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U.S. EPA Requests Public Comment on Proposed PCB Renewal Approval for Clean Harbors Los Angeles, LLC

Introduction

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (“U.S. EPA”) is requesting public comment on its proposed renewal Approval for the Clean Harbors Los Angeles, LLC (“Clean Harbors”) facility located at 5756 Alba St, Los Angeles, California 90058. Clean Harbors is a commercial hazardous waste treatment, storage, and transfer facility that has been in operation since 1980.

is regulated under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) through a separate permit issued by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC).

According to U.S. EPA regulations under the Toxic Substances Control Act (“TSCA”), the action being taken is officially referred to as an “Approval.” However, a TSCA Approval is essentially a permit; U.S. EPA follows a similar administrative process for Approval issuance, renewal and modification as with a permit.

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Attend the Public Meeting: The U.S. EPA invites you to attend an informational Public Meeting and Hearing on Tuesday, September 24, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Slauson Multipurpose Center, located at 5306 S. Compton Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90011.

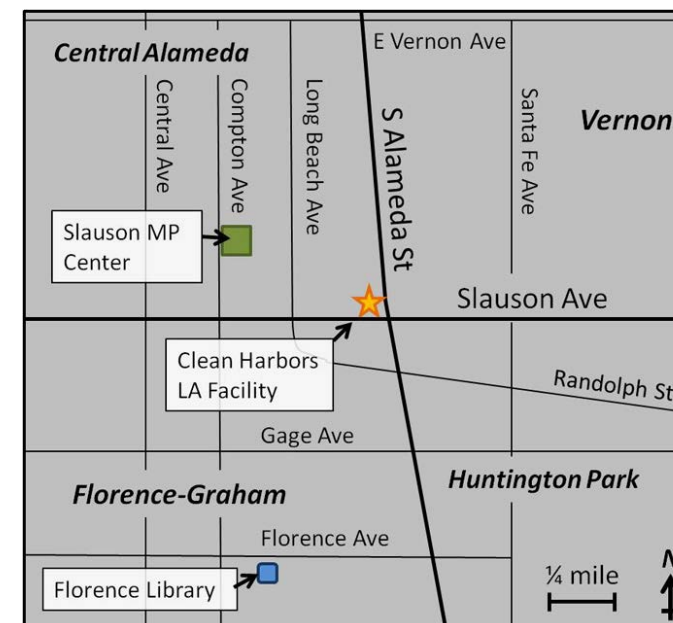
Provide Comments: Comments may be submitted to the U.S. EPA during a 45-day public comment period which begins on August 22 and ends on October 7. Comments on the proposed renewal Approval may be submitted over the phone; in writing via mail, email or fax; or in person at the public meeting and hearing. Written comments should be faxed, emailed or postmarked on or before October 7 and sent to the contact below:

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For questions, concerns or further information, please contact:

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Site Location Map, Clean Harbors Los Angeles, LLC

Proposed Decision

The proposed action is a renewal of an Approval issued by U.S. EPA in 1997. This proposed renewal Approval would allow Clean Harbors to continue storing polychlorinated biphenyl (“PCB”) waste in a designated area at the facility. The waste is then shipped offsite for disposal. PCB waste constitutes less than 10% of the total waste received for storage. Other wastes received fall under regulatory classifications for ‘non-hazardous’ or ‘hazardous’ waste. Hazardous waste

Facility Description

Clean Harbors has operated as a hazardous waste processing facility since 1980, and has been permitted to store PCBs since 1992. It is a commercial hazardous waste storage, treatment, and transfer facility located approximately two miles south of Downtown Los Angeles in the industrial city of Vernon, California.

Proposed TSCA Approval

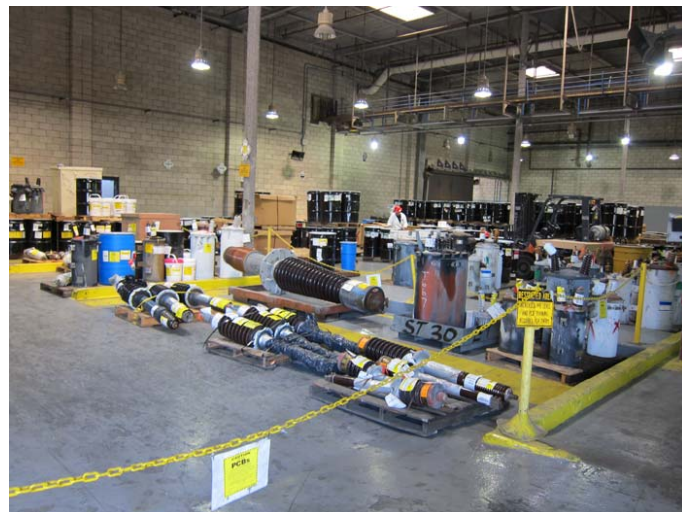
U.S. EPA has drafted an Approval that includes conditions that Clean Harbors must follow in order to (1) comply with environmental regulations and (2) safely store PCB wastes at the Los Angeles facility. An example of a condition included in the Approval is that when the facility closes, Clean Harbors must ensure that there is enough money set aside to adequately sample and decontaminate the entire PCB storage area. U.S. EPA has also prepared a ‘Statement of Basis’ – a document that summarizes and provides the rationale for the terms of the proposed Approval. The Statement of Basis is a part of the

Administrative Record, which is available for public viewing online or at the Florence Library (see page three).

The proposed Approval would be valid for 10 years and allow Clean Harbors to continue the following PCB operations at the facility:

- Receive PCB waste and store it in a designated area of a warehouse;
- Repackage the PCBs in a new container if the existing container is found to be leaking; and
- Send all PCB waste offsite for appropriate disposal.

The proposed Approval also reflects the closure of a second containment bay that is no longer being used for PCB waste storage.



Clean Harbors' PCB Storage Room

Historic Properties Not Affected

U.S. EPA has made a determination under Section 106 of the NHPA that historic properties will not be affected by renewal and modification of the Approval for management of PCB wastes at the Facility. This determination is further discussed in the Statement of Basis, which is part of the Administrative Record, and is available for public viewing online or at the Florence Library.

Endangered Species Not Affected

U.S. EPA has also determined under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act that management of PCB wastes at the Clean Harbors facility, as allowed in the



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Approval, "will not affect" any listed species or designated critical habitat. This determination is further discussed in the Statement of Basis, which is part of the Administrative Record, and is available for public viewing online or at the Florence Library.

No Unreasonable Risk

Based on a review of all documents in the Administrative Record, including inspection records, U.S. EPA has determined that the operation of this PCB storage facility does not pose an unreasonable risk to human health or the environment. The Administrative Record contains, among other documents, Clean Harbors' Renewal Application and results of the most recent facility inspections. All documents of the Administrative Record are available for public viewing online, at the Florence Library, or upon request.

The most recent PCB inspection at Clean Harbors was conducted by U.S. EPA on August 25, 2011 and showed that the only violations were issues related to the improper labeling of containers and storage areas. The facility has since made corrections and is now in compliance with those labeling requirements.

In general, U.S. EPA works to ensure compliance with environmental requirements through inspections of permitted facilities. If a facility is found to be out of compliance, U.S. EPA will require a return to compliance, and if necessary, will take an enforcement action that may result in fines to the company.

The most current application is available for public viewing in the information repository at the Florence Library (see next page for location and hours).

Next Steps in the Approval Process

U.S. EPA will make a final decision on the renewal of the Clean Harbors TSCA Approval after considering all public comments submitted during the 45-day comment period (see timeline below). Questions and comments about the Approval or Approval process may be addressed to the EPA project manager at any time. Anyone commenting on the proposed decision will receive a copy of our response to comments. U.S. EPA will provide written notice of our final decision to everyone on the mailing list. To ensure you are on it, or to be added, please contact U.S. EPA.



PCB Equipment in Storage

For More Information

You may review the Administrative Record ("AR") which contains the documents and information that U.S. EPA considered in proposing to renew and modify the Clean Harbors Approval. The AR is physically located at the U.S. EPA Region 9 Office in San Francisco, California.

The local site information repository containing the most pertinent documents and an index of the AR are located at the Florence Library, 1610 East Florence Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90001.

Many documents used in the decision-making process can also be found on U.S. EPA's website at www.epa.gov/region9/pcbs/disposal/cleanharbors/index.html. If you wish to view a document listed in the index that cannot be found online or at the Florence Library, please contact U.S. EPA for a copy.

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If you would like to see documents related to this permit process, you may visit an information repository at:

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Project Timeline

