

# Press Release

## Clean Harbors Announces Expiration of Hart-Scott-Rodino Waiting Period

### Company Reaches Milestone in Acquisition of Safety-Kleen's Chemical Services Division

**Braintree, MA – April 30, 2002** -- Clean Harbors, Inc. (Nasdaq: CLHB), a leading provider of environmental services throughout the United States and Puerto Rico, today announced that the U.S. Department of Justice has completed its review of the Company's proposed acquisition of the Chemical Services Division of Safety-Kleen (CSD/SK) under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976 and has allowed the waiting period to expire without further action. The Hart-Scott-Rodino Act requires parties to acquisitions above \$50 million to notify the Federal Trade Commission and the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice in advance of the acquisition, and to observe a waiting period, during which one of the antitrust agencies will examine the transaction for potential anticompetitive effects. Expiration of the waiting period for this transaction signifies that the Department of Justice has completed its review, and has determined that the transaction is not likely to lessen competition.

"We are pleased that the Department of Justice will allow this transaction to proceed without challenge," said Alan S. McKim, Clean Harbors' Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.

On February 25, 2002, Clean Harbors signed a definitive agreement to acquire CSD/SK, one of the nation's largest environmental services companies, for \$46.3 million in cash and the assumption of approximately \$265 million in environmental liabilities. Safety-Kleen Corp., based in Columbia, South Carolina, is currently operating under Chapter 11 protection in U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware.



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Clean Harbors, Inc. through its subsidiaries provides a wide range of environmental and waste management services to a diversified customer base including a majority of the *Fortune 500* companies, thousands of smaller private entities and numerous governmental agencies. Within its national footprint, the Company currently has service and sales offices located in 26 states and Puerto Rico, and operates 11 waste management facilities strategically located throughout the country. For more information, visit our Website at [www.cleanharbors.com](http://www.cleanharbors.com).

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