

## CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<b>To:</b> Office of Planning and Research-State Clearinghouse P.O. Box 3044, 1400 Tenth Street, Room 212 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044	<b>From:</b> Department of Toxic Substances Control P.O. Box 806 Sacramento, CA 95812-0806
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**Project Title:** Variance TWW-2021-DF-00051 to Allow the Disposal of Treated Wood Waste under Alternate Procedures by Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority

**Project Location:** 31400 Johnson Canyon Road, Gonzales, CA 93926

**County:** Monterey

**Project Applicant:** Brian P. Kennedy, Engineering and Environmental Compliance Manager, Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority

**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 Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority (CAH111000858) 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-00051, Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority 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, Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority would be required to seek a permit as a hazardous waste disposal facility.

Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority is a solid waste and recycling transfer and disposal public agency. 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 Johnson Canyon Landfill Module 7, which has a 60 mil HDPE liner. 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:** Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority

**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:

Department of Toxic Substances Control  
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Approver's Signature:

*Robert Irving*

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Date:

March 3, 2021

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