


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 19, 2018

Subject: **NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND PUBLIC MEETING  
ON TENTATIVE TERMINATION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR  
LOWER AZUSA RECLAMATION PROJECT, ARCADIA, CALIFORNIA**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Board) will consider tentative Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for the Lower Azusa Reclamation Project (formerly Rodeffer Landfill, also known as Acadia Reclamation Debris Engineered Fill Operation), operated by Arcadia Reclamation, Inc., at 12321 Lower Azusa Road, Arcadia, 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: Dr. Wen Yang at [wyang@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:wyang@waterboards.ca.gov). Please indicate in the subject line, "Comment Letter - **Tentative Order for Lower Azusa Reclamation Project.**" 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:

Dr. Wen Yang  
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Please contact Dr. Wen Yang at (213) 620-2253 for additional information.

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December 19, 2018

Mr. John Edwards, Owner  
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**TENTATIVE TERMINATION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS - LOWER AZUSA RECLAMATION PROJECT, ARCADIA, CALIFORNIA (FILE NO. 86-086, ORDER NO. 96-074, CI-7711, GEOTRACKER GLOBAL NO. L10001817644)**

Dear Mr. Edwards:

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Board) adopted Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order No. 96-074 for the Lower Azusa Reclamation Project (formerly Rodeffer Landfill, also known as Arcadia Reclamation Debris Engineered Fill Operation) at 12321 Lower Azusa Road, Arcadia, California. On October 16, 2018, Arcadia Reclamation, Inc. (Discharger), submitted a letter to the Regional Board, requesting termination of the WDRs. 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. 96-074. 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 me 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**

**ARCADIA RECLAMATION INC.  
Lower Azusa Reclamation Project  
(File No. 86-061)**

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

1. This Regional Board adopted waste discharge requirements (WDRs) Order No. 96-074 on September 30, 1996, for Rodeffer Inert Landfill (Landfill), a former aggregate mining pit at 12321 Lower Azusa Road in the City of Arcadia, California. The WDRs permit the discharge of inert solid wastes at the Landfill for the reclamation of the mining pit. The Landfill was subsequently renamed to Lower Azusa Reclamation Project (LARP), also known as Arcadia Reclamation Debris Engineered Fill Operation.
2. Reclamation of the LARP began in September 2001 and was completed in late 2015. During this period, approximately 10,318,723 cubic yards of inert solid wastes were discharged at the site pursuant to the WDRs.
3. On October 21, 2016, the Region Board Executive Officer approved a Final Closure Report for the LARP that described the methods and controls to be used to assure protection of water resources during final operation of the site, including a clean compacted soil final cover of at least 8 feet in thickness and a proposed land use as commercial buildings.
4. During an inspection at the site on March 14, 2018, Regional Board staff observed that the former mining pit had been completely filled and the property had been developed with the construction of the Arcadia Logistics Center, which includes four commercial storage buildings. All roads had been paved and open spaces had been landscaped. Five stormwater retention basins had been constructed and were in use.
5. On October 16, 2018, Arcadia Reclamation, Inc., the current owner of the property, submitted a notice to the Regional Board, requesting termination of the WDRs.
6. The Regional Board finds that requirements contained in Order No. 96-074 are no longer necessary because discharge of wastes at the site have ceased. As such, the order shall be terminated.
7. 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.

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8. 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.
9. This Regional Board in a public meeting heard and considered all comments pertaining to the discharge and to the tentative requirements.

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. 96-074 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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