



Public Notice

Emerald Services, Inc. Submitted Application for Renewal of Dangerous Waste Management Permit

Purpose of this Public Notice

This notice is to inform you the Department of Ecology (Ecology) received an application to renew a permit to manage dangerous waste. This notice gives you general information about the facility who applied, the permitting process, and contacts for the project.

This public notice does not open a formal public comment period. This is an early notification to inform you Ecology is starting a permitting process. It tells you how to get more information and about future opportunities to formally comment.

Application for Permit Renewal

Emerald Services, Inc. (Emerald) submitted an application to the Department of Ecology (Ecology) to continue and expand operations for managing dangerous waste. Emerald submitted the application on July 2, 2007. It is for their existing facility in the Tacoma Tide Flat area.

Emerald operates this facility under an existing dangerous waste management permit. That permit expires on May 23, 2009. Ecology and Emerald agreed to begin the review process for permit renewal early for the following reasons:

- To improve the existing permit.
- To determine whether Emerald can safely expand their operations.
- To distribute over time the upcoming permitting work Ecology anticipates from several facilities.

Proposed Expansion at Emerald

Emerald wants to expand their operations under a renewed permit. The proposed expansion includes:

- Using three existing concrete pads at the facility to store an additional 16,610 gallons of waste in containers.
- Converting six existing product storage tanks to waste management tanks to store an additional 39,600 gallons of wastes in tanks.
- Replacing these six tanks with larger tanks to store an additional 30,400 gallons of wastes in the future.

Emerald believes the expansion will facilitate more waste recycling and more efficient facility operations. Ecology will determine whether

Emerald can meet all regulatory requirements by carefully reviewing the renewal application.

Public Review

You can review Emerald's permit application between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at any of the following locations:

Department of Ecology

Hazardous Waste & Toxics Reduction Program
300 Desmond Drive
Lacey, Washington 98503

Contact:

Martin Werner at 360-407-6710
(mwer461@ecy.wa.gov)

Emerald Services, Inc

1825 Alexander Avenue,
Tacoma, Washington 98421

Contact:

Sheila Smith at 206-832-3204

Tacoma Public Library, Main Branch

1102 Tacoma Avenue South
Tacoma, WA 98402

Contact Martin Werner, Ecology, if you have any questions or comments on the permit renewal process. Also, contact him if you want to be on this project mailing list.

Contact Sheila Smith at Emerald Services, if you have questions about Emerald's operations.

Future Steps

Ecology has started to review Emerald's application for permit renewal. The review process will include detailed discussions between Ecology and the applicant. This usually results in significant revisions to applications for clarification and to ensure operations will comply with the dangerous waste regulations. After that the review, Ecology will make a tentative decision to issue or to deny the permit. Ecology expects to make that decision in about 18 months. The public will then be notified and have the opportunity to review and formally comment on Ecology's tentative decision. Considering public comment, Ecology will then make a final decision. The final decisions can be appealed.

Facility Location and Background

The Emerald dangerous waste management facility is located at 1825 Alexander Avenue, Tacoma, Washington. Emerald has owned and operated this facility since May 2000. They bought the facility from Sol Pro, Inc.

Emerald manages dangerous waste from other industries at their Tacoma Facility. They recycle contaminated organic solvents and antifreeze so

those materials can be reused. They also blend organic wastes for fuels used at other industrial facilities. Emerald stores wastes in containers and tanks. They have blending tanks for fuels and several distillation units to recycle contaminated solvents and antifreeze.

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