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RE: CUP No. 733-Universal Waste Systems  
SCH # 2023110317  
Vic. LA-605/PM R11.54  
GTS # LA-2023-04370-MND

Dear Wayne Morrell:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above-referenced environmental document. The proposed Modification if approved, would permit the following: 1. An increase of the processing capacity of the existing Universal Waste Systems, Inc. (UWS) facility from the current 1,500 tons per day (TPD) to 2,500 TPD; 2. The addition of organic waste processing equipment in Building "B" to accommodate new equipment that would be required to process and recycle organic waste pursuant to SB 1383; 3. A revision of the facility's hours of operation; and 4. A revision of the parking layout to decrease parking from 104 to 54 spaces. The facility is currently open to the public from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM, Monday through Saturday with operations within the facility conducted from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM, Monday through Saturday. Under the CUP amendment, the facility would be open to public from 5:00 AM to 7:00 PM Monday through Sunday with operations in the facility conducted from 5:00 AM to 10:00 PM, Monday through Saturday.

The proposed project will require 62 employees and will be onsite during each shift. The proposed project is expected to generate 15 vehicle trips during the weekday AM peak hour. During the weekday PM peak hour, the proposed project is expected to generate 14 vehicle trips. The proposed project is forecast to generate 204 daily trip ends during a typical weekday. These trips include both employees and truck drivers who will deliver chemical supplies on a once-a-month basis. The traffic volumes would be far less than the potential traffic volumes for other types of commercial and industrial land uses and development that would otherwise be permitted under the City's Zoning Ordinance for the property.

We would like the City to clarify that the project is identified as “infill” development while there is already an existing business operation.

For the construction of this project, any transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials that require the use of oversized transport vehicles on State highways will need a Caltrans transportation permit. Any large-size truck trips be limited to off-peak commute periods.

We would recommend the City to consider adding the following Mitigation Measure: Mitigation Measure No. XX (Traffic Impacts) - Any large-size truck trips be limited to off-peak commute periods. All debris or loose material transported by trucks should be covered by a tarp.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Alan Lin the project coordinator at (213) 269-1124 and refer to GTS # LA-2023-04370-MND.

Sincerely,

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