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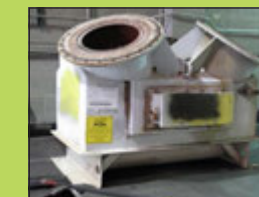
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Fact Sheet: EPA Requests Comment on Proposed PCB Permit for Veolia Environmental Services Technical Solutions

Introduction

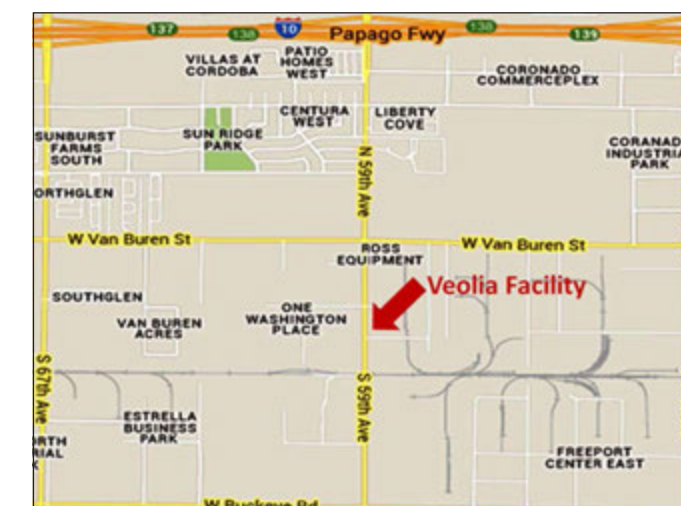
The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is requesting comment on its proposed permit renewal for the Veolia Environmental Services Technical Solutions (Veolia) facility located at 5736 West Jefferson St. in Phoenix, Arizona. The facility is approximately six miles west of downtown Phoenix and one mile south of Interstate 10 (I-10).

The proposed action is a renewal of a permit issued to the facility by EPA in 1994. EPA's proposed permit will allow Veolia to continue to manage polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). Activities conducted at the Veolia facility include receiving, storing, processing, and shipping PCB waste. The proposed permit renewal will also cover procedures the Veolia facility must follow to recover metals from PCB equipment for off-site recycling.

EPA is also requesting public comment on its determination that historic properties will not be affected by the permit decision, as required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

Proposed Decision

The proposed permit renewal for the Veolia facility in Phoenix, Arizona includes conditions that must be followed in order to comply with TSCA to safely store, process, and ship PCB waste. An example of a condition in the permit is to ensure concrete surfaces are sealed with epoxy coating to prevent PCB liquids from leaching through. EPA also prepared a Statement of Basis that summarizes and provides rationale for the terms of the proposed permit. The Statement of Basis is a part of the Administrative Record, and it is located



Site Location Map, Veolia Environmental Services Technical Solutions

at the two information repositories listed under *For More Information*, and can also be found online on EPA's website at www.epa.gov/region9/pcbs/disposal/veolia.

The proposed permit allows Veolia to:

- Receive PCB-containing equipment and containerized PCB liquid waste;
- Process certain PCB-containing equipment at the facility;
- Store PCB waste at the facility;
- Ship processed PCB waste for disposal off-site; and
- Recover metals from the equipment and clean them for shipping to an off-site recycling facility.

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Attend the Public Meeting: EPA invites you to attend a Public Meeting and Hearing on **July 15, 2015** from 6 pm to 8 pm at the Desert West Community Center, 6501 West Virginia Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85035.

To Provide Comments: Comments may be submitted to the EPA project manager referenced below during a 45-day public comment period which begins on June 15, 2015 and ends on July 29, 2015. Comments on the proposed permit 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 July 29, 2015 and sent to the EPA contact below.

For questions, concerns or further information, please contact:

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The proposed permit will also require Veolia to make the following changes:

- Collect wipe samples in PCB storage and other areas of the facility on a quarterly basis to help ensure that PCBs are not being tracked throughout the facility; and
- Cease PCB ballast processing at the facility. PCB ballasts received at the facility may be stored at the facility but must be shipped off-site for processing or disposal.

The proposed permit will be valid for ten years, and includes the following requirements:

- Regular worker health and safety training;
- Monitoring requirements and regular reporting to EPA;
- Immediate notification to EPA if there are any PCB spills over one pound; and
- Procedures for modifying the permit conditions (including seeking public comment on proposed modifications).

Facility Inspections

EPA conducts unannounced inspections every two to three years to ensure compliance with environmental requirements and, when warranted, takes enforcement actions. The Veolia facility was inspected by EPA in



Veolia Environmental Services Technical Solutions Facility – Aerial View

2008 and 2010. Violations noted in the 2008 and 2010 inspections pertained to use, disposal, marking, and labeling. EPA issued an Administrative Complaint on April 30, 2013. Veolia resolved the violations that were discovered during the 2008 and 2010 EPA inspections and settled the violations with EPA.

Historic Properties Not Affected

EPA has made a determination under Section 106 of the NHPA that historic properties will not be affected by renewal and modification of the proposed permit for management of PCB wastes at the facility. This determination is further discussed in the Statement of Basis.

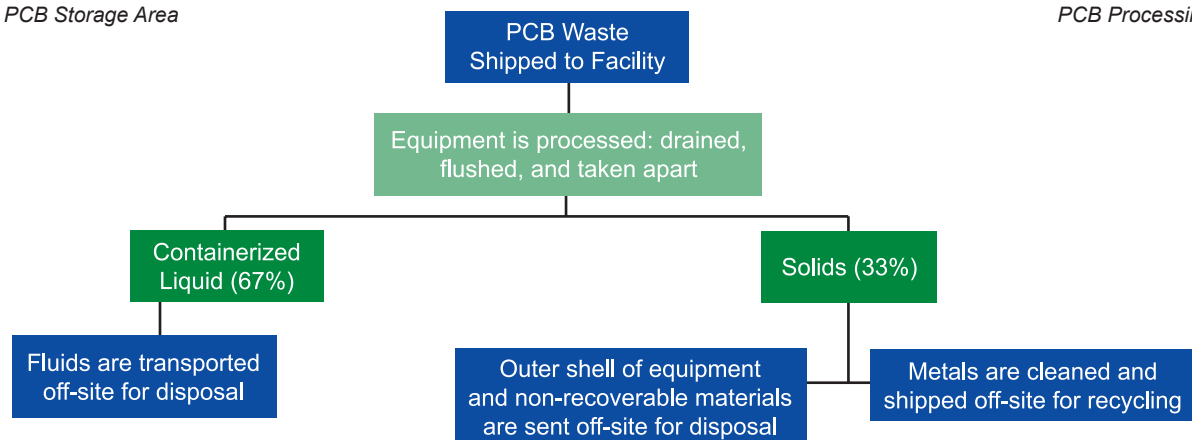


Drums in PCB Storage Area

PCB Processing Activities at Veolia



PCB Processing Area



Endangered Species Not Affected

EPA has also determined under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act that management of PCB wastes at the Veolia facility, as allowed in the permit, “will not affect” any listed species or designated critical habitat. This determination is further discussed in the Statement of Basis.

Next Steps in the Permitting Process

EPA will make a final decision on the renewal of the proposed PCB permit for Veolia after we have considered all public comments submitted during the 45-day comment period. Anyone commenting on the proposed decision will receive a copy of our response to comments. The schedule for issuing the final permit decision is shown in the figure below.

For More Information

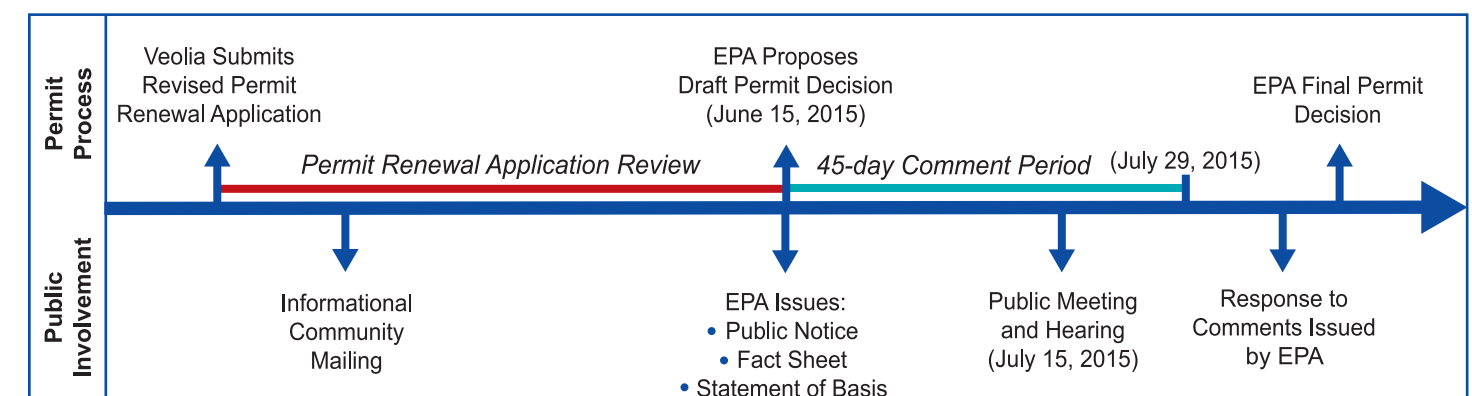
You may review the Administrative Record which contains the documents and information that EPA considered in proposing to renew and modify the Veolia permit. A local site information repository containing the most pertinent documents and an index of the Administrative Record is located at:

Phoenix Public Library, Desert Sage Branch
7602 W. Encanto Boulevard
Phoenix, AZ 85035

The most pertinent documents used in the decision making process can also be found on EPA’s website at:

www.epa.gov/region9/pcbs/disposal/veolia

Schedule



The Administrative Record is physically located at the EPA Region 9 Office in San Francisco, California.

If you wish to view a document listed in the index that cannot be found online or at the Phoenix Public Library please contact the EPA Project Manager (see page 4) for a copy.

For information about how to contact EPA, attend a public meeting, or provide comments, see page 4.



Public Meeting set for July 15, 2015 from 6pm - 8pm at Desert West Community Center

