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Local Enforcement Agency Approval – Revised Extension 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 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, and supported by seven Executive Orders, including N-2-25 and N-5-25. The revised request included unlimited daily and weekly tonnage, vehicle trips and hours of operation, and terminates on March 26, 2025.

On March 17, 2025, the Division received a request from WM to revise and extend the Waiver pursuant to 14 CCR, Section 17210.3 with proposed limits on tonnage, vehicles, and hours of operation. The extension request anticipates disaster debris removal will be ongoing for 8-9 months and proposes a termination date of December 31, 2025.

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

- This Emergency Waiver began on November 26, 2024, and is in effect through December 31, 2025.

- This Emergency Waiver allows SVLRC to increase weekly tonnage from 64,750 tons per week to 210,000 tons per week and unlimited daily tonnage. This provides flexibility for daily operations but does not exceed weekly limits during the duration of the Waiver.
- This Emergency Waiver allows SVLRC to increase maximum daily vehicle trips from 1,128 vehicles per day to 3,000 vehicles per day during the duration of the Waiver.
- This Emergency Waiver allows operation from 4:00 am to 12:00 am, seven days a week for all operations during the duration of the Waiver. Disaster debris vehicles that arrive outside this window due to unforeseen circumstances will be accepted to avoid putting the vehicles back on the road. The Division will be notified on the next operating day if landfill operations occur outside the Waiver hours.
- 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 increased 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.

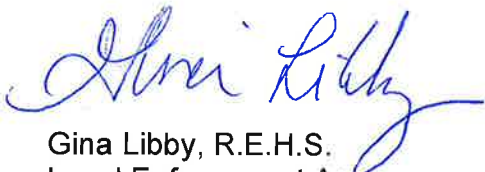
Pursuant to 14 CCR, Section 17210.2(f), the LEA may modify, cancel, or revoke the use of this Waiver without advanced notice if it is demonstrated that any of the following conditions occur:

- 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, Eaton 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 or 805-654-2859.



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