

## 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-LG-00576 to Allow the Generation, Accumulation, and Transport of Treated Wood Waste under Alternate Procedures by Morning Star Merced LLC

**Project Location:** 1400 Waterloo Road, Stockton, CA 95205

**County:** San Joaquin

**Project Applicant:** Martin L. Thorpe, Demolition Contractor, Morning Star Merced LLC

**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 Morning Star Merced LLC to generate and accumulate treated wood waste on-site. The treated wood waste is generated as a result of the demolition of cooling towers once used in the tomato processing as the cannery is no longer in use. 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-LG-00576, Morning Star Merced LLC 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.

Morning Star Merced LLC is a tomato processing cannery.

**Project Activities:** Under the variance, the authorized large quantity generator may generate and accumulate treated wood waste on-site. Accumulation of treated wood waste includes taking appropriate precautions to prevent unauthorized access to and prevent leaching to the environment of the treated wood waste. No transportation activities are authorized as a part of this variance. The variance will expire on December 13, 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:** Morning Star Merced LLC

**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. This project consists of the accumulation and storage of the treated wood waste is consistent with the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structure, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

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

Department of Toxic Substances Control  
 Permitting Division  
 1001 I Street  
 Sacramento, CA 95814

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Date:

June 17, 2021

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