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**Local Enforcement Agency Approval – Revised Emergency Waiver of Standards –  
Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center, 2801 Madera Road, Simi Valley, CA  
93065 (SWIS No. 56-AA-0007)**

On November 22, 2024, the Environmental Health Division (Division) as the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) received a written request from Waste Management Inc., (WM), owner and operator of the Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center (SVLRC), for an Emergency Waiver of Standards (Waiver) pursuant to California Code of Regulations Title 14 (14 CCR), Section 17210.3. The request was in response to the State of Emergency (SOE) declared by the Governor due to the Mountain Fire which began on November 6, 2024, in Ventura County. The Waiver was approved by the Division and commenced November 26, 2024.

On January 16, 2025, the Division received a revised written request from WM pursuant to 14 CCR, Section 17210.3, for the Waiver to include the multiple fires occurring in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties (including the Palisades, Eaton, Hurst, Lidia, Sunset, and Woodley Fires), which were declared a SOE by the Governor on January 7, 2025. WM's revised request references the seven Executive Orders (EO) issued by the Governor after the Palisades SOE; specifically, EOs N-2-25 and N-5-25, which mandate the prompt removal of debris resulting from the fires to mitigate the potential for mudslides and flood risks.

To provide aid in the region and serve as an alternate solid waste disposal facility, the revised Waiver request includes unlimited daily and weekly tonnage and vehicle trips, and extended hours of operation.

The LEA approves WM's request for revision of the Emergency Waiver of Standards in accordance with 14 CCR, Section 17210.4 and the following findings:

- This Emergency Waiver is in effect for 120 days, beginning November 26, 2024, through March 26, 2025.

- This Emergency Waiver allows SVLRC to exceed maximum tonnage (MSW and Recyclables) on both a daily and weekly basis during the duration of the Waiver.
- This Emergency Waiver allows SVLRC to exceed maximum daily vehicle trips during the duration of the Waiver.
- This Emergency Waiver allows operation 24 hours per day, seven days a week for all operation types during the duration of the Waiver.
- On November 7, 2024, the Governor proclaimed a SOE existed in Ventura County for the Mountain Fire as defined in 14 CCR, Section 17210.1(k).
- On January 7, 2025, the Governor proclaimed a SOE existed in Ventura and Los Angeles Counties for the multiple fires, including Palisades and Eaton Fires, and widespread windstorm conditions as defined in 14 CCR, Section 17210.1(k).
- SVLRC holds a valid Solid Waste Facilities Permit (SWFP) identified as SWIS No. 56-AA-0007. All other state minimum standards and permit conditions which are not subject to the Emergency Waiver shall remain in effect.
- The LEA's approval of this Emergency Waiver for unlimited daily and weekly tonnage and vehicle trips, and extended hours of operation, will not pose a threat to public health or the environment.
- SVLRC has identified, and to the extent feasible, will implement diversion programs to maximize diversion of disaster-related waste utilizing onsite C&D and organics recycling facilities.

Pursuant to 14 CCR, Section 17210.2(f), the LEA may modify, cancel, or revoke the use of this Waiver without advanced notice if it is demonstrated that any of the following conditions occur:

- The operator's use of the Emergency Waiver will cause or contribute to a public health hazard or threaten public health and safety or the environment.
- The terms of the Emergency Waiver are not being used expressly for the fire related disaster debris from the Mountain Fire, Palisades Fire, and unnamed fires ignited within the affected region of fires and widespread windstorm conditions.
- The Emergency Waiver is no longer necessary.

- The solid waste facility operator is not utilizing disaster debris diversion programs to the extent feasible.

Within 90 days from the date of issuance of this Emergency Waiver and every 90 days thereafter for the effective period of the Waiver, the SVLRC shall submit a report to the Division in accordance with 14 CCR, Section 17210.5. Reporting Requirements for a Solid Waste Facility Operator.

If you have any questions, please contact Gina Libby at [Gina.Libby@ventura.org](mailto:Gina.Libby@ventura.org) or 805-654-2859.



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