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Dear Concerned Citizen:

Enclosed are the fact sheets regarding draft permits that the Environmental Improvement Division (EID) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) propose to issue to Safety-Kleen Corporation for the operation of its hazardous waste storage facilities at 2720 Girard, NE in Albuquerque and at 4200 Hawkins Rd. in Farmington. The facilities are operating at present under the interim status granted to facilities that were in operation on the effective date of the Federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act regulations.

Copies of the draft permits are available for review at the offices of the EID Hazardous and Radioactive Waste Bureau, 1190 St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87503; at the offices of the U.S. EPA, Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, TX 75202; at the Albuquerque Public Library, 501 Copper NW (for the Albuquerque facility); and at the Farmington Public Library, 100 W. Broadway, Farmington, NM (for the Farmington facility). If you wish to make any comments on this proposed draft permit, they must be made in writing and be received by the EID Hazardous and Radioactive Waste Bureau or the U.S. EPA Region 6 RCRA Permits Branch at the respective addresses mentioned above, by February 21, 1991.

If you have any questions regarding this draft permit, please contact David Morgan at 505-827-0170, or David Englert at 505-827-0142; or at the address given below.

Sincerely,

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Hazardous and Radioactive Waste Bureau

**FACT SHEET**

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

**SAFETY-KLEEN CORPORATION, FARMINGTON, NM**

Activities: Hazardous waste storage in tank and containers.  
Facility name: Safety-Kleen Corporation  
EPA ID number: NMD 980698849  
Location: 4200A Hawkins Rd., Farmington, NM  
Landowner: Comet Corporation, Farmington, NM  
Operator: Safety-Kleen Corporation

Interim Status Activities:

Safety-Kleen collects spent cleaning solvents of three different types from its customers and ships these solvents to a recycling facility for reclamation and eventual return to customers as clean solvents. The three kinds of solvents are 1) mineral spirits, used primarily by automotive and equipment-repair businesses; 2) an immersion cleaner containing methylene chloride, cresylic acid, and other solvents and surfactants, also primarily used by mechanical repair businesses; and 3) fabric dry-cleaning solvents, composed almost entirely of perchloroethylene. These solvents are stored at the Safety-Kleen facility until truckload quantities are accumulated, at which time they are shipped to a recycling facility.

Description of the Permit:

The permit describes the structures, equipment, and procedures Safety-Kleen will use to store hazardous waste in containers and in a 12,000-gallon aboveground tank in compliance with the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Management Regulations. The containerized wastes will be stored in containers that meet or exceed the requirements of the Department of Transportation, and will be stored only in an area equipped with secondary containment capable of containing leaked or spilled waste. The tank system is also equipped with secondary containment. The permit includes a waste analysis plan, a security plan, an inspection plan, a training plan, a description of waste handling procedures, a contingency plan, and a closure plan.

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#### Availability of the Draft Permit:

A copy is available for public review at the Farmington Public Library, 100 W. Broadway, Farmington; and at the office of the Hazardous and Radioactive Waste Bureau of the Environmental Improvement Division, 1190 St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe.

#### 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, Environmental Improvement Division, 1190 St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM, 87503; attention David Morgan. Comments must be received by February 21, 1991 to be considered.

#### Procedure 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 to the address given in the section above. Any request for a hearing must be made in writing and must state the nature of the issues to be raised in the hearing. Requests must be received by February 21, 1991 to be considered.

#### Final Decision:

All comments submitted concerning this proposed action will be considered in formulating the final decision. Under the Hazardous Waste Management Regulations, the Director may either approve the permit as written, modify the permit based on the comments received, or deny the permit in whole or in part. If the permit is issued, it will become the operating conditions for hazardous waste management at the Safety-Kleen facility in Farmington. If the permit is denied in whole or in part, the hazardous waste management units for which a permit is denied will lose interim status and will be required to close under the Hazardous Waste Management Regulations for interim status units. The Environmental Improvement Division will notify Safety-Kleen and each person who submitted a written comment during the public comment period of the final decision, or of any public hearing which may be scheduled.