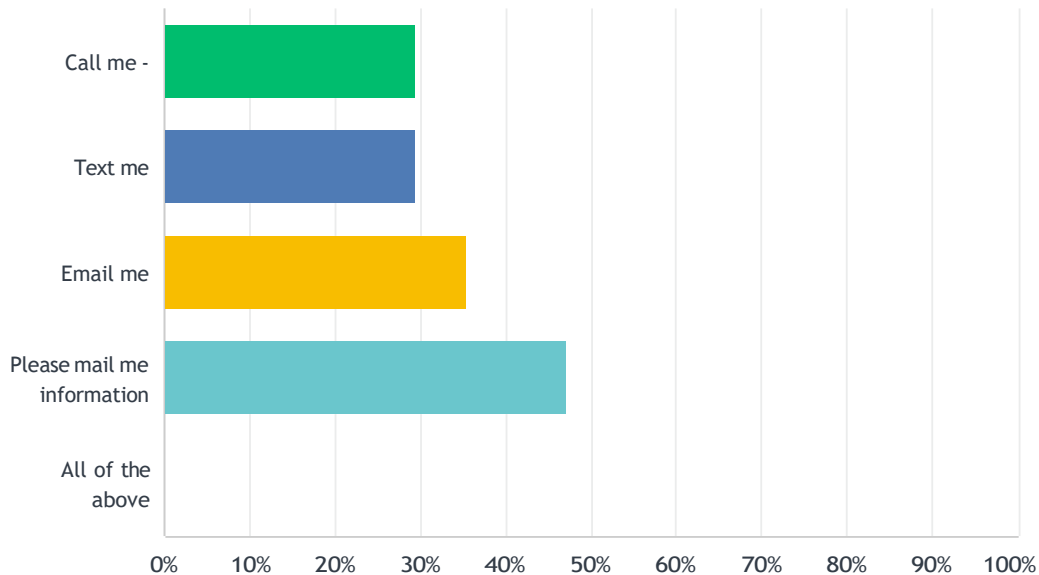


| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---|-----------|----|
| Community Update Newsletters - Boletines de Noticias Comunitarias | 44.44% | 8 |
| Community Meetings - Reuniones Comunitarias | 11.11% | 2 |
| Online: DTSC Website - En línea: Página web del DTSC | 11.11% | 2 |
| Attending Community Events - Asistencia a Eventos Comunitarios | 0.00% | 0 |
| Food distribution events - Eventos de distribución de alimentos | 11.11% | 2 |
| Radio, such as Radio Bilingue - Radio, como Radio Bilingüe | 0.00% | 0 |
| Social media (Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp) - Redes sociales (Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp) | 11.11% | 2 |
| Texting - Mensajes de texto | 0.00% | 0 |
| Places of worship / Churches - Lugares de Fe / Iglesias | 0.00% | 0 |
| Television: Univision, Telemundo - Televisión: Univisión, Telemundo | 11.11% | 2 |
| Kettleman Public Library - Biblioteca Pública en Kettleman | 0.00% | 0 |
| TOTAL | | 18 |

Q7. Please check the appropriate box(es) and include your contact information if you would like to receive emails and/or are willing to be contacted regarding the Facility and your community.

Por favor, marque la(s) casilla(s) correspondiente(s) e incluya su información de contacto si desea recibir correos electrónicos y/o está dispuesto a que se le contacte en relación con la Instalación y su comunidad.

Answered: 17 Skipped: 2

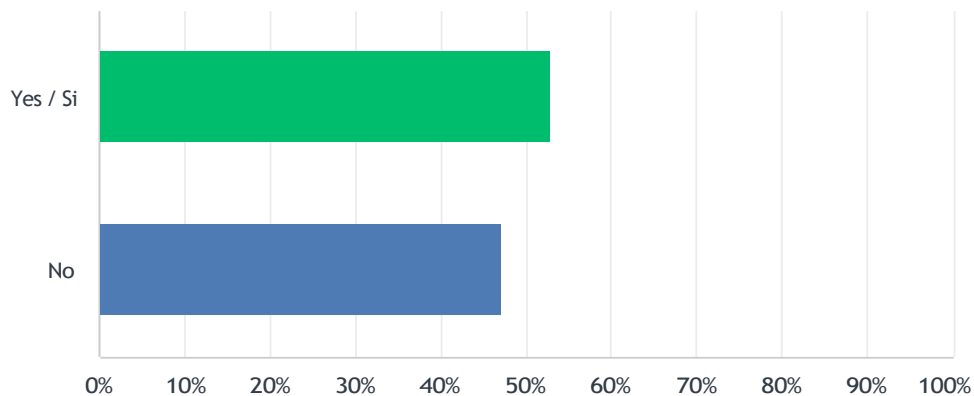


| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------------------|-----------|---|
| Call me - | 29.41% | 5 |
| Text me | 29.41% | 5 |
| Email me | 35.29% | 6 |
| Please mail me information | 47.06% | 8 |
| All of the above | 0.00% | 0 |
| Total Respondents: 17 | | |

Q8. Is the air clearer since the Facility equipment upgrades and "no idling" signs were posted in 2018?

¿Está el aire más limpio desde que se han actualizado los equipos de la Instalación y se han colocado carteles de "apagar motores" en 2018?

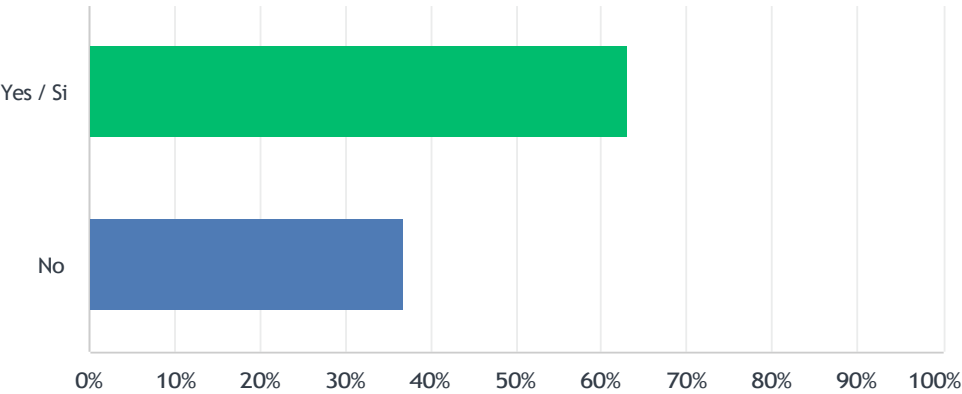
Answered: 17 Skipped: 2



| ANSWER CHOICES | | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|--|-----------|----|
| Yes / Si | | 52.94% | 9 |
| No | | 47.06% | 8 |
| TOTAL | | | 17 |

Q9. Did you know, clean drinking water is now available in Kettleman City?
¿Sabía que ahora hay agua potable limpia en Kettleman City?

Answered: 19 Skipped: 0



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|----|
| Yes / Si | 63.16% | 12 |
| No | 36.84% | 7 |
| TOTAL | | 19 |

Q10. Any comments or concerns about the Site

Cualquier comentario o preocupación sobre el Sitio

Answered: 9 Skipped: 10

| # | RESPONSES | DATE |
|---|---|---------------------|
| 1 | Keep the good work | 6/15/2023 1:46 PM |
| 2 | The Water is not clean! It comes out "yellow very dirty! | 11/16/2022 2:55 PM |
| 3 | I did not know clean drinking water was available now. | 11/16/2022 2:52 PM |
| 4 | None | 11/16/2022 2:50 PM |
| 5 | They do a Great Job! | 11/16/2022 2:48 PM |
| 6 | Water is not drinkable is yellow, plus I can't wash clothes, because it messes up my white clothes. | 10/26/2022 11:33 AM |
| 7 | Que este mas silencio, la noche hay mucho ruido de motos. | 10/26/2022 11:30 AM |
| 8 | Water is still contaminated it out brown and it tastes horrible, we have purchased our own water for years. | 10/26/2022 11:28 AM |
| 9 | Pues si es buena idea que sigan los servicios para ayuda de los ninos, para su ayuda. | 10/26/2022 11:23 AM |



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Secretary for
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Department of Toxic Substances Control

Meredith Williams, Ph.D., Director
9211 Oakdale Avenue
Chatsworth, California 91311



Gavin Newsom
Governor

**Please submit
the Survey by
November 4th,
2022**

Ways to Take the Survey



Scan QR Code



Online

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KHF>
SURVEY



Email

Manuel.Lopez@dtsc.ca.gov

Dear Community Member:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) asks you to take the enclosed Community Survey. DTSC regulates the **Chemical Waste Management, Inc. Kettleman Hills Facility** (Facility). Please return the Community Survey about this facility and your community. We hope to better understand any concerns and learn the best way to involve you in DTSC's process.

Who is DTSC and what do we do?

DTSC is part of the California Environmental Protection Agency. We regulate storage and handling of hazardous waste like those at the Facility. Our mission is to protect human health and the environment from harmful effects of toxic substances.

Site History

The Facility is a commercial hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal facility. It has a Hazardous Waste Facility Permit with DTSC that was renewed in 2003 and is one of two operating hazardous waste landfills in California. It is the only one in California that allows polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) disposal. That activity is permitted by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The Facility is about 3.5 miles south-west of Kettleman City. It sits on 1,600 acres of land of which 700 acres are permitted for hazardous waste activities.

A settlement agreement with community-based organizations was reached in 2016. Provisions for engagement and consideration of community vulnerability in our decision-making process as well as other forms of accountability for DTSC are part of this agreement. The goal of the agreement is to create a community-driven decision.

Next Steps:

DTSC is reviewing the permit renewal application and gathering input from the public. We will reach out to you as our work develops. Thank you, in advance, for filling out our survey. Please **return the completed survey by November 4th, 2022.**

To review Site documents, please visit:

https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/hwmp_profile_report?global_id=CAT000646117&starttab= or you may visit one of Kings County Public Library branches in Kettleman City, Avenal and Hanford.

For questions about the Facility contact: Omar Ghaleb, DTSC Project Manager at (916) 255-3759 or Omar.Ghaleb@dtsc.ca.gov. For questions about public participation contact Manuel Lopez Public Participation Specialist at (818) 717-6572 or Manuel.Lopez@dtsc.ca.gov

COMMUNITY SURVEY

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.

Chemical Waste Management, Inc. Kettleman Hills Facility

1. Have you been kept up to date about Kettleman Hills Facility (Facility) operations?

☐ Yes ☐ No

2. Do you have access to a computer and internet to review Site documents and provide public comment to DTSC?

☐ Yes ☐ No

3. I use the following to access email or use the Internet

- ☐ Home computer
☐ Cell phone
☐ Computer Lab at Community Center
☐ Local middle or High School

4. Do you know where to find information about the Facility?

☐ Yes ☐ No

5. Have you used DTSC's database, *EnviroStor*, to learn about the Facility and its permit?

<https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public>

☐ Yes ☐ No

6. We want to engage with you more regarding our oversight of this Facility. What is the best way to provide you with information?

- ☐ Community Update Newsletters
☐ Community Meetings
☐ Online: DTSC Website
☐ Attending Community events
☐ Food distribution events
☐ Radio, such as Radio Bilingue
☐ Social media (Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp)
☐ Texting

- ☐ Places of worship / Churches
☐ Television: Univision, Telemundo
☐ Kettleman Public Library
☐ Other: _____

7. Please check the appropriate box(es) and include your contact information if you would like to receive emails and/or are willing to be contacted regarding the Facility and your community.

- ☐ Call me
☐ Text me
☐ Email me
☐ Please mail me information
☐ All the above

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

8. Is the air clearer since the Facility equipment upgrades and "no idling" signs were posted in 2018?

☐ Yes ☐ No

9. Did you know, clean drinking water is now available in Kettleman City?

☐ Yes ☐ No

10. Any comments or concerns about the Site:



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**Por favor, envíe
la encuesta
antes del 4 de
Noviembre del
2022**

**Formas de
contestar a la
encuesta**



Escanee el código
QR



En línea

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KHFSURVEY>



Correo electrónico
Manuel.Lopez@dtsc.ca.gov



Correo postal
Sobre con dirección
del remitente adjunto

Estimado Miembro de la Comunidad:

El Departamento de Control de Sustancias Tóxicas (DTSC) le pide que realice la encuesta comunitaria adjunta. El DTSC regula a **Chemical Waste Management, Inc. su Instalación de Kettleman Hills** (Instalación). Por favor, devuelva la encuesta comunitaria sobre esta Instalación y su comunidad. Esperamos entender mejor cualquier preocupación y aprender la mejor manera de que usted se involucre en el proceso del DTSC.

¿Quién es el DTSC y qué hacemos?

El DTSC forma parte de la Agencia de Protección Ambiental de California. Regulamos el almacenamiento y la manipulación de residuos peligrosos como aquellos de la Instalación. Nuestra misión es proteger la salud humana y el medio ambiente de los efectos nocivos de las sustancias tóxicas.

Historia del Sitio

La Instalación realiza el tratamiento, almacenamiento y eliminación de residuos peligrosos de forma comercial. Tiene un permiso de Instalación de residuos peligrosos con el DTSC renovado en 2003 y es uno de los dos vertederos de residuos peligrosos que operan en California. Es la única en California que permite la eliminación de bifenilos policlorados (PCB). Esta actividad está autorizada por la Agencia de Protección Ambiental de los Estados Unidos. La Instalación está a unas 3.5 millas al suroeste de Kettleman City. Se encuentra sobre 1,600 acres de terreno, de los cuales 700 acres tienen permiso para actividades con residuos peligrosos.

En 2016, se llegó a un Acuerdo de Conciliación con las organizaciones comunitarias. Las disposiciones para la participación y la consideración de la vulnerabilidad de la comunidad en nuestro proceso de toma de decisiones, así como otras formas de responsabilidad para el DTSC, forman parte de este Acuerdo. El objetivo del acuerdo es crear una decisión impulsada por la comunidad.

Próximos Pasos:

El DTSC está revisando la solicitud de renovación del permiso y recabando la opinión del público. Nos pondremos en contacto con usted a medida que se desarrolle nuestro trabajo. Gracias, de antemano, por completar nuestra encuesta. Por favor, **devuelva la encuesta completa antes del 4 de Noviembre del 2022.**

Para revisar los documentos del sitio, por favor visite:

https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/hwmp_profile_report?global_id=CAT000646117&starttab= o puede visitar una de las sucursales de la Biblioteca Pública del Condado de Kings en Kettleman City, Avenal y Hanford.

Si tiene preguntas sobre la Instalación, póngase en contacto con Omar Ghaleb, Director de Proyectos del DTSC, al (916) 255-3759 o a través de Omar.Ghaleb@dtsc.ca.gov. Si tiene preguntas con respecto a la Participación Pública, póngase en contacto con Manuel López, especialista en Participación Pública, al teléfono (818) 717-6572 o a través de Manuel.Lopez@dtsc.ca.gov.

ENCUESTA COMUNITARIA

La misión de DTSC es proteger a las personas, las comunidades y el medio ambiente de California de las sustancias tóxicas, mejorar la vitalidad económica al restaurar la tierra contaminada y obligar a los fabricantes a fabricar productos de consumo más seguros.

Chemical Waste Management, Inc. Instalación de Kettleman Hills

1. ¿Se le ha mantenido al día sobre las operaciones de la Instalación de Kettleman Hills (Instalación)?

☐ Sí ☐ No

2. ¿Tiene acceso a una computadora e Internet para revisar los documentos del Sitio y proporcionar comentarios públicos al DTSC?

☐ Sí ☐ No

3. Utilizo lo siguiente para acceder al correo electrónico o utilizar Internet

- ☐ Computadora desde casa
- ☐ Teléfono móvil
- ☐ Laboratorio de informática en el Centro Comunitario
- ☐ Escuela secundaria o preparatoria local

4. ¿Sabe dónde encontrar información sobre la Instalación?

☐ Sí ☐ No

5. ¿Ha utilizado la base de datos del DTSC, *EnviroStor*, para conocer la Instalación y su permiso?

<https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public>

☐ Sí ☐ No

6. Queremos involucrarnos más con usted en lo que respecta a la supervisión de esta Instalación.

¿Cuál es la mejor manera de proporcionarle información?

- ☐ Boletines de Noticias Comunitarias
- ☐ Reuniones Comunitarias
- ☐ En línea: Página web del DTSC
- ☐ Asistencia a Eventos Comunitarios
- ☐ Eventos de distribución de alimentos
- ☐ Radio, como Radio Bilingüe
- ☐ Redes sociales (Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp)
- ☐ Mensajes de texto
- ☐ Lugares de Fe / Iglesias

☐ Televisión: Univisión, Telemundo

☐ Biblioteca Pública en Kettleman

☐ Otro: _____

7. Por favor, marque la(s) casilla(s) correspondiente(s) e incluya su información de contacto si desea recibir correos electrónicos y/o está dispuesto a que se le contacte en relación con la Instalación y su comunidad.

- ☐ Llámeme
- ☐ Envíeme un mensaje de texto
- ☐ Envíeme un correo electrónico
- ☐ Por favor, envíeme información por correo
- ☐ Todas las anteriores

Nombre: _____

Dirección de correo: _____

Número de teléfono: _____

Correo electrónico: _____

8. ¿Está el aire más limpio desde que se han actualizado los equipos de la Instalación y se han colocado carteles de "apagar motores" en 2018?

☐ Sí ☐ No

9. ¿Sabía que ahora hay agua potable limpia en Kettleman City?

☐ Sí ☐ No

10. Cualquier comentario o preocupación sobre el Sitio:



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April 11, 2023

Dear Community Member:

You are receiving this letter because you shared in your survey response from October 2022 that you were willing to speak further with DTSC. At this time, we would like to schedule interviews and hope that you are still interested in engaging with us. This is the next step in planning outreach for upcoming related decisions in connection with our oversight of the Kettleman Hills Facility. Your input will be included in our Public Participation Plan and help shape engagement with your community.

DTSC is part of the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA). Our mission is to protect human health and the environment from harmful effects of toxic substances.

DTSC regulates the Chemical Waste Management, Inc. Kettleman Hills Facility in Kettleman City and is currently reviewing the permit renewal application and gathering input from the public. DTSC is asking for your feedback to see if you still would like to stay involved with the project. We will reach out to you as our work develops.

Project information can be found on EnviroStor:

https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/hwmp_profile_report?global_id=CAT000646117&starttab=

For questions about the Site please contact: **Omar Ghaleb**, DTSC Project Manager at (916) 2554-3759 or by email at Omar.Ghaleb@dtsc.ca.gov. For questions about Public Participation contact: **Manuel Lopez** at (818) 717-6572 or email at Manuel.Lopez@dtsc.ca.gov.

**Site
Community Interview Questions**

Date: _____

Interviewees:

Name _____ Title _____

Name _____ Title _____

History/Background

How long have you lived or worked in this area? _____

Prior to this interview were you aware of the proposed Renewal of Hazardous Waste Facility Permit for this Facility? _____

If so, how and when did you first become aware of the Chemical Waste Management, Kettleman Hills Facility?

Since that time, where have you received your information about the Facility in the past?

Concerns

Do you or your (group members/faculty) have any concerns about the proposed Renewal of Hazardous Waste Facility Permit?

What level of interest do you believe your (group/constituents) would have regarding the facility and permit renewal process, if any?

____ No interest ____ Low interest ____ Moderate interest ____ High interest

If there are no concerns about this Facility, has your (group/constituents) expressed any concerns related to environmental cleanups or contamination in your area in general?

**Site
Community Interview Questions**

If there are concerns about this Facility, which of those concerns are the most important to you or your group?

Involvement

**Are you the primary contact for your (group/faculty) for this Facility and or Project?
If not who should we contact to represent your (group/faculty)?**

Have you been actively involved with this Site/project in anyway?

Have you had any contact with local, state or other officials regarding this Facility? If so, what was the nature of the contact?

Media

Has there been media coverage regarding this Facility, and it permit application process? If so, has it presented an accurate picture of the situation at the Facility?

Do you feel your concerns were accurately reflected in the media coverage?

Which newspapers do the people in this neighborhood read, and which is one primary one for local news?

**Site
Community Interview Questions**

Communication

Do you feel you have been kept adequately informed about the environmental investigation on this project?

What is the best way for us to provide information to the people in this neighborhood? (Fact sheets, community meetings, workshops, advisory committee, e-mail, web site, etc.)

Are you aware of any translation or interpretation needs in this community? If so, what languages?

Do you think people in the neighborhood would attend a meeting regarding this facility? If so, would there be good attendance?

If a community meeting was held on the Permit Decision process this facility can you recommend a location and what would be the optimal time for the community?

Do you know of any regularly scheduled public meetings (such as block clubs) in the community? If so, do you know the contact person for those meetings?

Is there anyone else that you would recommend we speak to regarding the project? We are specifically looking for individuals or groups who have been active in relation to this facility and project. Can you give us their telephone number?

**Site
Community Interview Questions**

Does your organization have a newsletter, and do you accept articles or inserts?

Do you have any other comments?

APPENDIX C

Key Contact List

APPENDIX C -- KEY CONTACT LIST

| Official | Title/Position | Organization | Address | City | State | Zip | Telephone | E-Mail |
|---------------------------------|--|--|---|------------|-------|-------|----------------|--|
| Federal/State Government | | | | | | | | |
| Melissa Hurtado | Senator, 16 th California Senate District | California State Senate –16 th District | 1021 O Street, Room 7310 | Sacramento | CA | 95814 | (916) 651-4016 | |
| David G. Valadao | U.S. Representative | 22nd California Congressional District | 2465 Rayburn HOB | Washington | DC | 20515 | (202) 225-4695 | |
| Devon J. Mathis | Assemblyman | 33rd State Assembly District | State Capitol P.O. Box 942849 | Sacramento | CA | 94249 | (916) 319-2033 | assemblymember.mathis@assembly.ca.gov |
| Alicia Jacobo | District Director | 16 th District State Senate | 611 N. Douty St. | Hanford | CA | 93230 | (559) 585-7161 | Alicia.Jacobo@sen.ca.gov |
| | District Director | 22nd California Congressional District | 107 S. Douty St. | Hanford | CA | 93230 | (559) 460-6070 | |
| Matthew Tuttle | District Chief | 33rd State Assembly District | 100 W. Willow Plaza Suite 405 | Visalia | CA | 93291 | (559) 636-3440 | Matthew.Tuttle@asm.ca.gov |
| County of Kings | | | | | | | | |
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Kettleman Hills Facility Public Participation Plan
November 2023

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APPENDIX D
Public Notice 2024

COMMUNITY UPDATE

DTSC's Mission is to protect California's people, communities, and environment from toxic substances, to enhance economic vitality by restoring contaminated land, and to compel manufacturers to make safer consumer products.

**Chemical Waste Management Inc. Kettleman Hills Facility
Public Notice for Proposed Renewal of Hazardous Waste Facility Permit
35251 Old Skyline Road, Kettleman City, CA 93239**

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to comment on a draft Hazardous Waste Facility Permit for the Chemical Waste Management Inc., Kettleman Hills Facility (KHF). DTSC has prepared a draft permit renewal decision that would authorize Chemical Waste Management to continue operating its hazardous waste landfill for another 10 years. The draft permit would allow the KHF to continue to transfer, treat, and store hazardous waste and operate as a disposal facility. The draft permit introduces new conditions that will govern the KHF's operations, including new requirements for hazardous waste screening, worker safety measures, environmental monitoring, and financial assurance.

To consider the community of Kettleman City's vulnerabilities in the permit renewal decision process, DTSC analyzed impacts from KHF's operations on Kettleman City, looking at each of the social and environmental indicators from CalEnviroScreen – a tool used to assess pollution burdens in communities. DTSC is publishing a report summarizing the potential impacts from KHF.

Your input on this draft permit and the Kettleman City Vulnerability Evaluation using CalEnviroScreen Data (CES Report) is important to us so that we can consider your perspective before making a final permit decision.

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90-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

APRIL 3, 2024 – JULY 2, 2024

During the public comment period, any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit. All comments will be considered during the permit decision process. Written responses to the comments will be recorded in a formal Response to Comments document and posted online.

Comments must be postmarked or emailed by July 2, 2024, to:
Omar Ghaleb, DTSC Project Manager, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, CA 95826
Email: Omar.Ghaleb@dtsc.ca.gov; (916) 255-3759

IN-PERSON CALENVIROSCREEN PUBLIC WORKSHOP

MAY 9, 2024

6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Kettleman City Elementary School

701 General Petroleum Avenue, Kettleman City, CA

At this public workshop, DTSC will share information about the CES Report and hear community input. The purpose of the workshop is to invite you to comment on the CES Report, ask us questions about its findings, and provide or share any other input you would like us to consider while we are making a final decision.

IN-PERSON PUBLIC MEETING AND HEARING

MAY 15, 2024

6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Kettleman City Elementary School

701 General Petroleum Avenue, Kettleman City, CA

At this public meeting, the Department of Toxic Substances Control will share information about the draft permit and respond to clarifying questions. The public meeting will be followed by a hearing. The purpose of the hearing is to provide an opportunity for you to comment on the draft permit decision and conditions and share anything else you would like considered before DTSC makes a final decision.

Any person may submit oral or written statements and data concerning the draft permit. Because the time allowed for oral comments at the hearing may be limited, the submission of statements in writing may be required. Written comments can be submitted to DTSC per the directions above. A written transcript of the hearing will be made available to the public. Previous public notices related to the KHF permit decision may be found online on EnviroStor.

Facility Location: Kettleman Hills Facility is in rural western Kings County, California, in the Kettleman Hills. The 1,600-acre site borders the west side of the San Joaquin Valley and is about 3.5 miles southwest of Kettleman City and 6.5 miles southeast of Avenal. Interstate 5 (I-5) provides the primary north/south access to the facility, with the site access road 2.6 miles west of I-5 on State Route 41.



Facility History: Chemical Waste Management Inc. has operated the KHF since 1979. KHF is a commercial hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal facility and is one of two operating hazardous waste landfills in California. DTSC previously issued a Hazardous Waste Facility Permit in 2003. KHF also operates pursuant to a series of state, federal, and local permits that includes a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency permit allowing for the storage and disposal of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) – a hazardous waste – in addition to permits from the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle), the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District, and Kings County.

Site Operations: KHF accepts hazardous waste generated offsite and treats hazardous waste to standards required for safe disposal on site. KHF also stores some hazardous waste for consolidation before transferring that waste off site. Federal and California laws require hazardous waste treatment, storage, and transfer activities, like those conducted by Chemical Waste Management Inc., to be conducted according to permits issued by DTSC, the California Code of Regulations, and the California Health & Safety Code.

Compliance History: DTSC inspects facilities regularly to ensure they follow applicable laws and permit conditions. As part of the draft permit renewal decision process, DTSC analyzed and considered KHF's full compliance history, including any enforcement actions. Since 2004, DTSC has conducted over 65 inspections at the facility. The most recent 2023 inspections found no violations. In the past five years, inspections have uncovered only minor recordkeeping and labeling violations, with no violations related to environmental releases or contamination. DTSC grades facilities based on their compliance history, and KHF ranks in the top tier of compliant facilities.

Draft Permit: The draft permit introduces dozens of new conditions to modernize and elevate operational standards. The new conditions include enhanced hazardous waste screening, worker safety measures, extensive environmental monitoring, and financial assurance. Example conditions:

- Increased, recurring sampling of wastes to ensure protection against uncontrolled releases.
- More stringent requirements for what hazardous waste can be accepted.
- Strengthened on-site worker safety conditions, including mandatory training and safety inspections.
- Increased quality of environmental monitoring.
- Updated financial assurance for closure to ensure that the operators of KHF – not the public – will pay for any future costs related to closing the facility.

Where to find documents:

- The Administrative Record is located in DTSC's file room at 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, CA 95826. The Administrative Record includes all data submitted by the applicant. The record will be open for public inspection on weekdays (except for holidays) from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Please call (916) 255-3657 for more information about the file room.
- DTSC has coordinated with the Kings County Public Library branches in Kettleman City, Avenal, and Hanford to make the following documents available to the public:
 - Draft Permit
 - Permit Application



- Statement of Basis
 - Community Update
 - CEQA Addendum
 - CEQA Environmental Document Analysis
 - Civil Rights Analysis
 - CES Report
- Many documents, including all documents located at the public libraries indicated above, also are available online at EnviroStor:
https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/hwmp_profile_report?global_id=CAT000646117&starttab=
 - Additional information about the KHF permitting process including general information, announcements, and documents is available at:
<https://dtsc.ca.gov/kettleman-hills-facility/>
 - DTSC staff listed below are available to provide further information, including copies of the draft permit, fact sheet, and the permit application.

Next Steps: DTSC will consider all comments before making a final permit decision. Written responses to the comments will be recorded in a formal Response to Comments document and posted online. A copy of the Response to Comments document will also be placed in the Kings County Public Library branches listed above.

Repository Information:

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| Kings County Library, Kettleman City Branch 104 Becky Pease Street Kettleman City, CA 93239 (559) 386-9804 | Kings County Library, Hanford City Branch 401 North Douty Street Hanford, CA 93204 (559) 582-0261 |
| Kings County Library, Avenal Branch 501 Kings Street Avenal, CA 93204 (559) 386-5741 | DTSC File Room 8800 Cal Center Drive Sacramento, CA 95826 Call (916) 255-3657 for an appointment |

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DTSC PUBLIC NOTICE

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NOTICE OF 90-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD PROPOSED RENEWAL OF HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY PERMIT CHEMICAL WASTE MANAGEMENT, INC. - KETTLEMAN HILLS FACILITY 35251 OLD SKYLINE ROAD, KETTLEMAN CITY, CA 93239

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED? The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to comment on the Draft Hazardous Waste Facility Permit Renewal (Draft Permit Renewal) for the Chemical Waste Management Inc. Kettleman Hills Facility (Facility). If approved, a Final Permit would be issued for up to a 10-year period, with continued authorization if the Facility meets submittal requirements. The Permit would allow the Facility to transfer, treat, store, and dispose of hazardous waste. The Facility has been in operation since 1979.

DTSC encourages you to comment on the Kettleman City Vulnerability Evaluation using CalEnviroScreen Data and the Draft Permit Renewal. Before making a final decision, DTSC will consider and respond to all public comments. A Response to Comments document will be sent to everyone who submitted a comment or requests a copy. A copy of the Response to Comments will also be uploaded online. You may review additional information on the Draft Permit Renewal for the Facility at:

https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/hwmp_profile_report?global_id=CAT000646117&starttab=

Documents are available by appointment at the DTSC File Room, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento CA 95826. You may also visit Kings County Public Library branches in Kettleman City, Avenal, and Hanford CA.

The public comment period starts on April 3, 2024, and ends July 2, 2024. Written comments must be postmarked or emailed by **July 2, 2024**, to: Omar Ghaleb, DTSC Project Manager, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, CA 95826.

DTSC is hosting two **Public Meetings** during the comment period. The first meeting is a workshop focused on the Kettleman City Vulnerability Evaluation using CalEnviroScreen Data (CES Report) published by DTSC that will be held on **Thursday May 9, 2024, from 6:00 to 8:30 pm**. In this workshop DTSC will present the CES Report and answer questions. The second public meeting is an open house followed by a hearing to present the Draft Permit Renewal, receive Public Comments, and answer questions. This meeting will be on **Wednesday May 15, 2024, from 6:00 to 8:30 pm**. The meetings will be held at the **Kettleman City Elementary School**, located at 701 General Petroleum Avenue, Kettleman City, CA 93229.

CONTACTS: For questions regarding this Facility, you may contact Omar Ghaleb, DTSC Project Manager at (916) 255-3759, or Omar.Ghaleb@dtsc.ca.gov. For questions regarding public participation, please contact Manuel Lopez, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (818) 717-6572 or Manuel.Lopez@dtsc.ca.gov.



Hearing impaired individuals may use the California Relay Service at 711 or 800-735-2929 TTY/VCO/HCO to voice.

Additional information on DTSC sites can be found through our [EnviroStor](#).





Yana Garcia
Secretary for
Environmental Protection



Department of Toxic Substances Control

Meredith Williams, Ph.D., Director
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Gavin Newsom
Governor

PAID RADIO ANNOUNCEMENT

Contact: Manuel Lopez
(818) 717-6572

60 Second Announcement

AIR ONCE ONLY

AIR DATE: April 3, 2024

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| | 1 | The Department of Toxic Substances Control invites your |
| | 2 | comments on the draft Hazardous Waste Facility Permit for the |
| :10 | 3 | Chemical Waste Management – Kettleman Hills Hazardous |
| | 4 | Waste Facility located at three five two five one Old Skyline |
| | 5 | Road, Kettleman City, California. If approved, the permit will |
| | 6 | allow the facility to continue to operate for up to ten years. |
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| | 8 | The public comment period runs from now through July second, |
| | 9 | 2024. Please send your comments to Omar Ghaleb, at the |
| :30 | 10 | Department of Toxic Substances Control, eighty-eight hundred |
| | 11 | Cal Center Drive in Sacramento California, nine five eight two |
| | 12 | six. |
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| | 14 | A public meeting and hearing will be held in-person on May |
| | 15 | fifteen, 2024, starting at 6 PM, at Kettleman Elementary School, |
| :60 | 16 | located at 701 General Petroleum Avenue, Kettleman City. The |
| | | meeting will have a presentation followed by a question and |
| | | answer session. Public comments will be taken at the meeting. |

PUBLIC COMMENT FORM
Proposed Renewal of Hazardous Waste Facility Permit
Chemical Waste Management Inc. - Kettleman Hills Facility
90-Day Public Comment Period
April 3, 2024 through July 2, 2024

Please use this form to send in your written public comments on the Draft Hazardous Waste Facility Permit. You may also request to be added or removed from the facility mailing list. If you know of anyone or any organizations that would like to be included on the facility mailing list, please use this form to notify us. Please address all mailings to Mr. Omar Ghaleb, DTSC Project Manager, Department of Toxic Substances Control, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, CA 95826. You may also e-mail this same information to: Omar.Ghaleb@dtsc.ca.gov

Reminder: All public comments must be postmarked or e-mailed on or before July 2, 2024.

NAME:

AGENCY OR ORGANIZATION (if applicable):

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE #

Please **add** me to the Kettleman Hills Facility mailing list.

Please remove me from the Kettleman Hills Facility mailing list.

COMMENTS:

DTSC mailings are solely for the purpose of keeping persons informed of DTSC activities. Mailing lists are not routinely released to outside parties. However, they are considered public records, and, if requested, may be subject to release.