


Comment on the draft permit for Chevron Environmental Management Company

 **A renewed permit would allow the facility to continue to operate their stormwater management system and maintain a closed landfill.**

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) wants to know what you think about renewing a permit for hazardous waste management at the Chevron Environmental Management Company, historically known as Chevron Chemical Company. This permit is not for the Chevron Richmond Refinery. We oversee a permit for two units at the Chevron Environmental Management Company located at 835 Castro Street, Richmond, CA 94801 (see figure). The facility also serves as a warehouse, equipment storage, and office complex.

Background

Pesticides and fertilizers were manufactured at this site from 1937 to 1998. In the 1960s, the facility constructed evaporation ponds to manage waste from this process. In the 1980s, due to state law protections, they stopped placing liquid waste into these ponds. In 1987, the original liners of the pond system were replaced with upgraded liners and a drain system. This prevents stormwater from leaching into the soil underneath that is contaminated with metals, organic compounds, and pesticides.

In 1988, the liquid waste was sent to a disposal facility. The remaining sludge and contaminated soil was removed and placed in the Consolidation Area on-site. We certified this as a closed landfill in 1995. We have permitted the facility since 1990 to use the pond system for stormwater management and to maintain the Consolidation Area. This includes a groundwater extraction and monitoring system. The stormwater management system occupies about 70 acres and the Consolidation Area is about 4.5 acres.

Comment on the draft permit

You can send us your comments from **Tuesday April 1, 2025** to **Friday May 16, 2025**.

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Contact the project manager if you would like to ask for a public hearing.

We review and respond to all public comments before we approve or deny the permit. We may edit the permit based on your comments. All information you submit will be accessible to the public.

Community protections

Facilities must protect human health and the environment. We make sure facilities are safe by reviewing permits and conducting inspections. They must renew their permit every ten years.

During the last ten years, we conducted six inspections and four record reviews and found no major violations. They had six administrative violations that were corrected in a timely manner. We reviewed the facility's compliance history and issued the facility a score of zero, which is the best score possible.

The contamination is contained at the site with a barrier wall, trench, and groundwater extraction pumps. In addition, the landfill is engineered with a series of protective layers and capped with vegetation to contain the sludge and contaminated soil. This protects the community from contaminants spreading into surrounding areas.

The stormwater goes into the city sewer system, along with extracted groundwater after it has been sampled and treated if necessary. These systems are inspected and maintained to ensure they are protective of human health and the environment.

Learn more

Find the draft permit, details about violations, and other documents at:
envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public
Type "Chevron Chemical Co" or
"CAD043237486" in the search field and select the entry from the drop-down menu.

Access physical copies at:

Richmond Library
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For the administrative record:

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Call (916) 255-3758 for an appointment.

Environmental impact (CEQA)

Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), DTSC must evaluate whether issuing the permit may have any significant impact on the environment. As part of this evaluation, DTSC reviewed the previously adopted Initial Study/Negative Declaration. DTSC has determined that an Addendum to the Initial Study/Negative Declaration is appropriate. A Notice of Determination will be filed with the State Clearinghouse after a final permit decision is made.

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About us

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.



Map of the location of the Chevron Environmental Management Company permitted areas. The Consolidation Area is the closed landfill, and the Integrated Wastewater Pond System is the stormwater management system.