

The Cal EPA (DTSC) has approached the MRWMD to dump hazardous chemicals and debris into a non-hazardous waste type landfill!! For reasons why, read on.

<p>Title:</p>	<p>Department of Toxic Substances Control Invites the Public to Comment on Draft Special Waste Disposal Variance for the Monterey Peninsula Landfill</p>
<p>Background:</p>	<p>The Monterey Regional Waste Management District (MRWMD) applied for a variance to allow disposal of 23,000 tons of hazardous lead-contaminated debris at its Monterey Peninsula Landfill. The waste will be generated from the demolition of 573 World War II era wooden buildings at the former Fort Ord. DTSC had the building materials analyzed, and approved the classification of the hazardous waste as a " special waste ". Special waste is waste with levels of contaminants (in this case lead) that have a low leachability potential and are below federal limits, but high enough to qualify as California hazardous waste. This special waste is eligible for disposal in a non-hazardous landfill provided a variance is granted and other requirements are met. The proposed variance would allow this special waste containing lead to be disposed of at the landfill according to the requirements in the variance. DTSC finds that disposal of the special waste according to the proposed variance is insignificant as a potential hazard to human health or the environment. [What determines “insignificant”? What are the Risks to human health and the environment, now and into the future?]</p> <p>DTSC is also announcing its intent to adopt the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Negative Declaration prepared for this project. The CEQA Initial Study concluded that the disposal of the special waste at this landfill, according to the requirements in the draft variance, will not have a significant impact on human health or the environment. The CEQA Draft Negative Declaration is also available for public comment. Note: all comments must be submitted in writing.</p>
<p>Public Comment Period:</p>	<p>CANCELLED...see Notice of Cancellation</p>
<p>UPDATE Oct 20, 2005:</p>	<p>DTSC received an official notification from Monterey Regional Waste Management District to withdraw the special waste disposal variance application. Because of the withdrawal, DTSC is canceling the public comment period for the draft variance and CEQA Negative Declaration (the period was scheduled to end on November 10, 2005); and the workshop previously scheduled for October 24, 2005 at Marina City Hall.</p>

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Public Workshop:	CANCELLED October 24, 2005 from 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. Marina City Hall 211 Hillcrest Avenue Marina, CA 93933