STATE OF CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD LOS ANGELES REGION

ORDER NO. R4-2020-0xxx

TERMINATION OF GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR DISCHARGE OF NON-HAZARDOUS CONTAMINATED SOILS AND OTHER WASTES TO CLASS III LANDFILLS (File No. 88-57)

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

- 1. The Regional Water Board adopted Order No. 91-93 on July 22, 1991, which contains general waste discharge requirements (General WDRs) for the discharge of non-hazardous contaminated soil and other similar wastes to properly engineered and managed waste management units. The General WDRs permit the discharge of up to 100,000 cubic yards of non-hazardous contaminated soils or other similar waste in a Class III municipal solid waste landfill in a period not exceeding 90 days.
- The General WDRs were adopted in response to a large number of requests that were received by the Regional Water Board for the disposal of waste soils contaminated with low levels of petroleum hydrocarbons that were generated from the cleanup of leaking underground tanks and other contaminated sites.
- 3. On March 3, 2011, the Regional Water Board adopted Order No. R4-2011-0052, Amendments to Waste Discharge Requirements for Disposal and Onsite Use of Non-Designated / Non-Hazardous Contaminated Soils and Related Wastes at Municipal Solid Waste Landfills (Amendments to WDRs). The Amendments to WDRs amended the existing WDRs for active Class III landfills in the Region that receive non-designated / non-hazardous contaminated soils. The Amendments to WDRs include broad requirements on the levels of contamination and related best management practices (BMPs) for the discharge and onsite reuse of contaminated soils as cover materials or other uses at such landfills.
- 4. With the adoption of Order No. R4-2011-0052, coverage under Order No. 91-93 becomes unnecessary. Since 2015, the Regional Water Board has not received any application for enrollment under the General WDRs. Currently, there is no discharge of waste covered under the General WDRs. As such, Order No. 91-93 shall be terminated.
- 5. The termination of the General WDRs is covered by the common sense exemption. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 40, §15061.) There is no possibility that the termination of these WDRs may have a significant effect on the environment because the discharges formerly regulated under these WDRs will continue to be regulated by other means.
- 6. The Regional Water Board has notified all known interested agencies and persons of its intent to terminate the General WDRs and has provided them with an opportunity to submit their written views and recommendations.

7. The Regional Water 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 Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board). The petition must be received by the State Water Board, P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812, within 30 days of the date this Order is adopted.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that General Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 91-93 be terminated, except for enforcement purposes.

I, Renee Purdy, 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 September 10, 2020.

Renee Purdy Executive Officer T

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