

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Planning and Research-State Clearinghouse P.O. Box 3044, 1400 Tenth Street, Room 212 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044	From: Department of Toxic Substances Control P.O. Box 806 Sacramento, CA 95812-0806
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Project Title: Variance TWW-2021-DF-00062 to Allow the Disposal of Treated Wood Waste under Alternate Procedures by Western Placer Waste Management Authority - Western Regional Sanitary Landfill

Project Location: 3195 Athens Avenue, Lincoln, CA 95648

County: Placer

Project Applicant: Stephanie Ulmer, Environmental Resources Specialist, Western Placer Waste Management Authority - Western Regional Sanitary Landfill

Approval Action Under Consideration by DTSC: Variance

Statutory/Regulatory Authority: California Health and Safety Code, Section 25143; CCR Title 22, Section 66260.210

Project Description: The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has issued a variance to Western Placer Waste Management Authority - Western Regional Sanitary Landfill (CAH111000280) to receive and dispose of treated wood waste from generators, transporters, and/or handler facilities. Operations related to treated wood waste will be consistent with previous treated wood waste activities conducted by the applicant. The variance allows treated wood waste to be managed under procedures different from, but equally protective to human health and the environment to, the provisions of California Health and Safety Code (HSC) Articles 6, 6.5 and 9 of Chapter 6.5 and California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22, Division 4.5, Chapters 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, and/or 20. Under the terms and conditions of Variance TWW-2021-DF-00062, Western Placer Waste Management Authority - Western Regional Sanitary Landfill will ensure the treated wood waste will be appropriately managed.

Background: Treated wood waste is a fully regulated California-only hazardous waste because it exhibits the hazardous waste characteristic of toxicity. From 2007 to December 31, 2020, treated wood waste was managed under alternative management standards, established in 22 CCR 67386. The legislation that authorized the alternative management standards for treated wood waste expired on December 31, 2020. Without the issuance of the variance, Western Placer Waste Management Authority - Western Regional Sanitary Landfill would be required to seek a permit as a hazardous waste disposal facility.

Western Placer Waste Management Authority - Western Regional Sanitary Landfill is a governmental agency that owns a sanitary landfill. The applicant previously conducted treated wood waste management activities under the now expired alternative management standards established at 22 CCR 67386.

Project Activities: Under the variance, the Facility will accept treated wood waste from generators, and authorized handlers and/or transporters for disposal, however it will be managed as a California hazardous waste, under authority of HSC 25200 et seq.. Operations generally include unloading and disposal of treated wood waste within Western Regional Sanitary Landfill Module 14. Module 14 has been constructed with a single-composite base liner system consisting of a 1-foot thick compacted clay layer with a hydraulic conductivity of 1×10^{-7} cm/sec or less soil overlain by a geosynthetic clay liner (GCL) that is overlain by a 60-mil thick high density polyethylene (HDPE) geomembrane. The side slope liner system consists of a 2-foot thick compacted clay layer with a hydraulic conductivity of 1×10^{-7} cm/sec or less overlain by a 60-mil thick HDPE geomembrane. The geomembrane on the side slope has a textured surface on both sides while the geomembrane on the floor is smooth (Golder Associates Draft 1999). All of Module 14 includes a LCRS. Because Module 14 is a Class II unit, a separation liner has been placed on the south-facing Module 13 slope. This separation liner consists of a 60-mil thick HDPE geomembrane placed over intermediate cover materials. A separation liner will be used at each location where waste in Class II modules is adjacent to existing waste in Class III modules. The separation liner will extend to el. 180 ft MSL. Acceptance and disposal of TWW will be consistent with hazardous waste management and disposal standards specified in the variance. The variance will expire on August 29, 2021 with possibility of extension for an additional six months.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Toxic Substances Control

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Western Placer Waste Management Authority - Western Regional Sanitary Landfill

Exempt Status: Existing Facilities [CCR Title 14, Sec. 15301]

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: All analysis conducted included the potential extension of the variance for an additional six months. DTSC has determined none of the exceptions to the categorical exemptions apply to this project, as described in Public Resources Code Section 21084(c), (d), and (e), and 14 CCR Section 15300.2. Operations under the

variance will be substantially the same as those as previously conducted under the alternative management standards established at 22 CCR 67386. This variance is consistent with a former use.

The administrative record for this project is available to the public by appointment at the following location:

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Robert Irving

Date:

March 3, 2021

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