The Environmental Protection Division (EPD) of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, under the authority of the Georgia Hazardous Waste Management Act, O.C.G.A. Section 12-8-60, et. seq., as amended, announces its intent to renew Hazardous Waste Facility Permit No. HW-075(S&CA)-2 issued to Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc. and Romine Enterprises, L.P. The permitted facility is located in Garden City, Chatham County, Georgia and is operated by Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc. If renewed, the permit will continue to allow the permittees to store hazardous waste in containers and a 10,000 gallon tank. The permit will require the investigation and corrective action of any discovered releases of hazardous constituents into the environment from present or past operations at the facility.

Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc. is an accumulation point for spent solvents, dry cleaning waste, paint gun cleaners and filters which are generated by their customers. All wastes are ultimately shipped to another Safety-Kleen recycling facility or contract reclaimer and much of the solvents are then returned to the facility’s customers as product. If the renewal permit is approved, Safety-Kleen will continue to operate the following hazardous waste management units: one (1) 10,000 gallon aboveground tank inside a concrete dike, which is used to store spent solvent and three (3) hazardous waste container storage units with a total combined capacity of 5,534 gallons.

A draft permit has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Georgia Rules for Hazardous Waste Management, Chapter 391-3-11, which contains the conditions for storing hazardous waste in containers and a tank at the facility and the investigation and corrective action of any discovered releases of hazardous constituents into the environment from operations at the facility. The draft permit does not allow for disposal of hazardous waste on-site.

Before making its final decision on whether to issue the renewal permit, state and federal regulations require that the EPD provide an opportunity for public comment. Accordingly, a public comment period has been arranged for August 9, 2016 through September 23, 2016. During the public comment period, a copy of the draft renewal permit and supporting documents will be available for public review at the following locations during regular business hours:
EPD will schedule a public hearing on the draft renewal permit if a request for one is received by the Director before the close of the public comment period.

EPD invites comments during the public comment period to be made in writing or by email at EPDComments@dnr.state.ga.us. If you choose to email your comments, please be sure to include the words “Safety-Kleen, Garden City Permit Renewal” somewhere in the subject line to help ensure your comments will be forwarded to the correct staff. All comments received on or before September 23, 2016 will be considered when the final decision to issue or deny the renewal permit is made. Written comments should be forwarded to the following address:

Attention: Mike Elster, Unit Coordinator  
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Any questions regarding the permit application, the renewal permit or the public participation process should be addressed to Mike Elster at 404-657-8624.