


## Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

To: Interested Persons

From: Rebecca Chou, Ph.D., P.E.   
Section Chief of Groundwater Permitting and Land Disposal

Date: December 28, 2018

Subject: **NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND PUBLIC MEETING ON TENTATIVE TERMINATION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR AZUSA SOIL TREATMENT FACILITY, AZUSA, CALIFORNIA**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Board) will consider tentative Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for the Azusa Soil Treatment Facility (ASTF), operated by Thermal Remediation Solutions (TRS), at 1211 West Gladstone Street, Azusa, California.

The Regional Board Meeting is scheduled as follows:

Date: March 14, 2019

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Board Room, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California 700 North Alameda Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

At the Regional Board Meeting, the public will have an opportunity to comment on the tentative order. Please note that the Regional Board may limit public comments to three (3) minutes each. Copies of the tentative order can be obtained from the Regional Boards website at: [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/board\\_decisions/tentative\\_orders/index.html#4](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/board_decisions/tentative_orders/index.html#4).

Interested persons are encouraged to submit comments electronically. All written comments and evidence must be received by the Regional Board no later than 5:00 p.m. on **February 11, 2019**. Comments sent after that date/time will not be accepted into the record unless determined by the Chair not to prejudice any party or the Regional Board. Send comments by email to: Mr. Douglas Cross (Project Manager) at [douglas.cross@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:douglas.cross@waterboards.ca.gov). Please indicate in the subject line, "Comment Letter - **Tentative Order for Azusa Soil Treatment Facility**." Written comments submitted through email are requested to be transmitted in Microsoft Word or PDF format. Written comments can also be sent via facsimile to (213) 576-5777 or by mail addressed to:

Mr. Douglas Cross  
California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region  
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Please contact Mr. Douglas Cross at (213) 620-2246 for additional information.

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December 28, 2018

Mr. Joe Walstrom, District Manager  
Thermal Remediation Solutions and Azusa Land Reclamation, Inc.  
1211 West Gladstone Street  
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### **TENTATIVE TERMINATION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS - AZUSA SOIL TREATMENT FACILITY, AZUSA, CALIFORNIA (FILE NO. 94-080, ORDER NO. R4-2004-0056, CI-7598, GEOTRACKER GLOBAL NO. L10002241316)**

Dear Mr. Walstrom:

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Board) adopted waste discharge requirements (WDRs) Order No. R4-2004-0056 on April 4, 2004, for Thermal Remediation Solutions (TRS) for the treatment of petroleum hydrocarbon contaminated soils at the Azusa Soil Treatment Facility (ASTF) in Azusa, California. On October 10, 2017, TRS submitted a letter to the Regional Board, indicating that all operations of the ASTF had been terminated. Because the permitted discharge of wastes at the site has ceased, Regional Board staff intends to terminate the WDRs.

In accordance with administrative procedures, this Regional Board, at a public hearing, will consider the enclosed tentative Order, which will terminate WDRs Order No. R4-2004-0056. The hearing will be held on March 14, 2019, at the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, 700 North Alameda Street, Los Angeles, California and will begin at 9:00 AM.

In order to be fully evaluated by Regional Board staff and included in the Board's agenda packet, written comments must be received at the Regional Board office by 5:00 PM on February 11, 2019. Failure to comply with these requirements is grounds for the Regional Board to refuse to admit the proposed written comments or exhibits into evidence. Timely submittal of written comments is encouraged to ensure that all comments are accurately and fully included in the administrative record, that Regional Board staff is able to provide a timely review, and that Regional Board members have sufficient time to give full consideration to the comments and issues raised.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Douglas Cross (Project Manager) at (213) 62-2246 or [douglas.cross@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:douglas.cross@waterboards.ca.gov), or Dr. Wen Yang, Chief of the Land Disposal Unit, at (213) 620-2253 or [wen.yang@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:wen.yang@waterboards.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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**STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
LOS ANGELES REGION**

**ORDER NO. R4-2019-0xxx**

**TERMINATION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS**

**THERMAL REMEDIATION SOLUTIONS  
AZUSA SOIL RECYCLING FACILITY**

**(File No. 94-080)**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Board) finds:

1. This Regional Board adopted waste discharge requirements (WDRs) Order No. R4-2004-0056 on April 4, 2004, for Thermal Remediation Solutions (TRS) for the operations of the Azusa Soil Treatment Facility (ASTF), which is located at the top decks of the Azusa Land Reclamation, Inc. (ALR), an inert landfill at 1211 West Gladstone Street, Azusa, California. The WDRs permits the storage and treatment of petroleum hydrocarbon contaminated soils using thermal desorption technology at ASTF. Treated soils were utilized at ALR for various needs. Both TRS and ALR are owned and operated by Waste Management (WM).
2. On October 10, 2017, TRS submitted a letter to the Regional Board, indicating that all operations of ASTF were terminated. The letter included final confirmation sampling data and a survey of the area where the soil treatment facility was located.
3. During an inspection at the site on September 11, 2017, Regional Board staff confirmed that operations of the ASTF had ceased.
4. The landfill operations at ALR are currently regulated under WDRs included in Regional Board Order No. R4-2009-0098. Stormwater runoff from ALR is regulated under the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) Industrial General Permit Order No. 2014-0057-WDQ (WDID No. 4 19S001306).
5. The Regional Board finds that requirements contained in Order No. R4-2004-0056 are no longer necessary because the permitted soil treatment operations have ceased. As such, the order shall be terminated.
6. The termination of WDRs is exempt from the provisions of Chapter 3 (commencing with section 21100), Division 13, Public Resources Code, in accordance with California Water Code (CWC) section 13389.
7. This Regional Board has notified the Discharger and interested agencies and persons of its intent to terminate WDRs for this discharge and has provided them with an opportunity to submit their written views and recommendations.
8. This Regional Board in a public meeting heard and considered all comments pertaining to the discharge and to the tentative requirements.

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Pursuant to CWC section 13320, any aggrieved party may seek review of this Order by filing a petition with the State Board. The petition must be received by the State Water Resources Control Board, P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812, within 30 days of the date this Order is adopted.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED**, that Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R4-2004-0056 be terminated, except for enforcement purposes.

I, Deborah J. Smith, Executive Officer, do certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region, on March 14, 2019.

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Deborah J. Smith  
Executive Officer

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