

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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From: Department of Toxic Substances Control
Permitting Division
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Project Title: Clean Harbors Buttonwillow, LLC., Hazardous Waste Facility Class 2 Permit Modification

Project Location: 500 West Lokern Road, Buttonwillow, CA 93206

County: Kern County

Project Applicant: Marianna Buoni, General Manager of Clean Harbors Buttonwillow, LLC.

Approval Action Under Consideration by DTSC: Permit Modification

Statutory Authority: California Health and Safety Code, Chapter 6.5

Project Description: The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), approved a Class 2 Permit Modification (Modification) for the ground water monitoring section of the Clean Harbors Buttonwillow, LLC. (Facility) Hazardous Waste Management Permit, pursuant to authority granted under California Health and Safety Code Chapter 6.5 and California Code of Regulations, title 22, division 4.5, chapter 20. The Facility requested a Class 2 Permit Modification. Declining water levels, due to drought conditions and regional decreases of groundwater levels, has resulted in existing groundwater monitoring wells being unable to yield any representative groundwater samples. The Modification will authorize the modification of the ground water monitoring program to change the status of four monitoring wells (MW-127U, MW-128I, MW-168L and MW-169L) from dry background wells to piezometers and to install four replacement wells (MW-127RU, MW-128RI, MW-168L, and MW-169L).

The Facility has both a municipal landfill as well as a permitted hazardous waste landfill. The groundwater monitoring wells are outside the hazardous portion of the Facility and located within the municipal waste expansion area. There will be ground disturbing activities and temporary construction activities related to the construction of the groundwater monitoring wells. Pre-construction surveys will be completed before construction to ensure no biologically sensitive species would be affected in the construction of the groundwater monitoring wells.

Background: The Facility owns and operates a commercial hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal facility in Kern County, California, approximately 8 miles west of Buttonwillow and 36 miles west of Bakersfield. The Facility occupies approximately 320 acres and Clean Harbors owns approximately 640 acres of additional acreage immediately adjoining the Facility that is set aside as a buffer property and is not used for Facility operations. Currently, the Facility provides storage, treatment, and disposal services for a variety of hazardous and nonhazardous wastes.

Project Activities: Permit Modification

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Marianna Buoni, General Manager of Clean Harbors Buttonwillow, LLC.

Exempt Status: Categorical Exemption – Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15308)

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: DTSC has evaluated whether any of the exceptions to the categorical exemptions apply to this project, as described in Public Resources Code section 21084, subdivisions (c), (d), and (e), and California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15308. DTSC has determined that no exceptions to the categorical exemption apply to this project. The installation of replacement groundwater monitoring wells is consistent with the actions taken by regulatory agency, to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment. This approval will ensure the Facility is appropriately sampling groundwater to monitor and manage any potential releases.

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

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