

California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region

November 14, 2014

Mr. Stephen Grealy
City of San Diego
Environmental Services Department
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In reply refer to :
272102:acali

**Subject: Inspection Report for West Miramar Landfill
Order Nos. 87-54 and 93-086**

Mr. Grealy:

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region staff conducted an inspection of the West Miramar Sanitary Landfill (hereinafter the Facility) on October 16, 2014. This letter is intended to provide a summary of staff observations made during the inspection.

Staff Observations:

1. Employees in attendance included Cory Miyabara and Mike Thompson from the City of San Diego, as well as Daron Warkentin from the City of San Diego LEA.
2. Groundwater monitoring wells were found to be in good condition (Figure 1).
3. Drainage channels were observed to be free of debris and ready for the rainy season (Figure 2).
4. The detention basin was free of debris and ready for rainy season (Figure 3).
5. No liner was exposed during the inspection. According to landfill employees, the liner was fully covered 3-4 months ago.

Areas of Concern:

1. The southern drainage channel had straw waddles placed across the entire channel and were held down with sandbags. However, the waddles should instead be staggered at a 45 degree angle to allow for better surface water flow in the channel.
2. A 55-gallon drum was observed near the northwest corner of the Facility.

- 3. Security issues were discussed during the inspection. Specifically, the possibility to enter the Facility on foot, bike paths were observed near the northwest corner of the Facility and a downed fence was observed south of the detention basin (Figure 4).
- 4. At the time of the inspection, plastic bags had accumulated on the fence south of the active cell (Figure 5).

In the subject line of any response, please include reference **272102:acali**. Please contact Mr. Alex Cali at 619-521-3355, or at Alex.Cali@waterboards.ca.gov if you have any questions or comments.

Respectfully,



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- Enclosure: a. Photos
 b. Inspection Report

Tech Staff Info & Use	
Order No.	93-086
Party ID	39645
File No.	06-0314
WDID	9 000000314
Reg. Measure ID	131112
Place ID	272102
Inspection ID	18061260

West Miramar Sanitary Landfill

Pictures taken by Ms. Leah Canada and Mr. Alex Cali on October 16, 2014



Figure 1: Photo of ground water monitoring well (WMMW-12).



Figure 2: Photo of drain near active cell.

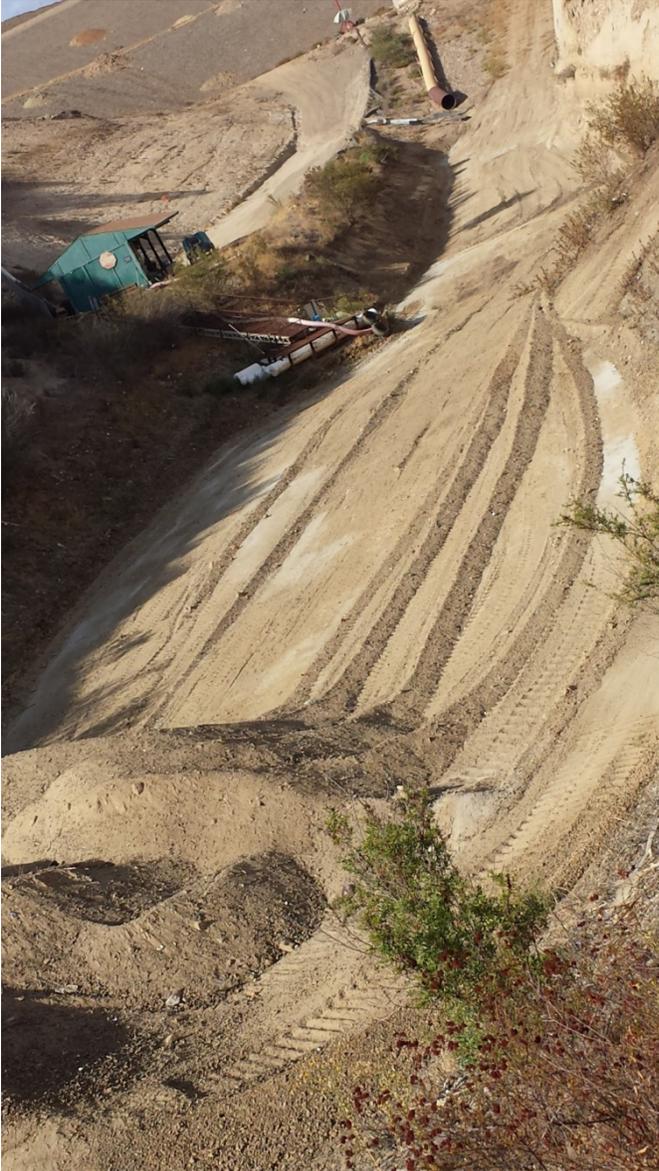


Figure 3: Photo of detention basin.



Figure 4: Photo of downed fence south of detention basin.



Figure 5: Photo of accumulated plastic bags on fence south of the active cell.

Facility Name: West Miramar Sanitary Landfill
Facility Address: 5180 Convoy St., San Diego, CA, 92111
Owner: MCAS Miramar
Operator: City of San Diego
Site Supervisor/Contact: Sylvia Castillo

Inspection Date: 10/16/2014
Inspection Type: Type B
RB Inspector: Alex Cali, Leah Canada
RB Order No.: 93-086

INDICATE (Y /N/ NA)	Description	Comments
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File/ Report Review

Y	Was the most recent groundwater monitoring report reviewed before the inspection?	
N/A	Was the annual Site Certification Report reviewed before the inspection?	
N	Were any violations noted in the most recent reports?	
Y	Have past violations been corrected?	
Precipitation & Drainage Controls		
Y	Is the perimeter drain clear of debris?	
Y	Is the site graded to promote sheet flow / positive drainage?	Approximately 3%
Y	Are all drains clear of debris?	
Y	Is the detention basin less than half full of debris/sediment?	
N	Was ponding observed during the inspection?	
N	Are there signs of erosion, undercutting, rills on cover, benches and/or slopes?	Historic erosion on side slope of detention basin noted, >20 years old.
Cover/Site conditions/Maintenance		
D/I	Type of Cover (daily, intermediate, final)	Tarp, mulch, and dirt
Y	Is the cover intact / are wastes contained?	
Y	At inactive/closed sites, does the cover have vegetation?	
Y	Is the site well kept, the vegetation maintained (mowed, trimmed, etc)?	Non-active portion recently mowed.
N	Is there evidence of rodents (holes in the cover, etc)?	
	If so, are there rodent control measures in place?	
Groundwater Monitoring System		
Y	Does the site have a groundwater monitoring program? Type: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DMP <input type="checkbox"/> EMP <input type="checkbox"/> Corrective Action	
Y	Are the monitoring wells in good condition?	
N	Were any wellheads broken, damaged, or unlocked?	
Y	Does the site have an LCRS System?	
Y	Is the LCRS tank/lines intact?	

Additional Comments, description of violations or areas of concern:

1. At southern drainage channel had straw waddles placed across the entire channel instead of staggered.
2. 55-gallon drum observed near northwest corner of site.
3. Security issues near northwest corner of site as well as near detention basin.
4. Large number of plastic bags accumulated on fence south of the active cell.

The items listed above constitute either a violation of Waste Discharge Requirements, another Order issued by the San Diego Water Board, or areas of concern and potential violations for this Site. Please take steps to correct these violations as soon as possible.

Date:

Signed by Regional Board Inspector:



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Leah Canada

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Date:

Reviewed by Supervisor:



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Attachments:

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