

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: Westside Disposal Facility Class 2 Permit Modification

Project Location: 26251 Highway 33 Fellows, CA 93224-3224

County: Kern County

Project Applicant: Maryline Laugier-Diamond, P.E.

Approval Action Under Consideration by DTSC: Permit Modification

Statutory Authority: California Health and Safety Code, Division 20, Chapter 6.5

Project Description: The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) approves the Westside Disposal Facility's (Facility) request for a class 2 permit modification of the existing Hazardous Waste Facility Post Closure Permit (Permit). The project proposes changes to the existing surface cover to effectively manage stormwater and to minimize future erosion at the Facility. The proposed drainage plan consists of installing permeable berms within Fenced Area #2.

Background: DTSC issued the initial Post Closure Permit on January 17, 1992, which was renewed on June 28, 2006, and expired on June 28, 2016. The Facility stopped receiving hazardous waste in 1985. The closure plan for the Facility was approved in April 1991, and DTSC accepted closure certification in April 1992. Facility was certified closed by DTSC with waste remaining in place in compliance with the Closure Plan. With closure certification, state and federal regulations require that a post-closure plan for a 30-year period be developed and implemented by the Facility. The Post Closure permit outlines the procedures to fulfill these regulatory requirements, which consist of two primary functions: (1) inspecting and maintenance of closure areas and (2) maintenance of financial mechanisms to fund the post closure activities.

Project Activities: The proposed berms are in addition to the previously imported crushed rock that is currently present at the Facility. The proposed permeable berms will be constructed along contour lines and upgradient of impoundments within Fenced Area #2. The berms may be adjusted and/or additional berms constructed based on drainage observations to further minimize erosion as needed.

The permeable berms located along contour lines will reduce stormwater to sheet flow across the eastern and central portions of the Facility. This approach will both minimize erosion from occurring and encourage vegetation to establish eventually achieving growth density comparable to the western half of the site.

There will be ground disturbing activities and temporary construction activities related to the construction of the berms. The proposed project is consistent with the inspection and maintenance of the closure areas. Pre-construction surveys will be completed before construction to ensure no biologically sensitive species would be affected in the construction of the berms.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Westside Disposal Facility

Exempt Status: Categorical Exemption: [CCR Title 14 Sec. 15330]

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: 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. The proposed project is consistent with minor cleanup actions taken to prevent, minimize, stabilize, mitigate, or eliminate the release or threat of release of a hazardous waste by construction of berms.

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

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