

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

TSCA PCB Approval

TCI of Alabama, LLC

101 Parkway East, Pell City, Alabama



Fact Sheet

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Introduction

This Fact Sheet is to notify the public of proposed environmental activities at TCI of Alabama, LLC (TCI) St. Clair County, Pell city Alabama. TCI is seeking approval for the continued management of chemicals called polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) at the facility. The environmental activities identified in the draft proposed Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) PCB Approval (renewal) document include the commercial storage of PCB waste and the alternate decontamination using a solvent washing process to decontaminate and recycle metals. The purpose of the Approval is to ensure the facility operates in a manner that protects human health and the environment and complies with federal regulations



Drum Staging Area in TCI Building

The waste management activities at TCI includes cleaning and processing transformers and metals contaminated with PCBs. TCI's PCB operations include on-site sampling, oil draining, fluid disposal, dismantling, and advanced metal cleaning/recycling process, cable processing, PCB analysis, natural gas pipe disposal and light ballast recycling.

The PCB storage area identified in the Approval is the combined total square feet of the curbed and lined area of the TCI building. The storage area also includes a diked tank farm used for bulk storage of PCB fluids. The PCB Approval identifies and restricts the amount and type of PCB material stored and processed in the building. This fact sheet provides an opportunity to learn more about the TSCA Approval process, as well as the upcoming public comment period.

Upcoming Public Comment Period

The EPA is committed to fostering meaningful public involvement in environmental decision making. Interactive communications enable the public and other stakeholders to provide input. The proposed draft TSCA PCB Approval document is open for a **30-day public comment period from December 17, 2019 to January 21, 2020**. The public may provide written comments during the 30-day comment period. To learn step-by-step tips on writing effective public comments, refer to this EPA website, <https://go.usa.gov/xUyPS>.

We want to hear from you!

The 30-day public comment period for the proposed draft PCB Approval is:

December 17 – January 21

Follow the instructions on p. 1 and 2 to submit your comments.

What is TSCA?

TSCA stands for the Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976. The Toxic Substances Control Act of regulations provide EPA with authority to require reporting, record-keeping and testing requirements, and restrictions relating to chemical substances and/or mixtures, which include PCBs.

Upcoming Public Comment Period (cont.)

Please submit your comments by letter or email, postmarked by the deadline to EPA's Technical Project Manager (contact information on page 2). EPA will evaluate public input and finalize its decision after responses have been prepared to all written comments received. A copy of the draft TSCA PCB Approval document is available at EPA's public notice website at www.go.usa/xNHKx. Comments are being accepted on the draft TSCA PCB Approval, not the supporting documents. The draft TSCA PCB Approval and application are also available in hard copy format at the Pell City Public Library, 1000 Bruce Etheredge Pkwy, Pell City, Alabama.



Aerial View of the TCI Pell City Facility

Background

The draft TSCA Approval is scheduled to be issued for ten (10) years. The EPA has the authority to suspend or revoke the PCB TSCA Approval at any time when the EPA has reason to believe that the continued operation of this facility presents an unreasonable risk to human health or the environment. The EPA has determined that the storage of PCB waste in accordance with the conditions established in the proposed draft PCB Approval, along with all other State and local permits associated with operations and all engineering controls, will not pose an unreasonable risk of injury to health or the environment.



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Public Notice Website:
www.go.usa.gov/xNHKx

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1000 Bruce Etheredge Parkway
Pell City, AL
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Mon/Wed/Fri 9am-6pm; Tues/Thur 7pm; Sat 2pm

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