



# WASTE MANAGEMENT

## KETTLEMAN HILLS FACILITY



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### Kettleman Hills Facility

- Facts & Figures**
- Total site acreage: 1,600
  - Total operations acreage: 499
  - Permitted to handle both municipal solid waste and hazardous waste
  - Location: approximately 3.5 miles southwest of Kettleman City, 6.5 miles southeast of the City of Avenal and about 2.5 miles west of Interstate 5 along State Route 41

- Benefits**
- WM contributes nearly \$17.5 million annually to the local economy through payroll and purchases of goods/services from local vendors.
  - WM contributes almost \$3 million annually through disposal fees and taxes to the Kings County General Fund, most of which is allocated for public safety.
  - In 2008, WM donated \$85,000 to local organizations, including scholarships to select graduating seniors at every high school in Kings County.

Waste Management's Kettleman Hills Facility has been an integral part of the Kings County community for more than 28 years. The facility is located on 1,600 acres and includes two distinct operations — one that handles municipal solid waste, such as everyday household trash, and one that handles hazardous waste.

Safe operations, health and safety, and the environment are held to the highest standards at the Kettleman Hills Facility. The facility is heavily regulated through permits and ongoing monitoring by more than 10 government agencies at the local, state and federal levels.

#### Proposed Plans

To better serve the surrounding communities and their business needs, WM is proposing to extend its hazardous waste operations. The proposal seeks the following approvals:

- Authorization to increase the capacity at the existing hazardous waste landfill (B-18 landfill).
- Authorization to construct a new hazardous waste landfill (B-20 landfill) to open once B-18 landfill has reached capacity.

#### Environmental Impact Report

- A subsequent environmental impact report studying the project was conducted by Kings County.
- The report analyzed project impacts and mitigations, including air quality, traffic, hydrology and water quality among others.
- A draft version of the environmental impact report and a Spanish version of the executive summary was circulated to the public to review and submit official comments to Kings County.

#### Permits & Regulations

The Kettleman Hills Facility works closely with numerous government entities to comply with regulations and procedures concerning our operations, including:

- California Department of Toxic Substances Control
- California Integrated Waste Management Board
- California Regional Water Quality Control Board
- Kings County Department of Public Health
- San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District

Our proposed plans require approvals and permits from the agencies that oversee our facility.

#### Community Feedback

Community input and feedback are important for the project's success. Kings County has hosted public meetings and community roundtables which have included English/Spanish translation. In addition, Waste Management has reached out to residents through open houses and numerous community-focused events. Kings County residents are encouraged to visit our facility and learn about our operations.

*For a tour or more information, please contact Helen Luibel, Community Relations Manager, at (559) 386-9711 or visit [www.KettlemanHillsFacts.com](http://www.KettlemanHillsFacts.com).*