

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND INITIAL STUDY

DATE: June 22, 2020

TO: Responsible Agencies, Interested Parties, and Organizations

SUBJECT: **Aerojet Waste Consolidation Project Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration**

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (CVRWQCB) is the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Lead Agency for the proposed Aerojet Waste Consolidation Project (Proposed Project). The CVRWQCB has directed the preparation of an Initial Study (IS) Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) in compliance with CEQA.

**Project Location:** The Proposed Project is located on an Aerojet-Rocketdyne Inc. (Aerojet) owned ±250-acre parcel referred to as the White Rock North Dump (WRND) parcel. The WRND parcel includes a ±100-acre pre-regulation “dump” and is within Aerojet’s access-controlled property located south of State Highway 50 between the Cities of Rancho Cordova and Folsom in Sacramento County, CA. The Project site address is 12353 White Rock Road, Sacramento County, CA. 95742 (APN: 072-0100-020).

**Project Description:** The Project is a proposal by Aerojet to implement the following phased improvements:

- **Phase I AWCU:** Construct, fill and close consistent with Title 27 requirements a Class II Landfill to be known as the Aerojet Waste Consolidation Unit (AWCU) on top of ±50-acres of the WRND within the existing Aerojet-owned ±250-acre WRND parcel. Dispose of up to 1,000,000 CYs of waste soil that meets the Class II waste requirements and inert construction debris (together referred to as Transfer Material) in the AWCU. Transfer Material would be generated from future remediation projects located within the proposed AWCU Service Area which comprises approximately 7500 acres of Aerojet access-controlled property. This would include accepting transfer Material from the Aerojet Landfill consistent with the approved Aerojet Landfill Clean Closure Plan. The Aerojet Landfill is an existing approximately 180-acre, non-operating, closed landfill owned by Aerojet located within the proposed AWCU Service Area approximately 2.3 miles north of the proposed WRND parcel. To facilitate the revised Aerojet Landfill disposal location, the Project also includes amending the 2015 County-approved Aerojet Landfill CCP to replace the identified offsite haul route with the Aerojet Landfill Haul Route identified in the initial study.
- **Phase 2 WRND Cap and Closure:** Cap and close the remainder of the existing pre-regulation ±100-acre WRND in accordance with Title 27 requirements (±50 acres plus any remaining portion of the ±50-acre AWCU area not filled with Transfer Material).
- **Entitlements:** The current ±250-acre WRND parcel, inclusive of the ±100-acre former dump is zoned M1, which does not include landfill activities. In order to bring the parcel into compliance with its current use and to construct the AWCU on the parcel, incorporation of the WRND parcel into the

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Aerojet Special Planning Area (SPA) is required. Therefore, Project entitlements include amending the Aerojet SPA chapter of the Sacramento County zoning code to add the WRND parcel into the SPA "Industrial Zone."

- **Schedule:** It is anticipated the entire Project lifecycle would not exceed 15 years from the issuance of the solid waste facility permit. Assuming construction of the AWCU commences in Spring 2021, Transfer Material could be received as soon as Fall 2021. Although Aerojet does not know the exact timing of all projects that would generate Transfer Material, Aerojet commits to an AWCU closure by December 31, 2035. The preferred schedule for implementation of the WRND Phase 2 Cap is to begin when 1,000,000 CY of Transfer Material have been placed in the AWCU. However, since Aerojet does not know the exact timing of all projects that would generate Transfer Material, Aerojet commits to the completion of the Phase 2 Cap by December 31, 2035.

**Potentially Significant Environmental Impacts:** Potentially significant impacts to air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, and geology and soils were identified in the Initial Study. All impacts would be reduced to a less-than-significant level with the implementation of identified mitigation measures.

**Hazardous Waste Sites:** Pursuant to Section 15087(c)(6) of the Guidelines for California Environmental Quality Act, CVRWQCB acknowledges the WRND parcel is a designated hazardous waste site.

**IS/MND Document Review and Availability:** The public review and comment period for the IS/MND will extend for 30 days starting **June 24, 2020 and ending July 24, 2020**. The IS/MND can be viewed and/or downloaded at the following website:

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/public\\_notices/#SiteCleanup](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/public_notices/#SiteCleanup)

The IS/MND will also be made available for public review at the following location. To review at this location, calling ahead is recommended to ensure offices are open to the public.

- Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, 11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670-6114

**Comments/Questions:** Comments and/or questions regarding the IS/MND may be directed to: Alexander MacDonald, Senior Water Resources Engineer, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, 11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670-6114 or [amacdonald@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:amacdonald@waterboards.ca.gov)