

**Emails Received and Sent During Public
Comment Period (September 9, 2024 –
October 24, 2024) for the Proposed
Approval of the Commercial Storage of
Polychlorinated Biphenyls for Safety-
Kleen in Denton, Texas**

Emails Received:

Christianson, Erik

From: John Lusk [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 8:02 PM
To: Christianson, Erik
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: public comment on the Safety-Kleen Denton reauthorization for PCB storage

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From: Karina Maldonado [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 13, 2024 7:49 PM
To: Christianson, Erik
Subject: 1722 Cooper Creek - Safety Kleen Proposed PCB Storage Re-Authorization

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Good Evening,

I received a notice in the mail about the proposed re-authorization for a permit to store hazardous chemicals. I want to share two proposed concerns about re-authorization for this use.

First, I have concerns about the implications of re-authorizing the storage of hazardous materials on a property that may be affected by a proposed roadway project. The Texas Department of Transportation is proposing to extend US 380 to connect to State Loop 288 in this area. The proposed right-of-way appears to clip this property but the final alignment may change. This needs further investigation about the potential risks related to contamination near the proposed stormwater system of a future roadway and should be included in the final consideration.

Second, the property is no longer compliant with the current zoning regulations in the City of Denton, which no longer permits the storage of hazardous materials in the Light Industrial Zoning District. While this is an existing use, it is no longer conforming. It is only permitted to continue until the use ceases. Extending permits for a nonconforming land use is environmentally irresponsible and against the public-approved land use decisions already made. Permits should be allowed to expire rather than continue until this business decides they want to move, especially for a use like this. If this business needs this permit to continue operations, it should apply for a rezoning and subsequent specific use permit (SUP) to continue or choose to relocate to a zoning district that permits such uses. The decision should be left to the public and City Council before issuance of a permit to continue PCB storage. If the general public agrees to a rezoning and SUP, then by all means, give them their permit.

I commend the EPA for notifying the public and allowing for public comment. I encourage you to do your due diligence on these two concerns prior to approving any permits. Thank you for allowing me to share my concerns.

Sincerely, a concerned citizen and fellow public servant

Karina Maldonado
[REDACTED]

Christianson, Erik

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 16, 2024 5:40 AM
To: Christianson, Erik
Subject: Request a copy of the proposed approval for Safety Kleen Inc located at 1722 Cooper Creek Road Denton Texas

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[REDACTED]

It concerns me that this material will not be properly maintained at this site so I just want to ensure the team is taking more than the minimum procedures required to effectively store these hazardous materials.

Thank you,
Rob

Christianson, Erik

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 16, 2024 8:47 PM
To: Christianson, Erik
Subject: Fw: Public Comment Regarding Safety-Kleen, Denton and Increase Storage of PCBs

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----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Mary Wright [REDACTED]
To: Chistianson.Erik@epa.gov <chistianson.erik@epa.gov>
Sent: Sunday, September 15, 2024 at 07:49:53 PM CDT
Subject: Public Comment Regarding Safety-Kleen, Denton and Increase Storage of PCBs

Mr. Christianson,

This household was concerned when the EPA, Notice of 45-day Public Comment Period for Safety-Keen, Denton was received. We have been aware of the Safety-Kleen facility for decades and the risk of community exposure to any hazardous chemicals. Also, the impact to the residence, schools and businesses within the location of a facility if exposed. When or if an exposé incident occurs in this community, will this company assist to make the community whole again? Will the Safety-Kleen executives, who definitely do not live near this facility, use their company profits to pay for the health cost of those exposed to this carcinogenic chemical?

In reading about PCBs is the following correct?

PCBs are toxic and can have harmful health effects. The U.S. stopped manufacturing PCBs in 1977.

It is no surprise that executive profit ranks higher than the safety of a community or those that work in the hazardous facilities. It is also known that the EPA inspectors will only see the majority of the time, what the company wants them to see, until it is too late. Therefore, it is no surprise that this household **Does Not** want the Safety-Kleen facility to be approved for storage of a maximum PBC inventory of 90 55-gallon drums (4,950 gallons or 24.5 cubic yards).

Mr. & Mrs. Wright

Christianson, Erik

From: Debra Mills [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2024 6:17 AM
To: Christianson, Erik
Cc: Norman Mills
Subject: Request for Public Hearing - Safey-Kleen

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Hello,

Please accept this email as a request for a public hearing regarding the storage of PCB's at Safety-Kleen in Denton, TX.

Please acknowledge receipt of this email.

Thank you,

Debra Mills
[REDACTED]

Sent from [Outlook](#)

Christianson, Erik

From: Anita Martinez-Strickland [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 26, 2024 4:40 PM
To: Christianson, Erik
Subject: Safety-Kleen, Denton

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Mr. Christianson,

We received a postcard recently regarding changes being requested by Safety-Kleen located here in Denton, TX. I would like to request a copy of the proposed approval sent to me via this email address ASAP. This company is located a mile from our residence, and less than a mile from an elementary school located here in Denton.

I appreciate your assistance in this matter. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at this email address, or at [REDACTED]

Regards,
Anita Martinez-Strickland

Christianson, Erik

From: Autumn Luce [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 27, 2024 1:18 PM
To: Christianson, Erik
Subject: Regarding Proposed PCB Storage location in Denton Tx

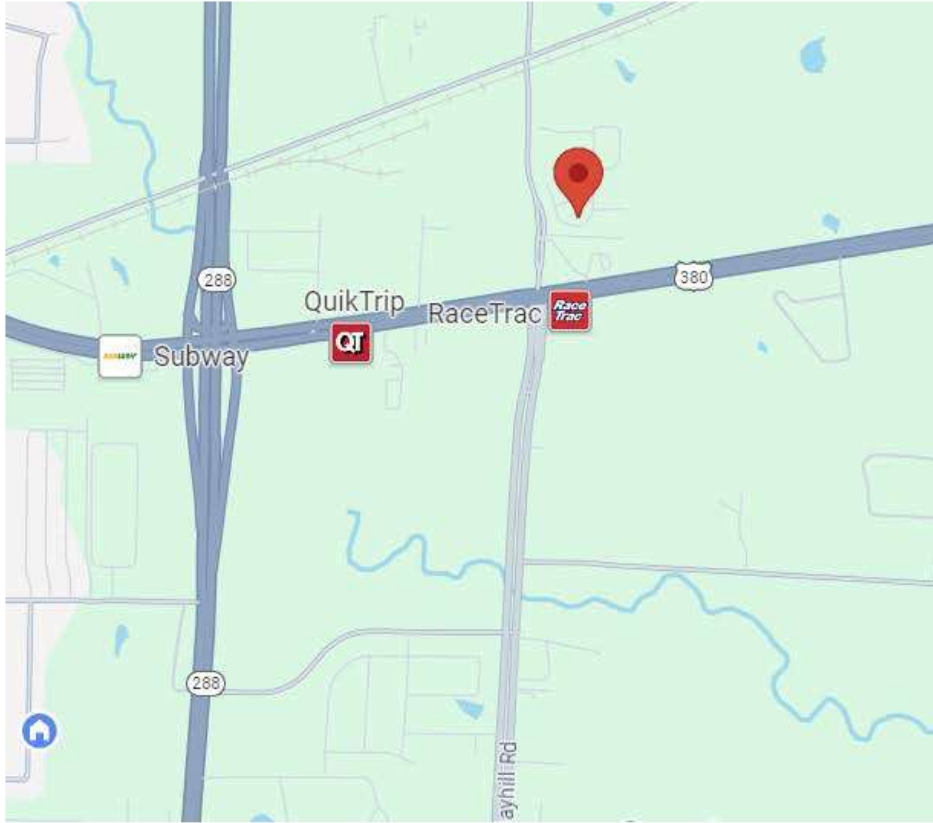
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Good Afternoon Erik,

I recieved a postcard regarding a location in Denton Tx to store PBC gallons and to voice our opinion on the issue. I have attached a map image of where this would be stored. It's less than a mile from my home and across the street from a gas station RaceTrac. After the explosion of similar substance in Frisco this week I have to voice that this would be a safety concern for anyone in this area.

This does not need to be stored by gas stations or even near residential homes. Please consider a location more remote where people will not be affected. If this was to exploded it would not only release toxic harmful gases it could trigger an explosion at the gas station and no telling with the chemical reaction of that. I also recommend to not store near water supply plants either. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Have a wonderful day,
Autumn and Jonathan Luce



Christianson, Erik

From: Crystal Jeffries [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2024 2:46 PM
To: Christianson, Erik
Subject: Safety-Kleen Proposal

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Could I please get a copy of the proposed approval for Safety-Kleen in Denton Texas? Thank you

Sincerely,

Crystal W. Jeffries

Christianson, Erik

From: Christianson, Erik
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2024 12:06 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Shah, Harry
Subject: Safety-Kleen PCB Storage Proposal - Public Comment Period

Good Afternoon Dicla,

It was a pleasure speaking with you today. Per your request, please use this link, <https://www.epa.gov/pcbs/epa-region-6-polychlorinated-biphenyls>, to view the proposal and supporting documents for Safety-Kleen, Denton, Texas. Submit your comments to christianson.erik@epa.gov until the close of the public comment period on October 24, 2024.

Respectfully,

Erik J Christianson
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Christianson, Erik

From: John Lusk [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 1:19 PM
To: Christianson, Erik
Cc: Shah, Harry
Subject: Re: public comment on the Safety-Kleen Denton reauthorization for PCB storage

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Erik

thanks for the links and information. I have downloaded and reviewed them and have the following questions:

1. How do I get the Annual Report for this facility, for the last 5 years?
2. Annual Document Log - same question
3. Records of Inspections and Cleanups - same question.

thanks
John

On Wed, Oct 9, 2024 at 6:52 AM Christianson, Erik <christianson.erik@epa.gov> wrote:

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To: Crystal Jeffries
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Subject: RE: Request for Public Hearing - Safey-Kleen

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