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Dear Concerned Citizen:

The Hazardous and Radioactive Waste Bureau will hold two public information meetings to provide an opportunity for the public to comment on a hazardous waste storage permit application that has been submitted by Safety-Kleen Corporation for its facility on Hawkins Road in Farmington. The meetings will be held at 3:00 and 7:00 pm. on Wednesday, December 5 in Room 1008 at the San Juan College Student Union Building. The College is located at 4601 College Boulevard in Farmington.

Safety-Kleen operates a storage facility for the hazardous wastes it collects in connection with its solvent recycling service. The facility has been operating since 1980 under the "Interim Status" granted to facilities already in operation when the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Management Regulations took effect. Nevertheless, the facility is required to secure a hazardous waste storage permit in order to continue storing hazardous waste.

The hazardous wastes at the facility are mineral spirits solvent; dry cleaning solvent (perchloroethylene); and immersion cleaner (i.e. "carburetor cleaner") composed primarily of cresylic acid, dichlorobenzene, methylene chloride, and water. These materials are stored prior to shipment of truckload quantities to a recycling facility in Denton, Texas. No hazardous waste is stored permanently, treated, or disposed of at the Safety-Kleen facility.

If you have any questions concerning these meetings, please contact David Morgan at (505) 827-0582.

Sincerely,

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SANTA FE, NM -- The New Mexico Health and Environment Department will hold two public information meetings concerning the application for a hazardous waste storage permit submitted by Safety-Kleen Corporation for its facility on Hawkins Road in Farmington. These meetings will be held on Wednesday, December 5 at 3:00 and 7:00 pm in Room 1008 of the Student Union Building at San Juan College, 4601 College Blvd., Farmington. They will provide an opportunity for the public to learn more about hazardous waste management at the Safety-Kleen facility, and to comment on the permit application.

According to David Morgan of the Environmental Improvement Division's Hazardous and Radioactive Waste Bureau, Safety-Kleen currently operates a hazardous waste storage facility under the "interim status" granted to facilities already operating when the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Management Regulations became effective. Safety-Kleen is, however, required to apply for and receive a permit in order to continue hazardous waste storage.

The hazardous wastes at the facility are mineral spirits solvent; dry cleaning solvent (perchloroethylene); and an immersion cleaner (i.e. "carburetor cleaner") composed primarily of cresylic acid, dichlorobenzene, methylene chloride, and water. These materials are stored prior to the shipment of truckload quantities to a recycling facility in Denton, Texas. No hazardous waste is stored permanently, treated, or disposed of at the Safety-Kleen facility.

Questions regarding the public information meetings may be directed to David Morgan in Santa Fe at 827-0582.