# CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

ORDER NO. R5-2018-0022

WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
FOR
CHEVRON USA, INCORPORATED
MIDWAY SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SITE
CLASS III LANDFILL
POST-CLOSURE MAINTENANCE

#### SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) finds that:

- Chevron USA, Incorporated, a Pennsylvania Corporation (Discharger) owns and manages the Midway Solid Waste Disposal Site (Facility) about one mile west of the unincorporated community of Fellows, in Section 1, T32S, R22E, MDB&M, as shown in Attachment A. The Facility is an industrial solid waste landfill regulated under Water Code section 13000 et seq., and California Code of Regulations, title 27 (Title 27), section 20005 et seq.
- 2. The following attached documents are hereby incorporated as part of this Order:
  - a. Attachment A Site Location Map
  - b. Attachment B Site Plan
  - c. Information Sheet
  - d. Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) No. R5-2018-0022
  - e. Standard Provisions and Reporting Requirements dated December 2015 (SPRRs).
- 3. The Facility is on a 911-acre property (Site) located approximately one-half mile west of Fellows, California. The existing permitted landfill area is approximately 5.1 acres as shown in Attachment B. The Facility is comprised of Assessor's Parcel No. (APN) 095-291-001.
- 4. This Order updates the waste discharge requirements (WDRs) for the Facility's waste management unit (WMU) or landfill, as part of an administrative policy of periodic review, to incorporate revisions to regulations and policies adopted thereunder, for continued post-closure maintenance. The Facility's WDRs were last revised in 2005.
- 5. The Facility's landfill operated between 1972 and 1999, and ceased accepting waste in 1999. Closure construction began in late 2004 and finished in March 2006. The WMU was covered with a four-foot evapotranspirative final cover.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise specified, all sections cited herein be those of Title 27.

- 6. On 19 September 1997, the Central Valley Water Board classified the Facility as a Class III waste disposal site. On 24 June 2005, the Central Valley Water Board adopted Order No. R5-2005-0101, which continued to classify the Facility as a Class III WMU in accordance with section 20004 et seq. This Order continues to classify the Facility as a Class III WMU in accordance with Title 27.
- 7. The Facility's existing landfill consists of one closed, unlined WMU covering approximately 5.1 acres. There is no leachate collection and removal system.
- 8. The Facility is surrounded by a chain-link fence.
- 9. This Order implements the applicable regulations for discharges of solid waste to land through various prohibitions, specifications and provisions, as well as monitoring and reporting requirements. Prohibitions, specifications and provisions are listed in Sections A-G of the WDRs below, as well as in the SPRRs (incorporated herein). Monitoring and reporting requirements are included in MRP No. R5-2018-0022, and in the SPRRs. Generally, requirements are included in the SPRRs when they are based on regulations, or otherwise applicable to all landfills. Any site-specific deviations from the SPRRs are set forth in Sections A-G of the WDRs, which shall supersede any conflicting requirement in the SPRRs.
- 10. Title 27 contains regulatory standards for discharges of solid waste promulgated by the State Water Board and the California Department of Resources Recovery and Recycling (CalRecycle). In certain instances, this Order cites CalRecycle regulatory sections. Section 20012 allows the Central Valley Water Board to cite CalRecycle regulations from Title 27 where necessary to protect water quality provided it does not duplicate or conflict with actions taken by the Local Enforcement Agency in charge of implementing CalRecycle's regulations.

#### WASTE CLASSIFICATION AND UNIT CLASSIFICATION

11. The Discharger previously discharged industrial solid wastes (ISW), which are defined in Title 27 section 20164. ISW are classified as "nonhazardous solid wastes" or "inert wastes" using the criteria set forth in Title 27 for a Class III landfill. No municipal solid waste, or putrescible waste of any kind, has been discharged at the Facility.

#### SITE DESCRIPTION

- 12. The Facility is located west of Fellows in San Luis Obispo County. The entire Site is owned by the Chevron USA, Inc. Attachment B shows the Site's current boundaries and 5.1-acre disposal footprint.
- 13. The Facility is in a dissected upland region west of the Taft Hydrologic Area of the San Joaquin Valley. Ground surface elevations range between 1,522 feet above mean sea level (at the southern boundary) and 1,507 feet above mean sea level (at the northeastern boundary). The ground surface slopes approximately 150 feet per mile toward the northeast.
- 14. The Facility is located on continental deposits of the Tulare Formation. Underlying soils are Kettleman Series soils consisting of interbedded sands, silts and clays.

- 15. Land within 1,000 feet of the facility is used for marginal rangeland.
- 16. There are no municipal, domestic, industrial, or agricultural groundwater supply wells within one mile of the site. No surface springs or other sources of groundwater supply have been observed.
- 17. The measured hydraulic conductivity of the native soils underlying the WMU ranges between  $1.5 \times 10^{-3}$  and  $4.4 \times 10^{-5}$  centimeter per second (cm/sec) for interbedded sands; and between  $6.1 \times 10^{-6}$  and  $3.7 \times 10^{-6}$  cm/sec for silts and clays.
- 18. The closest Holocene fault is the San Andreas Fault located approximately 15 miles to the west of the Facility. Recorded magnitudes of seismic events along this fault range between 4.0 and 8.25 on the Richter scale. The estimated peak horizontal acceleration for the site is 0.24g.
- 19. The Facility receives an average of 5.4 inches of precipitation per year as measured at the Taft Station. The mean pan evaporation is 94.96 inches per year as measured at the KTKR radio station in Taft.
- 20. The 100-year, 24-hour precipitation event is estimated to be 2.59 inches, based on Department of Water Resources' *Flood Emergency Response Information Exchange (FERIX) Precipitation at Buttonwillow FS*, January 2018.
- 21. The Facility is not within a 100-year flood plain based on the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Digital Q3 flood data.

#### SURFACE AND GROUND WATER CONDITIONS

- 22. The Facility is situated within the Tulare Lake Basin (Basin). The Central Valley Water Board's *Water Quality Control Plan for the Tulare Lake Basin, Second Edition, revised July 2016* (Basin Plan) designates beneficial uses, establishes water quality objectives, and contains implementation plans and policies for all waters within the Basin.
- 23. Surface drainage is toward the Buena Vista Creek in the Raft Hydrologic Area (557.20) of the Basin. Surface waters in the Taft Hydrologic Area are designated as Valley Floor Water in the Basin Plan.
- 24. Per the Basin Plan, designated beneficial uses of Valley Floor Waters are agricultural supply, industrial service and process supply, water contact and non-contact water recreation, warm fresh water habitat, preservation of rare, threatened and endangered species, and groundwater recharge.
- 25. The first encountered subsurface fluid consists of oil and tar encountered at about 295 feet below ground surface (bgs). Borehole data indicates that there is no groundwater present beneath the site within the upper 1,000 feet of sediments.
- 26. Samples from oil wells located within 1.25 miles of the Facility indicate that underlying groundwater contains total dissolved solids (TDS) ranging between 3,588 and 8,836 milligrams per liter (mg/L), as well as traces of petroleum hydrocarbons.

27. Per the Basin Plan, designated beneficial uses of groundwater are domestic and municipal water supply, and industrial service supply.

#### **GROUNDWATER AND UNSATURATED ZONE MONITORING**

- 28. Hydrological investigations have revealed that the first-encountered subsurface fluid beneath the Site consists exclusively of petroleum hydrocarbons, and no groundwater is present within the upper 1,000 feet of sediments beneath the Site. (See Finding No. 25.) In other words, there are no groundwater aquifers underlying the Site. Further, it is not reasonably foreseeable that any fluids, including leachate and landfill gas, would migrate from Facility WMUs to any aquifer or surface water body in the Basin.
- 29. Although Title 27, section 20380 et seq. requires a groundwater detection-monitoring program (DMP) for each WMU, implementation of such a program is technically infeasible and unnecessary in view of the demonstrated absence of groundwater underlying the Site. (See State Water Board, Policy for Regulation of Discharges of Municipal Solid Waste, Resolution No. 93-62; 40 C.F.R. § 258.50.) Accordingly, a DMP will not be required.

#### LANDFILL CLOSURE

- 30. Title 27, section 21090 provides the minimum prescriptive final cover components for landfills consisting of, in ascending order, the following layers:
  - a. Two-foot soil foundation layer.
  - b. One-foot soil low flow-hydraulic conductivity layer, less than 1x10<sup>-6</sup> cm/sec or equal to the hydraulic conductivity of any bottom liner system.
  - c. Geomembrane layer (this layer is required for composite-lined landfills for equivalency to bottom liner).
  - d. One-foot soil erosion resistant/vegetative layer.
- 31. Title 27 allows engineered alternative final covers provided the alternative design will provide a correspondingly low flow-through rate throughout the post-closure maintenance period.
- 32. The Discharger submitted a design plan for the closure of the landfill in a Final Closure Plan dated August 2003. The Final Closure and Post-Closure Maintenance Plans were deemed adequate in a letter from the Central Valley Water Board staff dated 26 September 2004. The plan proposed the construction of an engineered alternative in lieu of the prescriptive cover design specified in section 21090(a). The engineered alternative is a monofill evapotranspirative design consisting of a four-foot thick vegetated soil layer.
- 33. The Discharger adequately demonstrated that construction of a Title 27 prescriptive standard cover was unreasonably and unnecessarily burdensome when compared to the proposed engineered alternative. There is no clay source on-site or nearby, and the cost of importing clay from off-site or mixing on-site soils with bentonite would cost substantially more than the alternative design. As described in Finding 34, the Discharger further demonstrated that the proposed engineered alternative was consistent with the performance

goals of the prescriptive standard, and afforded equivalent protection against water quality impairment through a test period of at least five years during which the performance of the final cover was monitored.

- 34. An engineered alternative final cover system for the WMU was completed in 2006 and consists of a four-foot thick evapotranspirative vegetative layer. A pan lysimeter was installed on the top deck of the landfill at the base of the four-foot cover to monitor potential percolation through the evapotranspirative cover. The pan lysimeter consists of a 5-foot square painted steel pan with a bottom sloping towards an outlet drain in the northeast corner of the pan. The outlet pipe consists of 2-inch diameter polyvinyl chloride (PVC) pipe connected to a 4-inch diameter PVC observation well. The observation well has a sump approximately 6 inches deeper than the pan lysimeter to collect water that has infiltrated to the pan.
- 35. Side slopes for the closed landfill are sloped at 3H:1V. The Discharger performed a slope stability analysis for the proposed final cover. The Discharger's static and dynamic stability analysis demonstrates that the side slopes of the final cover will be stable in accordance with the requirements of Title 27.
- 36. A survey of the final cover was conducted for later comparison with iso-settlement surveys and required to be conducted every five years. (Title 27, § 21090, subd. (e)(1).)

#### LANDFILL POST-CLOSURE MAINTENANCE

- 37. The Discharger submitted the *Final Closure and Postclosure Maintenance Plan*, dated 19 August 2003 for closure and post-closure maintenance of the Facility. The plan includes inspection, maintenance, and monitoring of the landfill during the post-closure maintenance period, and includes a post-closure maintenance cost estimate for the entire Facility. Inspection and maintenance will include the condition of the final cover, landfill settlement, vegetative cover, access road, pan lysimeter monitoring, and site security. The plan will be implemented for a minimum period of 30 years or until the waste no longer poses a threat to water quality, whichever is greater.
- 38. Once every five years during the post-closure maintenance period, iso-settlement maps will be prepared to determine the amount of differential settlement occurring over the previous five years. This Order requires iso-settlement maps to be prepared and submitted every five years. (Title 27, § 21090, subd. (e)(2).)
- 39. The final cover will be monitoring for performance and for damage or defects by visual inspection and monitoring of the pan lysimeter installed beneath the final cover. (Title 27, § 21090, subd. (a)(4)(A).) Defects will be repaired and tested for adequacy based on the closure Construction Quality Assurance Plan.
- 40. Monitoring of the final cover will include inspecting and recording the volume of moisture collected by the pan lysimeter. In the event pan lysimeter detects significant moisture infiltration, then, within 120 days, the Discharger will submit a plan and time schedule, for Executive Officer review and approval, to evaluate the problem, and recommend and implement corrective measures.

#### FINANCIAL ASSURANCES

- 41. Title 27, sections 21840 and 22211 require a cost estimate for landfill post-closure maintenance. The amount of the cost estimate for post-closure maintenance in November 2003 dollars was \$123,173. This Order requires that the Discharger maintain financial assurance with CalRecycle in at least the amount of the post-closure maintenance cost estimate adjusted annually for inflation. Documents provided by the Discharger indicate that the mechanism utilized for the assurance liability funds are an irrevocable letter of credit. As of 2016, the balance of the post-closure maintenance and corrective action fund was \$1,120,886.
- 42. Title 27, section 22100, subdivision (b) requires owners and operators of disposal facilities that are required to be permitted as solid waste landfills to provide cost estimates for initiating and completing corrective action for known or reasonably foreseeable releases of waste. Title 27, section 22101 requires submittal of a *Water Release Corrective Action Estimate* and a *Non-Water Release Corrective Action Cost Estimate*. The *Water Release Corrective Action Estimate* is for scenarios where there is statistically significant evidence of a release of waste to ground or surface water when comparing point-of-compliance analytes concentrations to background concentrations. The *Non-Water Release Corrective Action Cost Estimate* is for complete replacement of the landfill final cover system, however a site-specific corrective action plan pursuant to Title 27 section 22101(b)(2) may be provided in lieu of the final cover replacement cost estimate. Title 27 section 22221 requires establishment of financial assurances in the amount of an approved *Water Release Corrective Action Estimate* or an approved *Non-Water Release Corrective Action Cost Estimate*, whichever is greater.

#### **CEQA AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

- 43. The revision of WDRs for this existing Facility is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resource Code section 21000 et seq., pursuant to section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, 15000 et seq.).
- 44. This Order implements:
  - a. The applicable Basin Plan (see Finding No. 22); and
  - b. Title 27 prescriptive standards and performance goals, except as otherwise modified herein based on site-specific considerations (see Finding No. 29).
- 45. Based on the threat and complexity of the discharge, the Facility is determined to be classified 3-C as defined below:
  - a. Category 3 threat to water quality, defined as, "Those discharges of waste that could degrade water quality without violating water quality objectives, or could cause a minor impairment of designated beneficial uses as compared with Category 1 and Category 2."
  - b. Category C complexity, defined as, "Any discharger for which waste discharge requirements have been prescribed pursuant to Section 13263 or the Water Code not

included in Category A or Category B as described above. Included are dischargers having no waste treatment systems or that must comply with best management practices, dischargers having passive treatment and disposal systems, or dischargers having waste storage systems with land disposal."

- 46. Pursuant to Water Code section 13263, this Order implements the Central Valley Water Board's Basin Plan, which in turn incorporates the State Water Board's Statement of Policy with Respect to Maintaining High Quality of Waters in California, Resolution No. 68-16 (Antidegradation Policy). Where applicable, the Antidegradation Policy effectively constrains the Central Valley Water Board's discretion to authorize degradation of "high quality waters" in two ways. First, WDRs must maintain the existing water quality of "high quality waters" unless is demonstrated that any degradation: (1) will be consistent with maximum benefit to the people of the State; (2) will not unreasonably affect present and anticipated beneficial uses of water; and (3) will not result in water quality below objectives specified in the Basin Plan. Second, WDRs must prescribe best practicable treatment and control (BPTC) of discharges necessary to avoid a pollution or nuisance, and maintain the highest water quality consistent with the maximum benefit to the people of the State.
- 47. As a threshold matter, the Anti-Degradation Policy only applies when an activity will result in a discharge to "high quality waters," which are defined as waters sufficient in quality to support the beneficial uses of water designated in the Basin Plan. Because determinations are made on a constituent-by-constituent basis, a groundwater aquifer may be "high-quality" as to some constituents but not others. (See State Water Board, Resolution No. 91-10.)
- 48. This Order prescribes WDRs that ensure waste will not be discharged to the waters of the State, and that no degradation will occur. Accordingly, this Order complies with the Antidegradation Policy.
- 49. Water Code section 13267, subdivision (b) provides that: "[i]n conducting an investigation..., the Regional Board may require that any person who has discharged, discharges, or is suspected of having discharge or discharging, or who proposed to discharge ... shall furnish, under penalty of perjury, technical or monitoring program reports...," provided that "[t]he burden, including costs of these reports, shall bear a reasonable relationship to the need for the reports and the benefits to be obtained from the reports."
- 50. The technical and monitoring reports required pursuant to this Order, including those specified in MRP No. R5-2018-0022, are necessary to assure compliance with these WDRs.

#### PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS

- 51. All local agencies with jurisdiction to regulate land use, solid waste disposal, air pollution, and to protect public health have approved the use of this site for the discharges of waste to land stated herein.
- 52. The Central Valley Water Board notified the Discharger and interested agencies and persons of its intent to prescribe waste discharge requirements for this discharge, and has provided them with an opportunity for a public hearing and an opportunity to submit their written views and recommendations.

- 53. The Central Valley Water Board, in a public meeting, heard and considered all comments pertaining to the discharge.
- 54. Any person aggrieved by this action of the Central Valley Water Board may petition the State Water Board for review in accordance with Water Code section 13320, and California Code of Regulations, title 23 (Title 23), section 2050 et seq. The State Water Board must receive the petition by 5:00 p.m. on the date 30 days after the date that this Order becomes final. If the 30th day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or state holiday, the petition must be received by the State Water Board by 5:00 p.m. on the next business day. Copies of the law and regulations applicable to filing petitions are available on request, and may also be found on the State Water Board's website at the link provided below.

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public\_notices/petitions/water\_quality

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that, pursuant to Water Code sections 13263 and 13267, that Order No. R5-2005-0101 is rescinded except for purposes of enforcement of violations occurring prior to the effective date of this Order, and Chevron USA, Inc. (Discharger), its agents, successors, and assigns, in order to meet the provisions of Division 7 of the Water Code, and all regulations promulgated thereunder, shall comply with the following:

#### A. PROHIBITIONS

- 1. The discharge of any additional waste at this Facility is prohibited.
- 2. The discharge of solid or liquid waste or leachate to surface waters, surface water drainage courses, or groundwater is prohibited.
- 3. The waste shall not cause pollution or a nuisance, as the terms are defined by Water Code section 13050.
- The Discharger shall comply with all applicable "Standard Prohibitions" set forth in Section C of the Standard Provisions and Reporting Requirements dated December 2015 (SPRRs).

#### **B. DISCHARGE SPECIFICATIONS**

- 1. The Discharger shall, in a timely manner, remove and relocate any waste discharged at this Facility in violation of this Order. If the Discharger is unable to remove and relocate the waste, the Discharger shall submit a report to the Central Valley Water Board explaining how the discharge occurred, why the waste cannot be removed, and any updates to the waste acceptance program necessary to prevent re-occurrence. If the waste is a hazardous waste, the Discharger shall immediately notify the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC).
- 2. Water used for maintenance shall be limited to the minimum amount for dust control, construction, or proper compaction of the cover during any necessary repairs.
- 3. The Discharger shall comply with all applicable Standard Prohibitions listed in Section D of the SPRRs.

#### C. FACILITY SPECIFICATIONS

- Annually, prior to the anticipated rainy season but no later than 31 October, the
  Discharger shall implement any necessary erosion control measures and any necessary
  construction, maintenance, or repairs of precipitation and drainage control facilities to
  prevent erosion or flooding of the Facility and to prevent surface drainage from
  contacting or percolating through wastes.
- 2. Surface drainage and subsurface drainage from tributary areas and internal site drainage from surface or subsurface soils shall not contact or percolate through wastes.
- 3. Cover materials shall be graded to divert precipitation from the waste management unit, to prevent ponding of surface water over wastes, and to resist erosion as a result of precipitation.
- 4. Precipitation and drainage control systems for the final cover system shall be maintained to accommodate the anticipated volume of precipitation and peak flows from surface runoff under 100-year, 24-hour precipitation event condition as described in Finding No. 20.
- 5. The closed landfill shall be maintained to prevent inundation or washout due to floods with a 100-year return period, and to prevent, to the greatest extent possible, ponding, infiltration, inundation, erosion, slope failure, and washout under the 100-year wet season, as described in Finding No. 20.
- 6. The Standard Facility Specification Nos. 6-10 and 16, set forth in Section E of the SPRRs shall apply.

#### D. POST-CLOSURE MAINTENANCE SPECIFICATIONS

- 1. The Discharger shall maintain the structural integrity and effectiveness of all containment structures, maintain the cover as necessary to correct the effects of settlement and other adverse factors and prevent erosion and related damage to the cover due to drainage.
- The Discharger shall maintain in good working order any Facility, control system, or monitoring device installed to achieve compliance with the waste discharge requirements.
- 3. The Discharger shall comply with all applicable Standard Closure and Post-Closure Specifications listed in Section G of the SPRRs.
- 4. The Discharger shall monitor and implement the approved Post-Closure Maintenance Plan, dated March 2004, and any approved revisions thereto.

#### E. FINANCIAL ASSURANCE SPECIFICATIONS

 The Discharger shall obtain and maintain assurances of financial responsibility with CalRecycle for post-closure maintenance for the landfill in at least the amounts described in Finding No. 41, adjusted for inflation annually. A report regarding financial assurances for post-closure maintenance shall be submitted to the Central Valley Water Board by **1 June of each year**. This may be the same report that is submitted to CalRecycle for this purpose. If CalRecycle determines that either the amount of coverage or the mechanism is inadequate, then within 90 days of notification, the Discharger shall submit an acceptable mechanism to CalRecycle and the Central Valley Water Board for at least the amount of the approved cost estimate.

- 2. The Discharger shall update the post-closure maintenance plan (PCMP) any time there is a change that will increase the amount of the post-closure maintenance cost estimate. The updated PCMP shall be submitted to the Central Valley Water Board, the Local Enforcement Agency, and CalRecycle. The PCMP shall comply with Title 27, section 21769, subdivision (b), and include a lump sum estimate of the cost of carrying out all actions necessary to close each WMU, to prepare detailed design specifications, to develop the final closure and post-closure maintenance plan, and to carry out the first thirty years of post-closure maintenance. Reports regarding financial assurance required in the above Section E.1 shall reflect the updated cost estimate.
- 3. The Discharger shall obtain and maintain assurances of financial responsibility with CalRecycle for initiating and completing corrective action for all known or reasonably foreseeable releases in at least the amount of the annual inflation-adjusted cost estimate described in Finding No. 42. A report regarding such financial assurances shall be submitted to the Central Valley Water Board by 1 June of each year. This may be the same report that is submitted to CalRecycle for this purpose. If CalRecycle determines that either the amount of coverage or the mechanism is inadequate, then within 90 days of notification, the Discharger shall submit an acceptable mechanism to CalRecycle and the Central Valley Water Board for at least the amount of the approved cost estimate.
- 4. The Discharger shall comply with all Standard Financial Assurance Specifications set forth in Section H of the SPRRs.

#### F. MONITORING SPECIFICATIONS

- 1. The Discharger shall comply with the attached Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) No. R5-2018-0022 (incorporated herein).
- 2. The Discharger shall monitor the final cover, in accordance with the Post-Closure Maintenance Plan and the attached MRP No. R5-2018-0022.
- 3. Monitoring of the final cover shall include inspecting and recording the volume of moisture collected by the pan lysimeter. The volume of water collected in the lysimeter shall be used to calculate an infiltration rate to determine the effectiveness of the final cover in minimizing moisture that contacts the waste. In the event the pan lysimeter detects significant moisture infiltration, the Discharger shall notify the Central Valley Water Board staff and, within 120 days of making such determination, shall submit to the Central Valley Water Board a plan and time schedule to evaluate the problem and recommend and implement corrective action measures.
- 4. The pan lysimeter shall be monitored quarterly for the presence of free liquid as required in the MRP. Monitoring will consist of measuring the volume of freestanding water in the

observation well. The results of the quarterly monitoring shall be reported in the annual monitoring report due 1 February following each monitoring year.

- 5. As specified in MRP No. R5-2018-0022, the Discharger shall enter all monitoring data and monitoring reports into the online Geotracker database as required by Division 3 of Title 27, and Chapter 30, Division 3 of Title 23.
- For each monitoring event, the Discharger shall determine whether the landfill is in compliance with these WDRs, MRP No. R5-2018-0022, and the Standard Monitoring Specifications in Section I of the SPRRs.
- 7. The Discharger shall comply with all applicable Standard Monitoring Specifications and Response to a Release specifications listed in Sections I and J of the SPRRs.

#### **G. PROVISIONS**

- The Discharger shall maintain at its office a copy of this Order (including the attached MRP No. R5-2018-0022 and the SPRRs), making it available at all times to Facility operating personnel (who shall be familiar with its contents), and to all regulatory agency personnel.
- 2. The Discharger shall comply with any other applicable provisions of Title 27 not specifically referenced in this Order.
- 3. The Discharger shall comply with MRP No. R5-2018-0022 (incorporated herein).
- 4. If there is any conflicting or contradictory language between the WDRs, the MRP, or the SPRRs, then language in the WDRs shall supersede either the MRP or the SPRRs, and language in the MRP shall supersede the SPRRs.
- 5. All reports required by this Order shall be submitted pursuant to Water Code section 13267.
- 6. The Discharger shall comply with all applicable General Provisions listed in Section K of the SPRRs.
- I, PAMELA C. CREEDON, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, on 6 April 2018.

Original signed by:
PAMELA C. CREEDON, Executive Officer

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This Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) is issued pursuant to Water Code section 13267, and incorporated as part of Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order No. R5-2018-0022. This MRP requires (a) groundwater, surface water, and unsaturated zone monitoring and reporting; (b) facility monitoring, maintenance, and reporting; and (c) financial assurances reporting pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 27 (Title 27), section 20005 et seq., as well as WDRs Order No. R5-2018-0022 and the Standard Provisions and Reporting Requirements dated December 2015 (SPRRs) attached thereto.

Pursuant to WDRs Order No. R5-2018-0022, the Discharger is ordered to comply with this MRP. The Discharger shall not implement any changes to this MRP unless a revised version is issued by the Central Valley Water Board or the Executive Officer.

#### A. MONITORING

The monitoring program of this MRP includes:

<u>Section</u>	Monitoring Program
A.1	Leachate Seep Monitoring
A.2	Final Cover Monitoring
A.3	Facility Monitoring

# 1. Leachate Seep Monitoring

**Seep Monitoring:** Leachate that seeps to the surface from a landfill unit shall be sampled and analyzed for the Field and Monitoring Parameters listed in Table I upon detection. The quantity of leachate shall be estimated and reported as Leachate Flow Rate (in gallons/day). Reporting for leachate seeps shall be conducted as required in **MRP section B.2**.

#### 2. Final Cover Monitoring

The Discharger shall monitor the final cover in accordance with the provisions in the Post-Closure Maintenance Plan. The pan lysimeter(s) shall be checked for the presence of water on a quarterly basis. The volume of water discovered in the pan lysimeter(s) shall be reported in the Annual Monitoring Report.

Discharger shall determine if significant moisture infiltration has occurred, per Monitoring Specification F. 3. of WDRs Order No. R5-2018-0022. The results shall be reported in the in the annual monitoring report due 1 February following each monitoring year.

# 3. Facility Monitoring

# a. **Annual Facility Inspection**

Annually, prior to the anticipated rainy season, but no later than **30 September**, the Discharger shall conduct an inspection of the facility. The inspection shall assess repair and maintenance needed for drainage control systems, cover systems, and groundwater monitoring wells; and shall assess preparedness for winter conditions (including but not limited to erosion and sedimentation control). The Discharger shall take photos of any problems areas before and after repairs. Any necessary construction, maintenance, or repairs shall be completed by **31 October**. Annual facility inspection reporting shall be submitted as required in **MRP section B.3**.

# b. **Major Storm Events**

The Discharger shall inspect all precipitation, diversion, and drainage facilities and all landfill side slopes for damage **within 7 days** following major storm events capable of causing damage or significant erosion. The Discharger shall take photos of any problems areas before and after repairs. Necessary repairs shall be completed **within 30 days** of the inspection. Notification and reporting requirements for major storm events shall be conducted as required in **MRP section B.4**.

#### c. Five-Year Iso-Settlement Survey for Closed Units

For closed landfill units, the Discharger shall conduct a five-year iso-settlement survey and produce an iso-settlement map accurately depicting the estimated total change in elevation of each portion of the final cover's low-hydraulic-conductivity layer. For each portion of the landfill, this map shall show the total lowering of the surface elevation of the final cover, relative to the baseline topographic map. (See Title 27, § 21090, subd. (e)(1), (2).) Reporting shall be in accordance with **MRP section B.5**. The next iso-settlement survey shall be conducted in **2018** and shall be submitted on **1 February 2019**.

# d. Standard Observations

The Discharger shall conduct Standard Observations at the landfill in accordance with this section. Standard observations shall be conducted in accordance with the following schedule:

Frequency Season

Monthly Wet: 1 October to 30 April
Quarterly Dry: 1 May to 30 September

The Standard Observations shall include:

- 1) For the landfill units:
  - a) Evidence of ponded water at any point on the landfill cover;
  - b) Evidence of erosion and/or of day-lighted refuse; and
  - c) Evidence of leachate seeps.
- 2) Along the perimeter of the landfill units:
  - a) Evidence of leachate seeps, estimated size of affected area, and flow rate (show affected area on map);
  - b) Evidence of erosion and/or of day-lighted refuse; and
  - c) Evidence of leachate seeps.

Results of Standard Observations shall be submitted in the annual monitoring reports required in **MRP section B.1**.

#### B. REPORTING

The Discharger shall submit the following reports in accordance with the required schedule: **Reporting Schedule** 

<u>Section</u>	Report	End of Reporting Period	<u>Due Date</u>
B.1	Annual Monitoring Report	31 December	1 February
B.2	Leachate Seep Reporting	Continuous	24 hours from discovery & 7 Days
B.3	Annual Facility Inspection Report	31 October	15 November
B.4	Major Storm Event Reporting	Continuous	7 days from damage discovery & 45 days from repairs being completed
B.5	Survey and Iso- Settlement Map for Closed Landfills	Every Five Years	1 February 2019 & Every Five Years Thereafter
B.6	Pan Lysimeter	31 March 30 June 30 September 31 December	1 February
B.7	Financial Assurances Report	31 December	1 June

#### REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The Discharger shall submit monitoring reports **annually** with the data and information as required herein, and as required per WDRs Order No. R5-2018-0022 and the SPRRs attached thereto (particularly, § I [Standard Monitoring Specifications] and § J [Response to a Release]). The Discharger shall arrange its reported monitoring data in tabular form so that the date, the constituents, the concentrations, and the units are readily discernible. The data shall be summarized in such a manner so as to illustrate clearly the compliance with WDRs or the lack thereof.

The Dischargers shall submit all reports required under the MRP, including discharge location data, and pdf monitoring reports to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) GeoTracker database.

Field and laboratory tests shall be reported in each monitoring report. Annual Monitoring reports shall be submitted to the Central Valley Water Board in accordance with the above schedule for the calendar period in which samples were taken or observations made. In addition, the Discharger shall enter all monitoring data and monitoring reports into the online Geotracker database as required by Division 3 of Title 27 and Chapter 30, Division 3 of Title 23.

The results of **all monitoring** conducted at the site shall be reported to the Central Valley Water Board in accordance with the reporting schedule above for the calendar period in which samples were taken or observations made.

The Discharger shall retain records of all monitoring information, including all calibration and maintenance records, all original strip chart recordings of continuous monitoring instrumentation, copies of all reports required by this Order, and records of all data used to complete the application for this Order. Records shall be maintained throughout the life of the facility including the post-closure period. Such records shall be legible and shall show the following for each sample:

- a) Sample identification and the monitoring point or background monitoring point from which it was taken, along with the identity of the individual who obtained the sample;
- b) Date, time, and manner of sampling;
- Date and time that analyses were started and completed, and the name of the personnel and laboratory performing each analysis;
- d) Complete procedure used, including method of preserving the sample, and the identity and volumes of reagents used;
- e) Calculation of results; and
- f) Results of analyses, and the MDL and PQL for each analysis. All peaks shall be reported.

#### **REQUIRED REPORTS**

- Annual Monitoring Report: The Discharger shall submit an Annual Monitoring Report to the Central Valley Water Board by 1 February covering the reporting period of the previous monitoring year. Each Annual Monitoring Report shall contain the following information:
  - a) All historical pan lysimeter monitoring data for which there are detectable results, including data for the previous year, shall be submitted in tabular form in a digital file format such as a computer disk. The Central Valley Water Board regards the submittal of data in hard copy and in digital format as "...the form necessary for..." statistical analysis that facilitates periodic review by the Central Valley Water Board. (See Title 27, § 20420, subd. (h).)
  - b) A comprehensive discussion of the compliance record, and the result of any corrective actions taken or planned which may be needed to bring the Discharger into full compliance with the waste discharge requirements.
  - A written summary of the monitoring results, indicating any changes made or observed since the previous Annual Monitoring Report.
- Leachate Seep Reporting: The Discharger shall report by telephone any seepage from the disposal area within 24 hours after it is discovered. A written report shall be filed with the Central Valley Water Board within seven days, containing at least the following information:
  - a) A map showing the location(s) of seepage;
  - b) An estimate of the flow rate:
  - c) A description of the nature of the discharge (e.g., all pertinent observations and analyses);
  - d) Verification that samples have been submitted for analyses of the Field Parameters and Monitoring Parameters listed in Table I (see below), and an estimated date that the results will be submitted to the Central Valley Water Board; and
  - e) Corrective measures underway or proposed, and corresponding time schedule.
- 3. **Annual Facility Inspection Reporting:** By **15 November** of each year, the Discharger shall submit a report describing the results of the inspection and the repair measures implemented, preparations for winter, and include photographs of any problem areas and the repairs. (See MRP § A.3.a.)
- 4. **Major Storm Event Reporting:** Following major storm events capable of causing damage or significant erosion, the Discharger shall notify Central Valley Water Board staff of any damage or significant erosion **within seven days** of discovery and report subsequent repairs within **45 days** of completion of the repairs, including photographs of the problem and the repairs. (See MRP § A.3.b.)

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- 5. Survey and Iso-Settlement Map for Closed Landfills: The Discharger shall conduct a survey and submit an iso-settlement map for each closed area of the landfill every five years pursuant to Title 27, section 21090, subdivision (e). (See MRP § A.3.c.) The next report is due by 1 February 2019.
- 6. **Pan Lysimeter:** The Discharger shall inspect and record the volume of moisture collected by the pan lysimeter quarterly. The results shall be included in the Annual Monitoring Report and a discussion of the performance of the evapo-transpirative (ET) cover relative to the moisture limits established in the Final Closure and Post-Closure Maintenance Plan. (See MRP § A.2.)
- 7. **Financial Assurances Report:** By **1 June** of each year, the Discharger shall submit a copy of the annual financial assurances report due to CalRecycle that updates the financial assurances for closure, post-closure maintenance, and corrective action. (See WDRs Order No. R5-2018-0022, Financial Assurances Specifications E.1–E.3.)

# C. COMPLIANCE PERIOD

The compliance period for each waste management unit shall be the number of years equal to the active life of the unit plus the closure period. The compliance period is the minimum period during which the Discharger shall conduct a water quality monitoring program subsequent to a release from the waste management unit. The compliance period shall begin anew each time the Discharger initiates an evaluation monitoring program. (See Title 27, § 20410.)

# D. TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR ALL REPORTS

A transmittal letter explaining the essential points shall accompany each report. At a minimum, the transmittal letter shall identify any violations found since the last report was submitted, and if the violations were corrected. If no violations have occurred since the last submittal, this shall be stated in the transmittal letter. The transmittal letter shall also state that a discussion of any violations found since the last report was submitted, and a description of the actions taken or planned for correcting those violations, including any references to previously submitted time schedules, is contained in the accompanying report. The transmittal letter shall contain a statement by the discharger, or the discharger's authorized agent, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of the signer's knowledge the report is true, accurate, and complete.

The Discharger shall implement the above monitoring program on the effective date of this Program.

Ordered by:	Original signed by:
	PAMELA C. CREEDON, Executive Officer
	6 April 2018
	(Date)

# **TABLE I LEACHATE SEEP MONITORING**

Parameter Field Parameters	<u>Units</u>	Sampling/Reporting <u>Frequency</u>
Total Flow Flow Rate Electrical Conductivity pH  Monitoring Parameters	Gallons Gallons/Day µmhos/cm pH units	Upon Occurrence " " "
Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) Chloride Carbonate Bicarbonate Nitrate-Nitrogen Sulfate Calcium² Magnesium² Potassium² Sodium² Volatile Organic Compounds (USEPA Method 8260B, short list	mg/L <sup>1</sup> mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L	Upon Occurrence  " " " " " " " " " " " " "

<sup>1</sup> milligrams per liter
2 Dissolved concentration
3 micrograms per liter

#### **TABLE II**

#### MONITORING PARAMETERS FOR DETECTION MONITORING

# **Volatile Organic Compounds, short list:**

# **USEPA Method 8260B**

Acetone

Acetonitrile (Methyl cyanide)

Acrolein

Acrylonitrile

Allyl chloride (3-Chloropopene)

Benzene

Bromochloromethane

Bromodichloromethane

Bromoform (Tribromomethane)

Carbon disulfide

Carbon tetrachloride

Chlorobenzene

Chloroethane (Ethyl chloride)

Chloroform (Trichloromethane)

Chloroprene

Dibromochloromethane (Chlorodibromomethane)

1,2-Dibromo-3-chloropropane (DBCP)

1,2-Dibromoethane (Ethylene dibromide; EDB)

o-Dichlorobenzene (1,2-Dichlorobenzene)

m-Dichlorobenzene (1,3-Dichlorobenzene)

p-Dichlorobenzene (1,4-Dichlorobenzene)

trans-1,4-Dichloro-2-butene

Dichlorodifluoromethane (CFC-12)

1,1-Dichloroethane (Ethylidene chloride)

1,2-Dichloroethane (Ethylene dichloride)

1,1-Dichloroethylene (1,1 -Dichloroethene; Vinylidene chloride)

cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene (cis- 1,2-Dichloroethene)

trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene (trans-1,2-Dichloroethene)

1,2-Dichloropropane (Propylene dichloride)

cis-1,3-Dichloropropene

trans-1,3-Dichloropropene Di-isopropylether (DIPE)

Ethanol

Ethyltertiary butyl ether

Ethylbenzene

2-Hexanone (Methyl butyl ketone)

Hexachlorobutadiene

Isobutyl alcohol

Methacrylonitrile

Methyl bromide (Bromomethene)

Methyl chloride (Chloromethane)

#### **TABLE II**

# MONITORING PARAMETERS FOR DETECTION MONITORING

# (Continued)

Methylene bromide (Dibromomethane)

Methylene chloride (Dichloromethane)

Methyl ethyl ketone (MEK: 2-Butanone)

Methyl iodide (Iodomethane)

Methyl t-butyl ether

4-Methyl-2-pentanone (Methyl isobutylketone)

Naphthalene

Styrene

Tertiary amyl methyl ether

Tertiary butyl alcohol

1,1,1,2-Tetrachloroethane

1,1.2,2-Tetrachloroethane

Tetrachloroethylene (Tetrachloroethene; Perchloroethylene)

Toluene

1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene

1,1,1-Trichloroethane (Methylchloroform)

1,1,2-Trichloroethane

Trichloroethylene (Trichloroethene)

Trichlorofluoromethane (CFC- 11)

1,2,3-Trichloropropane

Vinyl acetate

Vinyl chloride

Xylene (total)

# CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

# STANDARD PROVISIONS AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR

NONHAZARDOUS SOLID WASTE DISCHARGES REGULATED BY SUBTITLE D AND/OR TITLE 27 (40 C.F.R. section 258 and Title 27, § 20005 et seq.)

# December 2015

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# A. APPLICABILITY

- 1. These Standard Provisions and Reporting Requirements (SPRRs) are applicable to nonhazardous solid waste disposal sites that are regulated by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (hereafter, Central Valley Water Board) pursuant to the provisions of California Code of Regulations, title 27 ("Title 27"), section 20005 et seq., and municipal solid waste (MSW) landfills that are subject to the Federal Subtitle D regulations contained in 40 Code of Federal Regulations section 258 (hereafter, "Subtitle D" or "40 C.F.R. § 258.XX") in accordance with State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Resolution 93-62. The Subtitle D regulations are only applicable to MSW landfills and therefore any requirements in these SPRRs that are referenced as coming from Subtitle D are not applicable to non-MSW waste management units such as Class II surface impoundments, Class II waste piles, and non-MSW landfill units. All Subtitle D requirements in these SPRRs are referenced with "[40 C.F.R. § 258.XX]" after the requirement.
- 2. "Order," as used throughout this document, means the Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) to which these SPRRs are incorporated.
- 3. The requirements prescribed herein do not authorize the commission of any act causing injury to the property of another, and do not protect the Discharger from liabilities under federal, state, or local laws. This Order does not convey any property rights or exclusive privileges.
- 4. The provisions of this Order are severable. If any provision of this Order is held invalid, the remainder of this Order shall not be affected.
- 5. If there is any conflicting or contradictory language between the WDRs, the Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP), or the SPRRs, then language in the WDRs shall govern over either the MRP or the SPRRs, and language in the MRP shall govern over the SPRRs.
- 6. If there is a site-specific need to change a requirement in these SPRRs for a particular landfill facility, the altered requirement shall be placed in the appropriate section of the WDRs and will supersede the corresponding SPRRs requirement. These SPRRs are standard and cannot be changed as part of the permit writing process or in response to comments, but they will be periodically updated on an as-needed basis.
- 7. Unless otherwise stated, all terms are as defined in Water Code section 13050 and in Title 27, section 20164.

#### **B. TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

1. Failure to comply with any waste discharge requirement, monitoring and reporting requirement, or Standard Provisions and Reporting Requirement, or

other order or prohibition issued, reissued, or amended by the Central Valley Water Board or the State Water Board, or intentionally or negligently discharging waste, or causing or permitting waste to be deposited where it is discharged into the waters of the state and creates a condition of pollution or nuisance, is a violation of this Order and the Water Code, which can result in the imposition of civil monetary liability [Wat. Code, § 13350(a)]

- 2. After notice and opportunity for a hearing, this Order may be terminated or modified for cause, including, but not limited to [Wat. Code, § 13381]:
  - a. Violation of any term or condition contained in this Order;
  - b. Obtaining this Order by misrepresentation, or failure to disclose fully all relevant facts;
  - c. A change in any condition that results in either a temporary or permanent need to reduce or eliminate the authorized discharge; or
  - d. A material change in the character, location, or volume of discharge.
- 3. Before initiating a new discharge or making a material change in the character, location, or volume of an existing discharge, the Discharger shall file a new report of waste discharge (ROWD), or other appropriate joint technical document (JTD), with the Central Valley Water Board [Wat. Code, § 13260(c) and § 13264(a)]. A material change includes, but is not limited to, the following:
  - a. An increase in area or depth to be used for solid waste disposal beyond that specified in waste discharge requirements;
  - b. A significant change in disposal method, location, or volume (e.g., change from land disposal to land treatment);
  - c. A change in the type of waste being accepted for disposal; or
  - d. A change to previously-approved liner systems or final cover systems that would eliminate components or reduce the engineering properties of components.
- 4. Representatives of the Central Valley Water Board may inspect the facilities to ascertain compliance with the waste discharge requirements. The inspection shall be made with the consent of the owner or possessor of the facilities or, if the consent is refused, with a duly issued warrant. However, in the event of an emergency affecting the public health or safety, an inspection may be made without consent or the issuance of a warrant [Wat. Code, §13267(c)].

- 5. The Central Valley Water Board will review this Order periodically and will revise these waste discharge requirements when necessary [Wat. Code, § 13263(e) and Title 27, § 21720(b)].
- 6. Except for material determined to be confidential in accordance with California law and regulations, all reports prepared in accordance with terms of this Order shall be available for public inspection at the offices of the Central Valley Water Board [Wat. Code, § 13267(b)]. Data on waste discharges, water quality, geology, and hydrogeology shall not be considered confidential.
- 7. A discharge of waste into the waters of the state is a privilege, not a right. No discharge of waste into waters of the state, whether or not the discharge is made pursuant to waste discharge requirements, shall create a vested right to continue the discharge [Wat. Code, § 13263(g)].
- 8. Technical and monitoring reports specified in this Order are requested pursuant to the Water Code [§13267(b)]. Failure to furnish the reports by the specified deadlines or falsifying information in the reports, are misdemeanors that may be liable civilly in accordance with §13268(b) of the Water Code [Wat. Code, §13268(a)].

#### C. STANDARD PROHIBITIONS

- The discharge of liquid or semi-solid waste (waste containing less than 50 percent solids) is prohibited, except for the following when proposed in the ROWD/JTD and approved by this Order:
  - a. Dewatered sewage or water treatment sludge as described in Title 27, section 20220(c) provided it is discharged above a composite liner with a leachate collection and removal system (LCRS) [Title 27, § 20200(d)(3)].
  - b. Leachate and/or landfill gas condensate that is returned to the composite-lined waste management unit (with an LCRS) from which it came [Title 27, § 20340(g) and 40 C.F.R. § 258.28].
- 2. The discharge of wastes which have the potential to reduce or impair the integrity of containment structures or which, if commingled with other wastes in the waste management unit, could produce violent reaction, heat or pressure, fire or explosion, toxic by-products, or reaction products, which, in turn:
  - a. require a higher level of containment than provided by the unit; or
  - b. are 'restricted wastes'; or
  - c. impair the integrity of containment structures;

is prohibited [Title 27, § 20200(b)].

- 3. The discharge of wastes outside of a waste management unit or portions of a unit specifically designed for their containment is prohibited.
- 4. The discharge of solid waste containing free liquid or which may contain liquid in excess of the moisture holding capacity as a result of waste management operations, compaction or settlement is prohibited.
- 5. The discharge of waste to a closed landfill unit is prohibited.
- 6. The discharge of waste constituents to the unsaturated zone or to groundwater is prohibited.
- 7. The discharge of solid or liquid waste or leachate to surface waters, surface water drainage courses, or groundwater is prohibited.

# D. STANDARD DISCHARGE SPECIFICATIONS

- 1. The Discharger is responsible for accurate characterization of wastes, including a determination of whether or not wastes will be compatible with containment features and other wastes at the waste management unit and whether or not the wastes are required to be managed as a hazardous waste [Title 27, § 20200(c)] or designated waste [Title 27, § 20210].
- 2. Leachate and landfill gas condensate collected from a waste management unit shall be discharged to the unit from which it came, or discharged to an appropriate waste management unit in accordance with Title 27 and in a manner consistent with the waste classification of the liquid [Title 27, § 20200(d) and § 20340(g)].
- 3. The discharge of leachate or landfill gas condensate is restricted to those portions of a waste management unit that has a composite liner system and LCRS meeting the Federal Subtitle D requirements [40 C.F.R. § 258.28].
- 4. Leachate and condensate returned to a composite-lined landfill unit (when approved by this Order) shall be discharged and managed such that it does not cause instability of the waste, does not cause leachate seeps, does not generate additional landfill gas that is not extracted from the landfill by an active landfill gas extraction system, does not cause contaminants to enter surface water runoff, and does not cause leachate volumes to exceed the maximum capacity of the LCRS.
- 5. Any discharge of waste outside the portion of the landfill that was already covered with waste as of the landfill unit's respective Federal Deadline constitutes a "lateral expansion" and requires the installation of an approved composite liner system and LCRS [40 C.F.R. § 258.40(b)].

- Wastes shall be discharged only into waste management units specifically designed for their containment and/or treatment, as described in this Order.
- 7. The discharge shall remain within the designated disposal area at all times.
- 8. The discharge of waste shall not cause a nuisance condition [Wat. Code, § 13050(m)].

# E. STANDARD FACILITY SPECIFICATIONS

- All waste management units shall be designed, constructed, and operated to ensure that wastes, including leachate, will be a minimum of 5 feet above the highest anticipated elevation of underlying groundwater [Title 27, § 20240(c)], including the capillary fringe.
- 2. Surface and subsurface drainage from outside of a waste management unit shall be diverted from the unit [Title 27, § 20365(e)].
- 3. Interim cover is daily and intermediate cover [Title 27, § 20750(a)]. Interim cover over wastes discharged to a landfill shall be designed and constructed to minimize percolation of liquids through the wastes [Title 27, § 20705(b)].
- 4. Intermediate cover consisting of compacted earthen material of at least twelve (12) inches shall be placed on all surfaces of the fill where no additional solid waste will be deposited within **180 days** [Title 27, § 20700(a)].
- 5. During wet weather conditions, the facility shall be operated and graded to minimize leachate generation.
- 6. The Discharger shall **immediately** notify the Central Valley Water Board staff of any slope failure occurring at a waste management unit. Any failure which threatens the integrity of containment features or the waste management unit shall be promptly corrected in accordance with an approved method [Title 27, § 21710(c)(2)].
- 7. The Discharger shall **immediately** notify Central Valley Water Board staff of any flooding, unpermitted discharge of waste off-site or outside of waste management units, equipment failure, or other change in site conditions which could impair the integrity of waste or leachate containment facilities or precipitation and drainage control structures.
- 8. The Discharger shall limit water used for facility maintenance within landfill areas to the minimum amount necessary for dust control and construction.
- The Discharger shall maintain in good working order any facility, control system, or monitoring device installed to achieve compliance with the waste discharge requirements.

- 10. The Discharger shall lock all groundwater monitoring wells with a lock on the well cap or monitoring well box. All monitoring devices shall be clearly labeled with their designation including all monitoring wells, LCRS risers, and lysimeter risers and shall be easily accessible for required monitoring by authorized personnel. Each monitoring device shall be clearly visible and be protected from damage by equipment or vehicles.
- 11. The Discharger shall ensure that methane and other landfill gases are adequately vented, removed from landfill units, or otherwise controlled to prevent the danger of adverse health effects, nuisance conditions, degradation, or the impairment of the beneficial uses of surface water or groundwater due to migration through the unsaturated zone.
- 12. The Discharger shall maintain the depth of the fluid in the sump of each landfill unit at the minimum needed for efficient pump operation (the depth at which the pump turns on given the pump intake height and maximum pump cycle frequency).
- 13. The depth of fluid on the landfill liner shall not exceed **30 centimeters** (cm) [40 C.F.R. § 258.40(a)(2)]. This regulation is interpreted by the Central Valley Water Board to exclude the leachate sump. The Discharger shall **immediately** notify the Central Valley Water Board staff by telephone, and follow up in writing within **seven** days if monitoring reveals that the depth of fluid on any portion of the liner (excluding the sump) exceeds 30 cm (approximately 12 inches). The written notification shall include a timetable for remedial or corrective action necessary to achieve compliance with the leachate depth limitation.
- 14. Each LCRS shall be tested at least annually to demonstrate proper operation. The results of the tests shall be compared with earlier tests made under comparable conditions [Title 27, § 20340(d)].
- 15. The Discharger shall maintain a *Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan* and *Monitoring Program and Reporting Requirements* in accordance with State Water Board Order No. 2014-0057-DWQ (Industrial General Permit) or most recent general industrial storm water permit), or retain all storm water on-site.
- Internal site drainage from surface or subsurface sources shall not contact or percolate through wastes.
- 17. New MSW landfill units or lateral expansions of existing units shall not be sited in a "wetland" [as defined in 40 C.F.R. § 232.29(r)] unless there is no practical alternative; steps have been taken to assure no net loss of wetland; the landfill unit will not degrade the wetland; the unit will not jeopardize threatened or endangered species or produce adverse modification of a critical habitat or violate any requirement of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 [40 C.F.R. § 258.12].

#### F. STANDARD CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS

- The Discharger shall submit for review and approval at least 90 days prior to proposed construction, design plans and specifications for new landfill modules that include the following:
  - a. Detailed construction drawings showing all required liner system components, the LCRS, leachate sump, unsaturated zone monitoring system, any proposed landfill gas monitoring and extraction points, and access to the LCRS for required annual testing.
  - b. A Construction Quality Assurance (CQA) Plan prepared by a California-registered civil engineer or certified engineering geologist, and that meets the requirements of Title 27, section 20324.
  - c. A geotechnical evaluation of the area soils, evaluating their use as the base layer or reference to the location of this information in the ROWD/JTD [Title 27, § 21750(f)(4)].
  - d. Information about the seismic design of the proposed new module (or reference to the location of this information in the ROWD/JTD) in accordance with Title 27, section 20370.
  - e. A revised water quality monitoring plan for groundwater detection monitoring (or information showing the existing plan is adequate) in accordance with Title 27, section 20415.
  - f. An Operation Plan (or reference to the location of this information in the ROWD/JTD) meeting the requirements of Title 27, section 21760(b).
- All containment structures shall be designed by, and construction shall be supervised by, a California registered civil engineer or a certified engineering geologist, and shall be certified by that individual as meeting the prescriptive standards, or approved engineered alternative design, in accordance with this Order prior to waste discharge.
- 3. The Discharger shall not proceed with construction until the construction plans, specifications, and all applicable construction quality assurance plans have been approved. Waste management units shall receive a final inspection and approval of the construction by Central Valley Water Board staff before use of the unit commences [Title 27, § 20310(e)].
- 4. Any report, or any amendment or revision of a report, that proposes a design or design change that might affect a waste management unit's containment features or monitoring systems shall be approved by a California registered civil engineer or a certified engineering geologist [Title 27, § 21710(d)].

- 5. Materials used in containment structures shall have appropriate chemical and physical properties to ensure that such structures do not fail to contain waste because of pressure gradients, physical contact with waste or leachate, chemical reactions with soil or rock, climatic conditions, the stress of installation, or because of the stress of daily operations [Title 27, § 20320(a)].
- 6. Waste management units and their respective containment structures shall be designed and constructed to limit, to the greatest extent possible, ponding, infiltration, inundation, erosion, slope failure, washout, and overtopping [Title 27, § 20365(a)].
- 7. The Discharger shall design storm water conveyance systems for Class III units for a 100-year, 24-hour storm event, and shall design storm water conveyance systems for Class II units for a 1,000-year, 24-hour storm event [Title 27, § 21750(e)(3)].
- 8. All Class III landfill units shall be designed to withstand the maximum probable earthquake and Class II waste management units shall be designed to withstand maximum credible earthquake without damage to the foundation or to the structures that control leachate, or surface drainage, or erosion, or gas [Title 27, § 20370(a)].
- The Discharger shall perform stability analyses that include components to demonstrate the integrity of the landfill foundation, final slopes, and containment systems under both static and dynamic conditions throughout the landfill's life including the closure period and post-closure maintenance period [Title 27, § 21750(f)(5)].
- 10. New waste management units and expansions of existing units shall not be located on a known Holocene fault [Title 27, § 20260(d)].
- 11. Liners shall be designed and constructed to contain the fluid, including landfill gas, waste, and leachate [Title 27, § 20330(a)].
- 12. Hydraulic conductivities shall be determined primarily by appropriate field test methods in accordance with accepted civil engineering practice. The results of laboratory tests with both water and leachate, and field tests with water, shall be compared to evaluate how the field permeabilities will be affected by leachate. It is acceptable for the Discharger to use appropriate compaction tests in conjunction with laboratory hydraulic conductivity tests to determine field permeabilities as long as a reasonable number of field hydraulic conductivity tests are also conducted [Title 27, § 20320(c)].
- 13. Hydraulic conductivities specified for containment structures other than the final cover shall be relative to the fluids (leachate) to be contained. Hydraulic conductivities for the final cover shall be relative to water [Title 27, § 20320(b)].

- 14. A test pad for each barrier layer and final cover shall be constructed in a manner duplicating the field construction. Test pad construction methods, with the designated equipment, shall be used to determine if the specified density/moisture-content/hydraulic conductivity relationships determined in the laboratory can be achieved in the field with the compaction equipment to be used and at the specified lift thickness [Title 27, § 20324(g)(1)(A)].
- 15. Performance requirements for geosynthetic membranes shall include, but are not limited to, a need to limit infiltration of water, to the greatest extent possible; a need to control landfill gas emissions; mechanical compatibility with stresses caused by equipment traffic, and for final covers the result of differential settlement over time and durability throughout the post-closure maintenance period [Title 27, § 20324(i)(1)].
- 16. The Discharger shall ensure proper preparation of the subgrade for any liner system that includes a GCL so as to provide a smooth surface that is free from rocks, sticks, or other debris that could damage or otherwise limit the performance of the GCL.
- 17. The Discharger shall propose an electronic leak location survey of the top liner for any new landfill module in the construction quality assurance plan unless the Discharger demonstrates that a leak location survey is not needed.
- 18. Leachate collection and removal systems are required for Class II landfills and surface impoundments, MSW landfills, and for Class III landfills which have a liner or which accept sewage or water treatment sludge [Title 27, § 20340(a)].
- 19. All new landfill units or lateral expansions of existing units that require a LCRS shall have a blanket-type LCRS that covers the bottom of the unit and extends as far up the sides as possible. The LCRS shall be of sufficient strength and thickness to prevent collapse under the pressures exerted by overlying wastes, waste cover materials, and by any equipment used at the unit [Title 27, § 20340(e)].
- 20. The LCRS shall be designed, constructed, maintained, and operated to collect and remove twice the maximum anticipated daily volume of leachate from the waste management unit [Title 27, § 20340(b)].
- 21. Leachate collection and removal systems shall be designed and operated to function without clogging through the scheduled closure of the landfill unit and during the post-closure maintenance period.
- 22. The LCRS shall be designed to maintain the depth of fluid over any portion of the LCRS of no greater than 30 cm [40 C.F.R. § 258.40(a)(2)], excluding the leachate sump. The leachate sump, leachate removal pump, and pump controls shall be designed and set to maintain a fluid depth no greater than the minimum needed for efficient pump operation [Title 27, § 20340(c)].

- 23. All construction of liner systems and final cover systems shall be performed in accordance with a Construction Quality Assurance Plan certified by a registered civil engineer or a certified engineering geologist [Title 27, § 20323].
- 24. The Construction Quality Assurance program shall be supervised by a registered civil engineer or a certified engineering geologist who shall be designated the CQA officer [Title 27, § 20324(b)(2)].
- 25. The Discharger shall ensure that a third party independent of both the Discharger and the construction contractor performs all of the construction quality assurance monitoring and testing during the construction of a liner system.
- 26. The Discharger shall notify Central Valley Water Board staff at least **14 days** prior to commencing field construction activities including construction of a new lined cell or module, construction of a final cover, or any other construction that requires Central Valley Water Board staff approval under this Order.
- 27. The Discharger shall submit for review and approval at least **60 days** prior to proposed discharge, final documentation required in Title 27 Section 20324(d)(1)(C) following the completion of construction of a new lined landfill module. The report shall be certified by a registered civil engineer or a certified engineering geologist and include a statement that the liner system was constructed in accordance with the approved design plans and specifications, the CQA Plan, the requirements of the WDRs, and that it meets the performance goals of Title 27. The report shall contain sufficient information and test results to verify that construction was in accordance with the design plans and specifications, the construction quality assurance plan, and the performance goals of Title 27.
- 28. The Discharger shall not discharge waste onto a newly constructed liner system until the final documentation report has been reviewed and an acceptance letter has been received.
- 29. Prior to placement of waste in a new landfill unit, the Discharger shall monitor any pan lysimeter for the unit that has received enough rainfall to flood the LCRS sump. If liquid is detected in the pan lysimeter, the Discharger shall verify that the liquid is not from a leak in the primary liner system before waste can be accepted to the new module.

# G. STANDARD CLOSURE AND POST-CLOSURE SPECIFICATIONS

 The Discharger shall submit a final or partial final closure and post-closure maintenance plan at least two years prior to the anticipated date of closure [Title 27, § 21780(d)(1)].

- 2. The Discharger shall notify the Central Valley Water Board in writing that a landfill unit or portion of a unit is to be closed either at the same time that the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) is notified or **180 days** prior to beginning any final closure activities, whichever is sooner [Title 27, § 21710(c)(5)(A)]. The notice shall include a statement that all closure activities will conform to the most recently approved final or partial final closure plan and that the plan provides for site closure in compliance with all applicable federal and state regulations [Title 27, § 21710(c)(5)(C)].
- Initiation of closure activities shall begin within 30 days of final waste receipt, or within one year of receipt of most recent waste if additional capacity remains [40 C.F.R. § 258.60(f)].
- 4. Closure activities shall be completed within **180 days** of the beginning of closure activities unless an extension is granted by the Executive Officer [40 C.F.R. § 258.60(g)].
- 5. The Discharger shall carry out both mandatory closure and normal closure of a waste management unit or a portion of a unit in accordance with a closure and post-closure maintenance plan approved by the Central Valley Water Board [Title 27, § 20950(a)(1)] through the issuance of closure waste discharge requirements.
- 6. The Discharger shall notify the Central Valley Water Board that a preliminary closure and post-closure maintenance plan has been prepared and placed in the operating record by the date of initial receipt of waste at any new MSW landfill unit or lateral expansion of any existing unit [40 C.F.R. § 258.60(d)]. This notification shall be included in the cover letter transmitting the preliminary closure and post-closure maintenance plan.
- 7. In addition to the applicable provisions of Title 27, the preliminary closure and/or the post-closure maintenance plans for MSW landfill units shall include the following:
  - a. A description of the steps necessary to close all MSW landfill units at any point during their active life in accordance with the cover design requirements [40 C.F.R. § 258.60(c)];
  - An estimate of the largest area of the landfill unit(s) ever requiring a final cover at any time during the active life of the unit(s)
    [40 C.F.R. § 258.60(c)(2)];
  - c. An estimate of the maximum inventory of wastes ever on-site over the active life of the waste management facility [40 C.F.R. § 258.60(c)(3)]; and
  - d. A schedule for completing all activities necessary to satisfy the closure criteria in 40 C.F.R. section 258.60 [40 C.F.R. § 258.60(c)(4)].

- 8. The final closure and post-closure maintenance plan for the waste management unit shall include at least the following: an itemized cost analysis, closure schedule, any proposed final treatment procedures, map, changes to the unit description presented in the most recent ROWD, federal requirements for a MSW facility, land use of the closed unit, and a construction quality assurance plan [Title 27, § 21769(c) & (d)].
- Closure of each waste management unit shall be under the direct supervision of a registered civil engineer or certified engineering geologist [Title 27, § 20950(b)].
- 10. The final cover of closed landfills shall be designed, graded, and maintained to prevent ponding and soil erosion due to high run-off velocities [Title 27, § 21090(b)(1)(A)].
- 11. The final grading design shall be designed and approved by a registered civil engineer or certified engineering geologist [Title 27, § 21090(b)(1)(C)].
- 12. All final cover designs shall include a minimum 1-foot thick erosion resistant layer [Title 27, § 21090(a)(3)(A)].
- 13. The Discharger shall close the landfill with minimum 15-foot wide benches every 50 vertical feet [Title 27, § 21090(a)].
- 14. Final cover slopes shall not be steeper than a horizontal to vertical ratio of one and three quarters to one and designs having any slopes steeper than a horizontal to vertical ratio of three to one, or having a geosynthetic component, shall have these aspects of their design specifically supported in the slope stability report required in Title 27, section 21750(f)(5) [Title 27, § 21090(a)].
- 15. For any portions of the final cover installed after July 18, 1997, for which the Central Valley Water Board has not approved a slope and foundation stability report on or before that date, the Discharger shall meet the requirements of Title 27, section 21750(f)(5) [Title 27, § 21090(a)(6)].
- 16. Areas with slopes greater than ten percent, surface drainage courses, and areas subject to erosion by wind or water shall be designed and constructed to prevent such erosion [Title 27, § 21090(b)(2)].
- 17. The Discharger shall design storm water conveyance systems for closed Class III units for a 100-year, 24-hour storm event, and shall design storm water conveyance systems for closed Class II units for a 1,000-year, 24-hour storm event [Title 27, § 21750(e)(3)].
- 18. Closed landfill units shall be provided with at least two permanent surveying monuments, installed by a licensed land surveyor or by a registered civil engineer, from which the location and elevation of all wastes, containment

- structures, and monitoring facilities can be determined throughout the post-closure maintenance period [Title 27, § 20950(d)].
- 19. Following closure of any MSW landfill units, the Discharger shall notify the Executive Officer that the deed to the landfill facility property, or some other instrument that is normally examined during a title search, has been recorded and a copy placed in the operating record. The notation on the deed shall in perpetuity notify any potential purchaser of the property that the land has been used as a landfill facility and that use of the land is restricted to the planned use described in the post-closure maintenance plan [Title 27, § 20515(a)(4) and §21170, and 40 C.F.R. § 258.60(i)].
- 20. Construction or repair of the final cover system's low-hydraulic conductivity layer is to be carried out in accordance with an approved construction quality assurance plan [Title 27, § 21090(b)(1)(E)].
- 21. The Discharger shall incorporate into the closure and post-closure maintenance plan a cover-integrity monitoring and maintenance program which includes at least the following: a periodic leak search, periodic identification of other problem areas, prompt cover repair, and vegetation maintenance [Title 27, § 21090(a)(4)].
- 22. The Discharger shall complete a final cover survey upon completion of closure activities for that portion of the landfill. The final cover surveys shall include an initial survey and map [Title 27, § 21090(e)(1). Every **five years**, the Discharger shall conduct a survey of the closed landfill cover and submit an iso-settlement map accurately depicting the estimated total change in elevation of each portion of the final cover's low-hydraulic-conductivity layer [Title 27, § 21090(e)(2)].
- 23. Within **30 days** of completion of <u>all</u> closure activities, the Discharger shall certify that all closure activities were performed in accordance with the most recently approved final closure plan and CQA Plan, and in accordance with all applicable regulations. The Discharger shall also certify that closed landfill units shall be maintained in accordance with and approved post-closure maintenance plan [Title 27, § 21710(c)(6)].
- 24. Within **180 days** of completion of closure construction activities, the Discharger shall submit final documentation of closure, including the Certification of Closure. The closure documents shall include a final construction quality assurance report and any other documents necessary to support the certification [Title 27, § 21880].
- 25. The post-closure maintenance period shall continue until the Central Valley Water Board determines that wastes remaining in the landfill unit(s) no longer pose a threat to water quality [Title 27, § 20950(a)(1)].

- 26. The Discharger shall conduct a periodic leak search to monitor of the integrity of the final cover in accordance with the schedule in the approved final post-closure maintenance plan [Title 27, § 21090(a)(4)(A)].
- 27. The Discharger shall periodically inspect and identify problems with the final cover including areas that require replanting, erosion, areas lacking free drainage, areas damaged by equipment operations, and localized areas identified in the required five-year iso-settlement survey [Title 27, § 21090(a)(4)(B)].
- 28. The Discharger shall repair the cover promptly in accordance with a cover repair plan to be included in the final post-closure maintenance plan [Title 27, § 21090(a)(4)(C)].
- 29. Throughout the post-closure maintenance period, the Discharger shall maintain the structural integrity and effectiveness of all containment structures, maintain the final cover as necessary to correct the effects of settlement and other adverse factors, continue to operate the LCRS as long as leachate is generated and detected, maintain the monitoring systems, prevent erosion and related damage of the final cover due to drainage, and protect and maintain surveyed monuments [Title 27, § 21090(c)].
- 30. Post-closure maintenance shall be conducted for a minimum period of **30 years** or until the waste no longer poses a threat to environmental quality, whichever is greater [Title 27, § 21180(a) and Title 27, § 21900(a)].

#### H. STANDARD FINANCIAL ASSURANCE PROVISIONS

- 1. The Discharger shall establish an irrevocable fund for closure and postclosure maintenance to ensure closure and post-closure maintenance of each classified unit in accordance with an approved closure and post-closure maintenance plan [Title 27, § 20950(f) and § 22207(a)].
- 2. The Discharger shall obtain and maintain assurances of financial responsibility for initiating and completing corrective action for all known and reasonably foreseeable releases from the waste management unit [Title 27, §20380(b), § 22221, and § 22222].

#### I. STANDARD MONITORING SPECIFICATIONS

 The water quality monitoring program shall include appropriate and consistent sampling and analytical procedures and methods designed to ensure that monitoring results provide a reliable indication of water quality at all monitoring points and background monitoring points [Title 27, § 20415(e)(4) and 40 C.F.R. § 258.53(b)].

- 2. All monitoring systems shall be designed and certified by a registered geologist or a registered civil engineer [Title 27, § 20415(e)(1)].
- 3. All monitoring wells shall be cased and constructed in a manner that maintains the integrity of the monitoring well bore hole and prevents the bore hole from acting as a conduit for contaminant transport [Title 27, § 20415(b)(4)(A)].
- 4. All sample chemical analyses of any material shall be performed by a laboratory certified by the California Department of Health Services [Wat. Code, § 13176(a)].
- 5. A Detection Monitoring Program for a new landfill facility shall be installed, operational, and one year of monitoring data collected from background monitoring points prior to the discharge of wastes [Title 27, § 20415(e)(6)].
- Background for water samples or soil-pore gas samples shall be represented by the data from all samples taken from applicable background monitoring points during that reporting period (at least one sample from each background monitoring point).
- 7. The Discharger shall submit for approval, establish, and maintain an approved Sample Collection and Analysis Plan. The Sample Collection and Analysis Plan shall at a minimum include:
  - a. Sample collection procedures describing purging techniques, sampling equipment, and decontamination of sampling equipment;
  - b. Sample preservation information and shipment procedures;
  - c. Sample analytical methods and procedures;
  - d. Sample quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) procedures;
  - e. Chain of Custody control; and
  - f. Sample analysis information including sample preparation techniques to avoid matrix interferences, method detection limits (MDLs), practical quantitation limits (PQLs) and reporting limits (RLs), and procedures for reporting trace results between the MDL and PQL.

If required by the Executive Officer, the Discharger shall modify the Sample Collection and Analysis Plan to conform with this Order.

8. For any given monitored medium, the samples taken from all monitoring points and background monitoring points to satisfy the data analysis requirements for a given reporting period shall all be taken **within a span not to exceed 30 days**, unless a longer time period is approved, and shall be taken in a manner that

ensures sample independence to the greatest extent feasible. Specific methods of collection and analysis must be identified. Sample collection, storage, and analysis shall be performed according to the most recent version of USEPA Methods, such as the latest editions, as applicable, of: (1) Methods for the Analysis of Organics in Water and Wastewater (USEPA 600 Series), (2) Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Waste (SW-846, latest edition), and (3) Methods for Chemical Analysis of Water and Wastes (USEPA 600/4-79-020), and in accordance with the approved Sample Collection and Analysis Plan. Appropriate sample preparation techniques shall be used to minimize matrix interferences.

- 9. If methods other than USEPA-approved methods or Standard Methods are used, or there is a proposed alternant USEPA method than the one listed in the MRP, the proposed methodology shall be submitted for review and approval prior to use, including information showing its equivalence to the required method.
- 10. The methods of analysis and the detection limits used must be appropriate for the expected concentrations. For the monitoring of any constituent or parameter that is found in concentrations which produce more than 90% non-numerical determinations (i.e., "trace" or "ND") in data from background monitoring points for that medium, the analytical method having the lowest MDL shall be selected from among those methods which would provide valid results in light of any matrix effects or interferences.
- 11. The laboratory reporting limit (RL) for all reported monitoring data shall be set no greater than the practical quantitation limit (PQL).
- 12. "Trace" results results falling between the MDL and the PQL shall be reported as such, and shall be accompanied both by the estimated MDL and PQL values for that analytical run.
- 13. Laboratory data shall not be altered or revised by the Discharger. If the Discharger observes potential lab errors, it shall identify the issue in the monitoring report and shall describe steps that will be taken to prevent similar errors in the future.
- 14. MDLs and PQLs shall be derived by the laboratory for each analytical procedure, according to State of California laboratory accreditation procedures. These MDLs and PQLs shall reflect the detection and quantitation capabilities of the specific analytical procedure and equipment used by the lab, rather than simply being quoted from USEPA analytical method manuals. In relatively interference-free water, laboratory-derived MDLs and PQLs are expected to closely agree with published USEPA MDLs and PQLs. MDLs and PQLs shall be reported.

- 15. If the laboratory suspects that, due to a change in matrix or other effects, the true detection limit or quantitation limit for a particular analytical run differs significantly from the laboratory-derived MDL/PQL values, the results shall be flagged in the laboratory report accordingly, along with estimates of the detection limit and quantitation limit actually achieved. The MDL shall always be calculated such that it represents the lowest achievable concentration associated with a 99% reliability of a nonzero result. The PQL shall always be calculated such that it represents the lowest constituent concentration at which a numerical value can be assigned with reasonable certainty that it represents the constituent's actual concentration in the sample. Normally, PQLs should be set equal to the concentration of the lowest standard used to calibrate the analytical procedure.
- 16. All QA/QC data shall be reported, along with the sample results to which they apply, including the method, equipment, analytical detection and quantitation limits, the percent recovery, an explanation for any recovery that falls outside the QC limits, the results of equipment and method blanks, the results of spiked and surrogate samples, the frequency of quality control analysis, and the name and signature of a responsible person from the laboratory. Sample results shall be reported unadjusted for blank results or spike recoveries. In cases where contaminants are detected in QA/QC samples (i.e., field, trip, or lab blanks), the accompanying sample results shall be appropriately flagged, but the analytical results shall not be adjusted.
- 17. Unknown chromatographic peaks shall be reported, flagged, and tracked for potential comparison to subsequent unknown peaks that may be observed in future sampling events. Identification of unknown chromatographic peaks that recur in subsequent sampling events may be required.
- 18. The sampling interval of each monitoring well shall be appropriately screened and fitted with an appropriate filter pack to enable collection of representative groundwater samples [Title 27, § 20415(b)(4)(B)]. Groundwater samples shall not be field-filtered prior to laboratory analysis [40 C.F.R. § 258.53(b)]. Groundwater samples needing filtering (e.g., samples to be analyzed for dissolved metals) shall be filtered by the laboratory prior to analysis.
- 19. Groundwater elevations shall be measured in each well immediately prior to purging, each time groundwater is sampled. The owner or operator shall determine the rate and direction of groundwater flow each time groundwater is sampled. Groundwater elevations in wells which monitor the same waste management area shall be measured within a period of time short enough to avoid temporal variations in groundwater flow which could preclude accurate determination of groundwater flow rate and direction [40 C.F.R. § 258.53(d)].
- 20. Monitoring wells, piezometers, and other measurement, sampling, and analytical devices must be operated and maintained so that they perform to design

- specifications throughout the life of the monitoring program [40 C.F.R. § 258.51(c)(2)]. Monitoring devices that cannot be operated and maintained to perform to design specifications shall be replaced after review and approval of a report (i.e., work plan) for the proposed replacement devices.
- 21. All borings are to be logged during drilling under the direct supervision of a registered geologist or registered civil engineer with expertise in stratigraphic well logging [Title 27, § 20415(e)(2)].
- 22. Soils are to be described according to the Unified Soil Classification System [Title 27, § 20415(e)(2)(A)]. Rock is to be described in a manner appropriate for the purpose of the investigation [Title 27, § 20415(e)(2)(B)].
- 23. The Discharger shall submit a work plan for review and approval at least **60 days** prior to installation or abandonment of groundwater monitoring wells.
- 24. The Discharger shall provide Central Valley Water Board staff a minimum of **one week** notification prior to commencing any field activities related to the installation or abandonment of monitoring devices.
- 25. The water quality protection standard shall consist of the constituents of concern (COC), concentration limits, and the point of compliance. The water quality protection standard shall apply during the active life of the waste management unit, closure period, post-closure maintenance period, and any compliance period under Title 27, section 20410 [Title 27, § 20390].
- 26. The point of compliance at which the water quality protection standard applies is a vertical surface located at the hydraulically downgradient limit of the waste management unit that extends through the uppermost aquifer underlying the unit [Title 27, § 20405).
- 27. The compliance period is the minimum period of time during which the Discharger shall conduct a water quality monitoring program and is the number of years equal to the active life of the waste management unit plus the closure period [Title 27, § 20410(a)].
- 28. The groundwater monitoring system shall include a sufficient number of monitoring points, installed at appropriate locations, to yield groundwater samples from the uppermost aquifer that represent the quality of groundwater that has not been affected by a release from the waste management unit [Title 27, § 20415(b)(1)(A)].
- 29. The Detection Monitoring Program shall include a sufficient number of monitoring points, installed at appropriate locations and depths to yield groundwater samples from the uppermost aquifer that represent the quality of

- groundwater passing the point of compliance to allow the detection of a release from the waste management unit [Title 27, § 20415(b)(1)(B)1.].
- 30. Additional monitoring points shall be added as necessary to provide the best assurance of the **earliest possible detection** of a release from the waste management unit [Title 27, § 20415(b)(1)(B)2.].
- 31. The Detection Monitoring Program shall also include a sufficient number of monitoring points installed at appropriate depths and locations to yield groundwater samples from other aquifers or perched zones not already monitored to provide the **earliest possible detection** of a release from the waste management unit [Title 27, § 20415(b)(1)(B)3. and 4., and §20420(b)].
- 32. A surface water monitoring system shall be established to monitor each surface water body that could be affected by a release from the waste management unit [Title 27, § 20415(c)].
- 33. An unsaturated zone monitoring system shall be established for each waste management unit [Title 27, § 20415(d)].
- 34. The Discharger shall notify Central Valley Water Board staff within **seven days** if fluid is detected in a previously dry LCRS, unsaturated zone monitoring system, or if a progressive increase is detected in the volume of fluid in a LCRS [Title 27, § 21710(c)(3)].
- 35. Driller's logs for all monitoring wells shall to be submitted to the Central Valley Water Board and the Department of Water Resources [Wat. Code, § 13751 and Title 27, § 20415(b)(3)].
- 36. Groundwater elevation, temperature, electrical conductivity, turbidity, and pH are to be accurately measured at each well each time groundwater is sampled [Title 27, § 21415(e)(13)].
- 37. The groundwater flow rate and direction in the uppermost aquifer and in any zones of perched water and in any additional portions of the zone of saturation being monitored shall be determined at least quarterly [Title 27, § 20415(e)(15)].
- 38. The Discharger shall graph all analytical data from each monitoring point and background monitoring point and shall submit the graphs to the Central Valley Water Board annually [Title 27, § 20415(e)(14)].
- 39. For each waste management unit, the Discharger shall collect all data necessary for selecting appropriate data analysis methods for establishing background values for each constituent of concern and for each monitoring parameter [Title 27, § 20420(c)]. The Discharger shall propose a data analysis method that includes a detailed description of the criteria to be used for

- determining "measurably significant" (as defined in Title 27, section 20164) evidence of a release from the waste management unit and determining compliance with the water quality protection standard [Title 27, § 20415(e)(6) and (7)].
- 40. For statistical analysis of data, the Discharger shall use one of the methods described in Title 27, section 20415(e)(8)(A)-(E). A non-statistical data analysis method can be used if the method can achieve the goal of the particular monitoring program at least as well as the most appropriate statistical method [Title 27, § 20415(e)(8)]. The Discharger shall use a statistical or nonstatistical data analysis method that complies with Title 27, section 20415(e)(7, 8, 9, and 10), to compare the concentration of each constituent of concern or monitoring parameter with its respective background concentration to determine whether there has been a measurably significant evidence of a release from the waste management unit. For any given monitoring point at which a given constituent has already exhibited a measurably significant indication of a release at that monitoring point, the Discharger may propose to monitor the constituent, at that well, using a concentration-versus-time plot.
- 41. The Discharger may propose an alternate statistical method [to the methods listed under Title 27, section 20415(e)(8)(A-D)] in accordance with Title 27, section 20415(e)(8)(E), for review and approval.
- 42. The statistical method shall account for data below the practical quantitation limit (PQL) with one or more statistical procedures that are protective of human health and the environment. Any PQL validated pursuant to Title 27, section 20415(e)(7) that is used in the statistical method shall be the lowest concentration (or value) that can be reliably achieved within limits of precision and accuracy specified in the WDRs or an approved Sample Collection and Analysis Plan for routine laboratory operating conditions that are available to the facility. The Discharger's technical report (Sample Collection and Analysis Plan and/or Water Quality Protection Standard Report), pursuant to Title 27, section 20415(e)(7), shall consider the PQLs listed in Appendix IX to Chapter 14 of Division 4.5 of Title 22, CCR, for guidance when specifying limits of precision and accuracy. For any given constituent monitored at a background or downgradient monitoring point, an indication that falls between the MDL and the PQL for that constituent (hereinafter called a "trace" detection) shall be identified and used in appropriate statistical or non-statistical tests. Nevertheless, for a statistical method that is compatible with the proportion of censored data (trace and ND indications) in the data set, the Discharger can use the laboratory's concentration estimates in the trace range (if available) for statistical analysis, in order to increase the statistical power by decreasing the number of "ties".
- 43. The water quality protection standard for organic compounds which are not naturally occurring and not detected in background groundwater samples shall

- be taken as the detection limit of the analytical method used (e.g., USEPA methods 8260 and 8270).
- 44. Alternate statistical procedures may be used for determining the significance of analytical results for common laboratory contaminants (i.e., methylene chloride, acetone, diethylhexyl phthalate, and di-n-octyl phthalate) if part of an approved water quality protection standard. Nevertheless, analytical results involving detection of these analytes in any background or downgradient sample shall be reported and flagged for easy reference by Central Valley Water Board staff.
- 45. Confirmation of Measurably Significant Evidence of a Release. Whenever a constituent is detected at a detection monitoring point at a concentration that exceeds the concentration limit from the water quality protection standard, the Discharger shall conduct verification sampling to confirm if the exceedance is due to a release or if it is a false-positive (unless previous monitoring has already confirmed a release for that constituent at that monitoring point). An exceedance of the concentration limit from the water quality protection standard is considered measurably significant evidence of a release that must be either confirmed or denied. There are two separate verification testing procedures:
  - Standard Monitoring Specification I.46 provides the procedure for analytes that are detected in less than 10% of the background samples such as nonnaturally occurring constituents like volatile organic compounds; and
  - b. Standard Monitoring Specification I.47 provides the procedure for analytes that are detected in 10% or greater of the background samples such as naturally occurring constituents like chloride.
- 46. Verification Procedure for Analytes Detected in Less than 10% of Background Samples. The Discharger shall use the following non-statistical method for all analytes that are detected in less than 10% of the background samples. The non-statistical method shall be implemented as follows:
  - a. Initial Determination of Measurably Significant Evidence of a Release. Identify each analyte in the current detection monitoring point sample that exceeds either its respective MDL or PQL, and for which a release has not been previously confirmed. The Discharger shall conclude that the exceedance provides a preliminary indication of a release or a change in the nature or extent of the release, at that monitoring point, if either:
    - The data contains two or more analytes that equal or exceed their respective MDLs; or
    - 2) The data contains one or more analyte that equals or exceeds its PQL.

- b. **Discrete Retest** [Title 27, § 20415(e)(8)(E) and § 20420(j)(1-3)]:
  - 1) In the event that the Discharger or Central Valley Water Board staff concludes (pursuant to paragraph I.46.a., above) that there is a preliminary indication of a release, then the Discharger shall **immediately** notify Central Valley Water Board staff by phone or e-mail and, within 30 days of such indication, shall collect two new (retest) samples from the monitoring point where the release is preliminarily indicated and analyze them for the constituents that caused the need for the retest.
  - 2) Confirmation of a Release. As soon as the retest data are available, the Discharger shall conclude that measurably significant evidence of a release is confirmed if (not including the original sample) two or more analytes equal or exceed their respective MDLs or if one or more analyte equals or exceeds its PQL. The Discharger shall then:
    - a) Immediately verbally notify the Central Valley Water Board whether
      or not the retest confirmed measurably significant evidence of a
      release for the analyte at the monitoring point, and follow up with
      written notification submitted by certified mail within seven days of
      the verbal notification; and
    - b) Carry out the requirements of Section J, **RESPONSE TO A RELEASE** if a release has been confirmed.
    - c) Add any five-year analyte that is confirmed per this method to the monitoring parameter list such that it is monitored during each regular monitoring event.
- 47. Verification Procedure for Analytes Detected in 10% or Greater of the Background Samples. The Discharger shall use either a statistical or non-statistical method pursuant to Title 27, section 20415(e)(8)(E) for all analytes that are detected in 10% or greater of the background samples. The Discharger shall use one of the statistical methods required in Title 27, section 20415(e)(8)(E) unless another method has been proposed by the Discharger in a Water Quality Protection Standard Report (or equivalent report) and approved by the Central Valley Water Board in a Monitoring and Reporting Program pursuant to Title 27, section 20415(e)(8)(A-D)] or section 20415(e)(8)(E). The method shall be implemented as follows:
  - a. Initial Determination of Measurably Significant Evidence of a Release. The Discharger shall compare the value reported by the laboratory for each analyte to the statistically-derived concentration limit from the most recent report (Annual Monitoring Report or Water Quality Protection Standard Report) that uses the approved statistical procedure. If the value exceeds the concentration limit for that constituent, the Discharger shall conclude that there in measurably significant evidence of a release [Title 27, § 20420(i)].

- b. **Retest Method** [Title 27, § 20415(e)(8)(E) and § 20420(j)(1-3)].
  - 1) In the event that the Discharger or Central Valley Water Board staff concludes (pursuant to paragraph I.47.a., above) that there is a preliminary indication of a release, then the Discharger shall immediately notify Central Valley Water Board staff by phone or e-mail and, within 30 days [Title 27, § 20415(e)(3)] of such indication, the Discharger shall implement a verification procedure/retest option, in accordance with Title 27, sections 20415(e)(8)(E) and 20420(j)(2). The verification procedure shall include either a single "composite" retest (i.e., a statistical analysis that augments and reanalyzes the data from the monitoring point that indicated a release) or shall consist of at least two "discrete" retests (i.e., statistical analyses each of which analyzes only newly-acquired data from the monitoring point that indicated a release) [Title 27. § 20415(e)(8)(E)]. The Discharger may use an alternate method previously approved by the Central Valley Water Board and included in the Monitoring and Reporting Program. The verification procedure shall comply with the requirements of Title 27, section 20415(e)(8)(E) in addition to the performance standards of Title 27, section 20415(e)(9). The retest samples shall be collected from the monitoring point where the release is preliminarily indicated and shall be analyzed for the constituents that caused the need for the retest. For any indicated monitoring parameter or constituent of concern, if the retest results of one or more of the retest data suites confirm the original indication, the Discharger shall conclude that measurably significant evidence of a release has been confirmed.
  - 2) Confirmation of a Release. As soon as the retest data are available, the Discharger shall evaluate the results pursuant to paragraph I.47.b.1, above and shall:
    - a) Immediately verbally notify the Central Valley Water Board whether or not the retest confirmed measurably significant evidence of a release for the analyte at the monitoring point, and follow up with written notification submitted by certified mail within seven days of the verbal notification; and
    - b) Carry out the requirements of Section J, **RESPONSE TO A RELEASE** if a release has been confirmed.
    - c) Add any five-year analyte that is confirmed per this method to the monitoring parameter list such that it is monitored during each regular monitoring event.
- 48. **Physical Evidence of a Release**. If the Discharger determines that there is a significant **physical** evidence of a release, the Discharger shall immediately

verbally notify Central Valley Water Board staff and provide written notification **by certified mail within 7 days** of such determination, and within **90 days** shall submit an amended report of waste discharge to establish an Evaluation Monitoring Program [Title 27, § 20385(a)(3) and § 20420(l)(1) & (2)].

## J. RESPONSE TO A RELEASE

- Measurably Significant Evidence of a Release Has Been Confirmed. If the Discharger has confirmed that there is measurably significant evidence of a release from a waste management unit pursuant to Standard Monitoring Specification I.46 or I.47, then the Discharger shall:
  - a. Immediately sample all monitoring points in the affected medium at that waste management unit and determine the concentration of all monitoring parameters and constituents of concern for comparison with established concentration limits. Because this constituent of concern scan does not involve statistical testing, the Discharger will need to collect and analyze only a single water sample from each monitoring point in the affected medium [Title 27, § 20420(k)(1)].
  - b. Within 14 days of confirming measurably significant evidence of a release, the Discharger shall (for releases from MSW landfill units) notify all persons who own the land or reside on the land that directly overlies any portion of the plume of contamination if contaminants have migrated off-site if indicated by sampling of detection monitoring wells [40 C.F.R. § 258.55(g)(1)(iii)].
  - c. Within 90 days of confirming measurably significant evidence of a release, the Discharger shall submit an amended report of waste discharge to establish an Evaluation Monitoring Program meeting the requirements of Title 27, sections 20420(k)(5)(A-D), including but not limited to the results of sampling pursuant to paragraph J.1.a, above. The Evaluation Monitoring Program shall be designed for the collection and analysis of all data necessary to assess the nature and extent of the release and to determine the spatial distribution and concentration of each constituent throughout the zone affected by the release [Title 27, § 20420(k)(5) and § 20425(b)]. For releases from MSW landfill units, the Evaluation Monitoring Program shall also include any additional proposals necessary to comply with 40 C.F.R. § 258.55, particularly the additional monitoring well required by 40 C.F.R. § 258.55(g)(1)(ii).
  - d. **Within 180 days** of confirming measurably significant evidence of a release, the Discharger shall submit to the Central Valley Water Board an <u>initial</u> engineering feasibility study for a Corrective Action Program necessary to meet the requirements of Title 27, section 20430. At a minimum, the initial engineering feasibility study shall contain a detailed

description of the corrective action measures that could be taken to achieve background concentrations for all constituents of concern [Title 27, § 20420(k)(6)].

- If the Discharger confirms that there is measurably significant evidence of a release from the waste management unit at any monitoring point, the Discharger may attempt to demonstrate that a source other than the waste management unit caused the evidence of a release or that the evidence is an artifact caused by an error in sampling, analysis, or statistical evaluation or by natural variation in groundwater, surface water, or the unsaturated zone. The Discharger may make a demonstration pursuant to Title 27, section 20420(k)(7) in addition to or in lieu of submitting both an amended report of waste discharge or an engineering feasibility study; however, the Discharger is not relieved of the requirements and due dates of Title 27, sections 20420(k)(6) & (7) unless Central Valley Water Board staff agree that the demonstration successfully shows that a source other than the waste management unit caused the evidence of a release or that the evidence resulted from error in sampling, analysis, or statistical evaluation or from natural variation in groundwater, surface water, or the unsaturated zone. In order to make this demonstration, the Discharger shall notify the Central Valley Water Board by certified mail of the intent to make the demonstration within seven days of determining measurably significant evidence of a release, and shall submit a report within 90 days of determining measurably significant evidence of a release [Title 27, § 20420(k)(7)].
- f. **Within 90 days** of the date that the Evaluation Monitoring Program from paragraph J.1.c is approved (the date is it established), the Discharger shall complete and submit the following:
  - i) Results and Assessment for the Evaluation Monitoring Program. A report with the results and assessment based on the approved Evaluation Monitoring Program [Title 27, § 20425(b)].
  - ii) **Updated Engineering Feasibility Study.** An <u>updated</u> engineering feasibility study for corrective action based on the data collected to delineate the release and data from the ongoing monitoring program required under Title 27, section 20425(e) [Title 27, § 20425(c)].
  - iii) Amended ROWD for a Corrective Action Program. An amended report of waste discharge to establish a Corrective Action Program meeting the requirements of Title 27, section 20430 based on the data collected to delineate the release and based on the updated engineering feasibility study [Title 27, § 20425(d)].

g. The Discharger shall (for releases from MSW landfill units) discuss the results of the updated engineering feasibility study, prior to the final selection of a remedy, in a public meeting with interested and affected parties [40 C.F.R. § 258.56(d)].

### K. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 1. In the event the Discharger does not comply or will be unable to comply with any prohibition or limitation of this Order for any reason, the Discharger shall notify the appropriate Central Valley Water Board office by telephone as soon as it or its agents have knowledge of such noncompliance or potential for noncompliance, and shall confirm this notification in writing within two weeks. The written notification shall state the nature, time, and cause of noncompliance, and shall describe the measures being taken to prevent recurrences and shall include a timetable for corrective actions.
- 2. All reports and transmittal letters shall be signed by persons identified below:
  - a. For a corporation: by a principal executive officer of at least the level of senior vice-president.
  - b. For a partnership or sole proprietorship: by a general partner or the proprietor.
  - c. For a municipality, state, federal or other public agency: by either a principal executive officer or ranking elected or appointed official.
  - d. A duly authorized representative of a person designated in a, b or c above if:
    - 1) The authorization is made in writing by a person described in a, b, or c of this provision;
    - 2) The authorization specifies either an individual or a position having responsibility for the overall operation of the regulated facility or activity, such as the position of plant manager, operator of a Unit, superintendent, or position of equivalent responsibility (a duly authorized representative may thus be either a named individual or any individual occupying a named position); and
    - The written authorization is submitted to the Central Valley Water Board.

- e. Any person signing a document under this Section shall make the following certification:
  - "I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document and all attachments and that, based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the information is true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment."
- 3. The Discharger shall take all reasonable steps to minimize any adverse impact to the waters of the State resulting from noncompliance with this Order. Such steps shall include accelerated or additional monitoring as necessary to determine the nature, extent, and impact of the noncompliance.
- 4. The owner of the waste management facility shall have the continuing responsibility to assure protection of waters of the state from discharged wastes and from gases and leachate generated by discharged waste during the active life, closure, and post-closure maintenance period of the waste management units and during subsequent use of the property for other purposes.
- 5. The fact that it would have been necessary to halt or reduce the permitted activity in order to maintain compliance with this Order shall not be regarded as a defense for the Discharger's violations of this Order.
- 6. The Discharger shall notify the Central Valley Water Board of a material change in; the types, quantity, or concentrations of wastes discharged; site operations and features; or proposed closure procedures, including changes in cost estimates. This notification shall be given a reasonable time before the changes are made or become effective. No changes shall be made without Central Valley Water Board approval following authorization for closure pursuant to the site Notification of Closure [Title 27, § 21710(a)(4)].
- 7. The Discharger shall maintain legible records of the volume and type of each waste discharged at each waste management unit or portion of a unit, and the manner and location of discharge. Such records shall be maintained by the Discharger until the beginning of the post-closure maintenance period. These records shall be on forms approved by the State Water Board or Central Valley Water Board and shall be maintained at the waste management facility until the beginning of the post-closure maintenance period. These records shall be available for review by representatives of the State Water Board or Central Valley Water Board at any time during normal business hours. At the beginning of the post-closure maintenance period, copies of these records shall be sent to the Central Valley Water Board [Title 27, § 21720(f)].
- 8. In the event of any change in landowner or the operator of the waste management facility, the Discharger shall notify the succeeding owner or

- operator in writing of the existence of this Order. A copy of that notification shall be sent to the Central Valley Water Board.
- 9. In the event of any change of ownership or responsibility for construction, operation, closure, or post-closure maintenance of the waste discharge facilities described in this Order, the Discharger shall notify the Central Valley Water Board prior to the effective date of the change and shall include a statement by the new Discharger that construction, operation, closure, or post-closure maintenance will be in compliance with this Order and any revisions thereof [Title 27, § 21710(c)(1)].
- 10. To assume ownership or operation under this Order, the succeeding owner or operator must apply in writing to the Central Valley Water Board requesting transfer of the Order within 14 days of assuming ownership or operation of this facility. The request must contain the requesting entity's full legal name, the State of incorporation if a corporation, the name and address and telephone number of the persons responsible for contact with the Central Valley Water Board, and a statement. The statement shall comply with the signatory requirements contained in General Provision K.2 and state that the new owner or operator assumes full responsibility for compliance with this Order. Failure to submit the request shall be considered a discharge without requirements, a violation of the Water Code. Transfer of this Order shall be approved or disapproved by the Central Valley Water Board.

### L. STORM WATER PROVISIONS

- 1. New and existing Class III landfills shall be designed, constructed, operated, and maintained to prevent inundation or washout due to floods with a 100-year return period [Title 27, § 20260(c)].
- 2. New and existing Class II landfills shall be designed, constructed, operated, and maintained to prevent inundation or washout due to floods with a 100-year return period [Title 27, § 20250(c)].
- The Discharger shall design storm water conveyance systems for Class III units for a 100-year, 24-hour storm event, and shall design storm water conveyance systems for Class II units for a 1,000-year, 24-hour storm event [Title 27, § 21750(e)(3)].
- 4. MSW landfills located in a 100-year floodplain shall demonstrate that the landfill unit will not restrict the flow of the 100-year flood, reduce the temporary water storage capacity of the floodplain, or result in washout of solid waste so as to pose a hazard to human health or the environment [40 C.F.R. § 258.11(a)].
- 5. Waste management units and their respective containment structures shall be designed and constructed to limit, to the greatest extent possible, ponding,

- infiltration, inundation, erosion, slope failure, washout, and overtopping under the precipitation conditions for the unit [Title 27, § 20365(a)].
- Precipitation on landfills or waste piles which is not diverted by covers or drainage control systems shall be collected and managed through the LCRS, which shall be designed and constructed to accommodate the precipitation conditions for each class unit [Title 27, § 20365(b)].
- 7. Diversion and drainage facilities shall be designed, constructed, and maintained to [Title 27, § 20365(c)]:
  - accommodate the anticipated volume of precipitation and peak flows from surface runoff and under the precipitation conditions for the waste management unit:
  - b. effectively divert sheet flow runoff laterally, via the shortest distance, into the drainage and collection facilities;
  - c. prevent surface erosion;
  - d. control and intercept run-on, in order to isolate uncontaminated surface waters from water that might have come into contact with waste;
  - e. take into account:
    - for closed waste management units and for closed portions of units, the expected final contours of the closed unit, including its planned drainage pattern;
    - ii) for operating portions of waste management units other than surface impoundments, the unit's drainage pattern at any given time;
    - iii) the possible effects of the waste management unit's drainage pattern on and by the regional watershed;
    - iv) the design capacity of drainage systems of downstream and adjacent properties by providing for the gradual release of retained water downstream in a manner which does not exceed the expected peak flow rate at the point of discharge if there were no waste management facility; and
  - f. preserve the system's function. The Discharger shall periodically remove accumulated sediment from the sedimentation or detention basins as needed to preserve the design capacity of the system.
- 8. Collection and holding facilities associated with precipitation and drainage control systems shall be emptied immediately following each storm or otherwise managed to maintain the design capacity of the system [Title 27, § 20365(d)].

- 9. Surface and subsurface drainage from outside of a waste management unit shall be diverted from the unit [Title 27, § 20365(e)].
- 10. Cover materials shall be graded to divert precipitation from the waste management unit, to prevent ponding of surface water over wastes, and to resist erosion as a result of precipitation [Title 27, § 20365(f)].
- 11. Any drainage layer in the final cover shall be designed and constructed to intersect with the final drainage system for the waste management unit in a manner promoting free drainage from all portions of the drainage layer [Title 27, §20365(f)].

#### CENTRAL VALLEY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD

ORDER NO. R5-2018-0022

#### WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS

CHEVRON USA, INC.
POST-CLOSURE MAINTENANCE
MIDWAY SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SITE
SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

### **INFORMATION SHEET**

Chevron USA, Inc., owns and manages the Midway Solid Waste Disposal Landfill (Facility), which is located about one mile west of the unincorporated community of Fellows. The Facility is situated on a 911-acre property, and consists of one unlined waste management unit (WMU) approximately 5.1 acres size. Until 1999, nonputrescible industrial solid waste was discharged to the WMU. Discharges of all waste ceased in 1999.

On 19 September 1997, the Central Valley Water Board classified the Facility as a Class III waste disposal site. On 24 June 2005, the Central Valley Water Board adopted Order No. R5-2005-0101, which continued to classify the Facility as a Class III waste disposal site in accordance with California Code of Regulations, title 27 (Title 27). This Order continues this classification.

The Facility is near the western edge of the San Joaquin Valley near the boundary with the Temblor Range. The climate is semi-arid, with hot, dry summers and cool winters. The average annual precipitation is about 5.4 inches, with an annual average pan evaporation of 94.96 inches. The Facility site is not within a 100-year floodplain according to FEMA data.

The Facility is in an area of known seismic activity in which active and potentially active faults exist. The closest Holocene fault is the San Andreas Fault, which is located approximately 15 miles to the west. Recorded magnitudes of seismic events along this fault range between 4.0 and 8.25 on the Richter scale. The estimated peak horizontal acceleration for the site is 0.24g. The Facility site is not within a known fault hazard zone.

Surface drainage is toward Buena Vista Creek in the Taft Hydrologic Area (557.20) of the Tulare Lake Basin. Surface waters in the Taft Hydrologic Area are designated as Valley Floor Waters in the Basin Plan.

Land within 1,000 feet is used for marginal rangeland.

There are no groundwater aquifers underlying the Facility. The first encountered subsurface fluid consists of oil and tar, encountered at about 295 feet below ground surface (bgs). Additionally, borehole data indicates that there is <u>no groundwater present</u> within the upper 1,000 feet of sediments. Groundwater samples from oil wells located 1.25 miles from the Facility indicate that groundwater contains total dissolved solids (TDS) ranging between 3,588 to 8,836 milligrams per liter with traces of petroleum hydrocarbons. It is not reasonably foreseeable that any fluids, including leachate and landfill gas, would migrate from Facility WMUs to any aquifer or surface water body in the Basin. Although Title 27, section 20380 et seq. requires a groundwater detection-monitoring program (DMP) for each WMU, implementation of such a program is technically infeasible and unnecessary in view of the demonstrated absence of groundwater underlying the Site. Accordingly, a DMP will not be required.

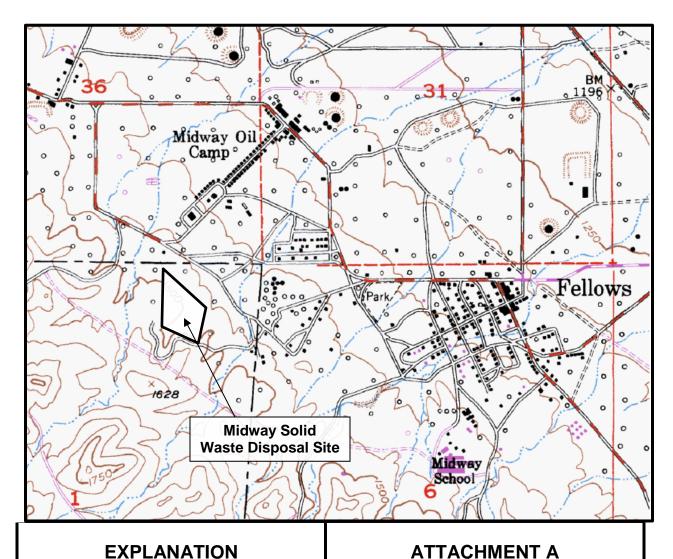
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Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R5-2018-0022 Chevron USA, Inc. Midway Solid Waste Disposal Site San Luis Obispo County

The Discharger adequately demonstrated that construction of a Title 27 prescriptive standard cover was unreasonable and unnecessarily burdensome when compared to the proposed engineered alternative. There is no clay source on-site or nearby and the cost of importing clay from off-site or mixing on-site soils with bentonite would cost substantially more than the alternative design.

An engineered alternative final cover system for the Unit was completed in 2006 and consists of a four-foot thick evapotranspirative vegetative layer. A pan lysimeter was installed on the top deck of the landfill at the base of the four-foot cover to monitor potential percolation through the evapotranspirative cover. The pan lysimeter consists of a 5-foot square painted steel pan with a bottom sloping towards an outlet drain in the northeast corner of the pan. The outlet pipe consists of 2-inch diameter polyvinyl chloride (PVC) pipe connected to a 4-inch diameter PVC observation well. The observation well has a sump approximately 6 inches deeper than the pan lysimeter to collect water that has infiltrated to the pan.

The revision of waste discharge requirements for existing facilities is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resource Code section 21000 et seq., pursuant to section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15000 et seq.)



# WASTE MANAGEMENT **FACILITY BOUNDARY** 1.5 km 0.6 0.7 0.8 1 inch = 1250 feet Scale 1:15000

Map Source: Fellows 7.5' USGS Topographic Map

## **ATTACHMENT A**

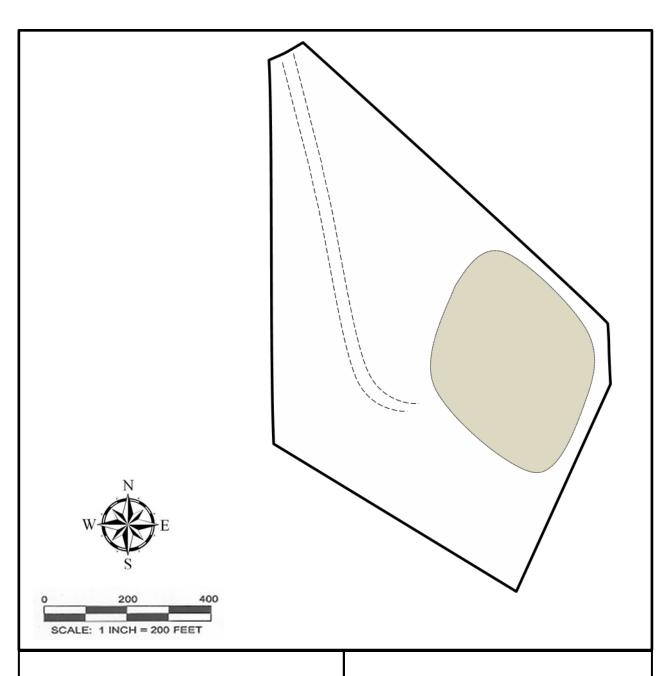
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# **EXPLANATION**



Waste Management Unit



Access Road

# **ATTACHMENT B**

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