

Public Notice

The mission of DTSC is to protect California's people and environment from harmful effects of toxic substances through the restoration of contaminated resources, enforcement, regulation and pollution prevention.

DTSC RECEIVES PERMIT RENEWAL APPLICATION FROM QUEMETCO INC.

On March 12, 2015, The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) received the permit renewal application from Quemetco, Inc. (Quemetco). Quemetco is requesting authorization from DTSC to continue the storage, treatment and disposal of hazardous wastes at the facility located at 720 South 7th Street in the City of Industry, California 91746 (Facility). DTSC will evaluate the application to determine if it is complete. DTSC may request additional information from Quemetco before determining completeness. **If the application is determined to be complete, DTSC will then prepare a draft permit for public review and comment.**

Quemetco is in the hazardous waste battery recycling business. The used or unwanted batteries are received at the Facility in packed pellets. The batteries are processed by separating the liquid acid and the leaded materials from the battery casings. The wastewater flows to the wastewater treatment plant for wastewater treatment and reuse; while the leaded contents are transferred to the in-house smelters for lead recovery. The battery casings are crushed into small pieces, and washed and dried prior to the transfer to awaiting trucks for transportation to KW Plastics of California in Bakersfield, California for plastic recycling.

If DTSC renews the Permit, DTSC would continue to allow Quemetco to store, treat and dispose of hazardous wastes during the next ten years after the Permit is approved.

The Permit Renewal application and other supporting documents are available for review or copying at the following locations:

Department of Toxic Substances Control, File Room
9211 Oakdale Avenue
Chatsworth, CA 91311
(818) 717 6520

La Puente Library
15920 Central Ave
La Puente, CA 91744
(626) 968-4613

Also, documents are available online on the DTSC web site at the following link:

http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/hwmp_profile_report.asp?global_id=CAD066233966.

Who to Contact For More Information:

As DTSC conducts the permit review process, you may contact the Office of Permitting with information, opinions and inquiries:

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