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Dear Concerned Citizen:

The New Mexico Environment Department submitted a draft permit for public comment on January 7, 1991 for hazardous waste storage at the Safety-Kleen Corporation facility in Albuquerque. Significant changes were made to two units at the facility in order to comply with local fire codes, but the changes were not made available to the New Mexico Environmental Department before the draft permit was issued. Therefore, revisions to the draft operating permit are required and the revised draft permit is being resubmitted for public comment. The comment period will extend to July 18, 1991.

Enclosed is the fact sheet regarding hazardous waste container and double-walled underground tank storage units at the Safety-Kleen Corporation facility in Albuquerque. The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) proposes to grant a permit to Safety-Kleen to operate these units as outlined in the draft permit. Revisions have been made to the Paint Waste Storage Building or as it is now called, the H-3 Flammable Storage Building, and the Return and Fill Station, ancillary equipment to the underground waste storage tank system. A copy of the draft permit is available for review at the Albuquerque Main Public Library, 501 Copper Ave. NW, Albuquerque, NM. If you wish to make any comments on the revisions made to the proposed draft permit, please note that they must be in writing and be received by the NMED by July 18, 1991. Pages from the first draft permit that have since been revised will be inserted into the revised draft permit in their appropriate locations. The Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 (HSWA) portion of the permit issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will not be reopened for public comment.

If you have any questions, Please contact Mr. David Englert on my staff at the address below or at (505) 827-0142.

Sincerely,

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FACT SHEET

Intent to Issue a Permit for the Operation
of Hazardous Waste Units
Under the
New Mexico Hazardous Waste Act

SAFETY-KLEEN CORPORATION, ALBUQUERQUE, NM

Activities: Hazardous waste storage in containers and a double-walled underground storage tank.

Facility Name: Safety-Kleen Corp. Service Center

EPA I.D. Number: NMD 000804294

Location: 2720 Girard NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87107

Landowner: Safety-Kleen Corporation

Facility Operator: Safety-Kleen Corporation

Interim Status

Activities:

A draft permit had been submitted on January 7, 1991 for public comment and comment was accepted until February 21, 1991. Revisions have since been made to the Paint Waste Storage Building, now called the H-3 Flammable Storage Building and the Return and Fill Station, ancillary equipment to the underground storage tank system. Those changes were made in order to comply with the City of Albuquerque fire codes. Therefore, NMED is issuing a revised draft permit, and the public is invited to comment on the revisions to the draft permit. Comments concerning the revisions to the draft permit will be accepted until July 18, 1991. The HSWA portion of the permit issued by EPA will not be reopened for public comment.

Safety-Kleen Corporation's Albuquerque Service Center is located in Bernalillo County about one mile northwest of the Carlisle Blvd. and S.R. 40 intersection. Safety-Kleen is a commercial service-oriented company whose customers are primarily engaged in automotive repair, industrial maintenance and dry cleaning.

Safety-Kleen offers three (3) services which involve the accumulation and storage of spent solvent. The listed hazardous wastes which are stored at the facility include Parts Cleaner Solvent, Dry Cleaner Solvent and Paint Wastes. These wastes are shipped from the service center to one of seven (7) Safety-Kleen recycle centers or to an independent reclaimer and are then returned to the customers as usable product.

The original service offered by the Company was the parts cleaner service and it remains the primary business activity. This service involves the leasing of a small parts degreasing unit which consists of a sink affixed to a 16- or 30-gallon drum containing Safety-Kleen 105 solvent (mineral spirits). On a regularly scheduled basis, a Safety-Kleen sales representative cleans and inspects the parts washer machine and replaces the drum with one of clean product. Safety-Kleen also offers a service for the collection of filter cartridges and still bottoms contaminated with dry cleaning solvents, usually perchloroethylene. These wastes are drummed or boxed on the customer's premises and are periodically collected by a sales representative. A paint waste reclamation program was initiated to service the automobile body repair businesses. Wastes containing various thinners and paints are collected in 5- and 16-gallon drums on the customer's premises and are periodically collected by a sales representative.

**Description of
the permit:**

The permit describes the procedures, structures and equipment Safety-Kleen will use to store wastes in containers at the one existing storage container building, at a new building to be constructed, and a double-walled underground storage tank to be installed. Wastes are stored in containers which meet or exceed Department of Transportation (DOT) requirements, and are physically separated according to compatibility. The permit includes a waste analysis plan, inspection plan, closure plan, operating procedures and the regulations applicable for the permit period. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) also imposes additional requirements on hazardous waste management facilities, and these

requirements will be administered and enforced by the EPA under authority of the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 (HSWA).

**Availability of
the draft permit:**

A copy of the revised draft permit is available for public review at the Albuquerque Main Public Library, 501 Copper Ave. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87107, and at the office of the Hazardous and Radioactive Waste Bureau of the New Mexico Environment Department, 1190 St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, NM 87502. The EPA HSWA portion of the permit was not reopened for comment and will not be available for comment.

Comment Period:

Any person, including the applicant, who wishes to comment on the tentative decision to issue the permit or on the terms of the draft permit may do so by submitting written comments to the Hazardous and Radioactive Waste Bureau, New Mexico Environment Department, 1190 St. Francis Drive, P.O. Box 26110, Santa Fe, NM, 87502; attention David Englert. Comments must be received by July 18, 1991 to be considered.

**Procedures for
Requesting a
Hearing:**

Any person, including the applicant, who wishes to request a public hearing concerning the proposed action, may do so by submitting a written request for a hearing to the address in the above section. Any request for a hearing shall be submitted in writing and shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. Only requests received by July 18, 1991, will be considered.

Final Decision:

All comments submitted on this proposed action will be considered in formulating a final decision. Under the Hazardous Waste Management Regulations, the Secretary may either approve the permit as written, modify the permit based on the comments received, or deny the permit, either in whole or in part. If the permit is issued, it will become the operating conditions for hazardous waste management at Safety-Kleen. If the permit is denied in whole or in part, the units for which a permit is denied will lose interim status and will be required to close

according to the Hazardous Waste Management Regulations for interim status units. The NMED will notify Safety-Kleen, and each person who submitted comment during the public comment period, of the final decision, or of any public hearing which may be scheduled.