

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: County of San Diego
Department of Environmental Health and Quality
Solid Waste Local Enforcement Agency (LEA)
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Recorder/County Clerk's office
County of San Diego
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SUBJECT: FILING OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21108(b) OR 21152(b)

Project Name: Otay Organics Station, Medium Volume Transfer/Processing Facility
SWIS # 37-AA-0997

Project Location: 1700 Maxwell Road, Chula Vista, CA 91911

Project Applicant: Otay Landfill Inc. 1700 Maxwell Road, Chula Vista, CA 91911 (619) 421-3773

Project Description: Otay Organics Station is an existing permitted Registration Tier Medium Volume Transfer/Processing Facility in Chula Vista, California that receives less than 100 tons per operating day of solid waste. A Registration Permit application package, received on January 29, 2025, proposing changes to the facility's equipment inventory, material processing procedures, a revised floorplan, updated site contacts, resumes of key people, and methods of organic diversion sampling. Since a Registration Permit cannot be modified or revised, a new Registration Permit is required for changes.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego, Department of Environmental Health and Quality
Solid Waste Local Enforcement Agency

County Contact Person: Grant Hassinger, Environmental Health Specialist (EHS)
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Date Form Completed: March 6, 2025

This is to advise that the County of San Diego, Department of Environmental Health and Quality Solid Waste Local Enforcement Agency has approved the above-described project on February 27, 2025, and found the project to be exempt from the CEQA under the following criteria:

Exempt status and applicable section of the CEQA ("C") and/or State CEQA Guidelines ("G"): (check only one)

Declared Emergency [C 21080(b)(3); G 15269(a)]

Emergency Project [C 21080(b)(4); G 15269(b)(c)]

Statutory Exemption. C Section: 15268

Categorical Exemption. G Section:

G 15061(b)(1) - Activity is exempt from the CEQA because it is not a project as defined in Section 15378.

G 15061(b)(3) - It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment and the activity is not subject to the CEQA.

Statement of reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed permit process is defined and authorized by Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Division 7, Chapter 5, Article 3.0 – Regulatory Tier Requirements. As specified in Section 18104.7(d), the LEA is compelled to follow the procedures set forth in Sections 18104.2 and 18104.3 to review and accept an application and issue a registration permit. Accordingly, because LEA is required to issue the permit contingent on the applicant's conformity to applicable statutes, ordinances, regulations, or other fixed standards, the project approval is a ministerial action and is statutorily exempt per Section 15268 of the CEQA Guidelines.

The following is to be filled in only upon formal project approval by the appropriate County of San Diego decision-making body.

Signature:  Telephone: (619)-204-0702
Name: Catherine Dean Title: Supervising Environmental Health Specialist, LEA

This Notice of Exemption has been signed and filed by the County of San Diego LEA.

This notice must be filed with the Recorder/County Clerk as soon as possible after project approval by the decision-making body. The Recorder/County Clerk must post this notice within 24 hours of receipt and for a period of not less than 30 days. At the termination of the posting period, the Recorder/County Clerk must return this notice to the Department address listed above along with evidence of the posting period. The originating Department must then retain the returned notice for a period of not less than nine months. Reference: CEQA Guidelines Section 15062.