

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Project Title: Variance TWW-2021-DF-00136 to Allow the Disposal of Treated Wood Waste under Alternate Procedures by Riverside County Department of Waste Resources

Project Location: 16411 Lamb Canyon Rd, Beaumont, CA 92223

County: Riverside County

Project Applicant: Lisa Thompson, Environmental Compliance Manager, Riverside County Department of Waste Resources

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 Riverside County Department of Waste Resources (CAR000187518) 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-00136, Riverside County Department of Waste Resources will ensure the treated wood waste will be appropriately managed.

The treated wood waste management activities are part of the disposal operations. Acceptance of TWW is already permitted under the Solid Waste Facility Permit (SWFP) and Waste Discharge Requirement (WDR) R8-2013-0003 issued for the Lamb Canyon Landfill. TWW will be disposed of within the lined section of the landfill.

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, Riverside County Department of Waste Resources would be required to seek a permit as a hazardous waste disposal facility.

Riverside County Department of Waste Resources is a Class III Solid Waste 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 Lamb Canyon Sanitary Landfill, Phase II portion, Phase II is lined in accordance with the applicable requirements of Subtitle D and the California Code of Regulations, Title 27. The Phase II, Stage 1 (P2S1) area was completed in November 2001 and is approximately five acres. The Phase II, Stage 2 (P2S2) area was completed in July 2005 and is approximately 20 acres. The Phase II, Stage 3 (P2S3) area was completed June 2007 and is approximately 25 acres. The last stage within the current permitted disposal area is referred to as Phase II, Stage 4 (P2S4) which covers approximately 21 acres and the construction was entirely completed in March 2014. Bottom liner system used for the previous P2S3 and P2S4 expansion areas consists of the following materials in order from bottom to top:

- Prepared subgrade
- 12-inch thick compacted clay layer
- 60-mil double-sided textured High-Density Polyethylene (HDPE) (moisture barrier)
- 12-oz/sy geotextile (cushion layer)
- 9-inch thick gravel (drainage layer for leachate collection and removal system)
- 8-oz/sy geotextile (filter layer)
- 24-inch thick protective soil cover (1-inch max particle size). Acceptance and disposal of TWW will be consistent with hazardous waste management and disposal standards specified in the variance. The variance will expire on September 8, 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: Riverside County Department of Waste Resources

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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Date:

Robert Irving

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