

Conn-Selmer, Inc. Draft Hazardous Waste Permit

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) is providing the public this notice that it has prepared a draft permit for the Conn-Selmer, Inc. (CSI) groundwater remediation system (GRS), located at 1310 W. Fairway Drive, Nogales, Arizona 85621. This notice also announces the beginning of the public comment period for the draft permit.

The GRS is designed to remove volatile organic compounds (VOCs) from the groundwater. The VOC contamination is the result of improper storage of wastes during musical instrument manufacturing operations, and occurring from 1966 through 1985. The GRS is a pump and treat system and pumps groundwater from an extraction well at the source of contamination to a 7,000-gallon equalization tank. The contaminated groundwater is then pumped at 50-75 gallons per minute (gpm) through two air strippers, in series. Each air stripper is 28 feet tall, has an inside diameter of 3.5 feet, and contains packing material to maximize exposure of contaminated groundwater to air introduced by fans countercurrent to water flow. The clean, treated groundwater is sent to an impoundment located at the former-Palo Duro Creek Golf Course for storage. The draft permit would allow the facility to operate the GRS and remove the VOCs from the groundwater in accordance with Arizona rules established to protect human health and the environment. The permit would be effective for ten (10) years. No hazardous waste storage or disposal units would be permitted at this site.

The public comment period opens on April 24, 2019 and closes on June 9, 2019. During that period, any person may submit written comments and supporting materials on the appropriateness of the draft permit or its permit condition(s), or request a public hearing. These must be delivered or postmarked by the last day of the public comment period to the ADEQ contact (see below). All comments will be considered, and each person who has submitted comments, or makes a specific request, will receive a notice of the final permit decision with procedures for appealing the decision, and a response to all comments received. A public hearing may be held if the Director determines that there is substantial public interest in the draft permit, and that the public hearing will serve to clarify issues concerning the draft permit. Requests for a public hearing must state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised at the hearing. If a public hearing is to be held, a public notice stating the date, time and place of the hearing will be made at least 30 days before the hearing.

The administrative record for the draft permit contains all data submitted by the applicant, and is available for public inspection Monday-Friday (excluding state holidays) from 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. at the ADEQ Phoenix address, located at 1110 West Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007. The full administrative record may be viewed from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (excluding state holidays). To arrange an appointment to review this record at ADEQ, contact the ADEQ Records Center at (602) 771-4380 or (800) 234-5677, extension 7714380.

A copy of the draft permit and related documents is also available for public inspection at the Nogales-Rochlin Public Library, 518 N. Grand Ave., Nogales, Monday and Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., (520) 287-3343.

ADEQ invites all interested persons to submit written comments concerning the draft permit. All comments must be submitted to ADEQ and post-marked by the close of the public comment period, June 9, 2019. Submit your comments to the ADEQ contact:

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If you would like to be placed on a mailing list for permit activity please contact ADEQ at the address above. A copy of the Fact Sheet for the draft permit is also available at the above contact. Please bring this notice to the attention of anybody who might be interested in this matter.

ADEQ will take reasonable measures to provide access to department services to individuals with limited ability to speak, write or understand English and/or to those with disabilities. Requests for language interpretation, ASL interpretation, CART captioning services or disability accommodations must be made at least 48 hours in advance by contacting Ian Bingham, Title VI Nondiscrimination Coordinator at 602-771-4322 or Bingham.Ian@azdeq.gov. Teleprinter services are available by calling 7-1-1 at least 48 hours in advance to make necessary arrangements.

ADEQ tomará las medidas razonables para proveer acceso a los servicios del departamento a personas con capacidad limitada para hablar, escribir o entender inglés y / o para personas con discapacidades. Las solicitudes de servicios de interpretación de idiomas, interpretación ASL, subtítulos de CART, o adaptaciones por discapacidad deben realizarse con al menos 48 horas de anticipación contactando a Ian Bingham, Coordinador de Anti-Discriminación del Título VI al 602-771-4322 o Bingham.Ian@azdeq.gov. Los servicios de teleimpresores están disponibles llamando al 7-1-1 con al menos 48 horas de anticipación para hacer los arreglos necesarios.