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ORDER NO. R4-2022-0228

TERMINATION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
FOR
IRWINDALE PARTNERS, LP
Arrow Nu-way Reclamation
File No. 01-084

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

1. The Regional Water Board adopted waste discharge requirements (WDRs) Order No. 01-179 on December 13, 2001, for United Rock Products Corporation (URP) for the discharge of inert solid wastes at the URP Pit No. 1 Inert Landfill (Landfill) at 1220 and 1270 E. Arrow Highway, Irwindale, California. On December 13, 2004, the ownership of the site was transferred to Irwindale Partners, LP (also known as JH Properties) and operations of the site were transferred to Waste Management. On December 1, 2014, operations of the site were transferred from Waste Management to Cal Arrow Enterprises, Inc., and the name of the site was changed to Arrow Nu-Way Reclamation. Order No. 01-179 was revised by Order No. R4-2016-0332, adopted by the Regional Water Board on October 13, 2016. Irwindale Partners, LP (owner) and Cal Arrow Enterprises, Inc. (operator), were collectively referred to as the “Discharger” in Order No. R4-2016-0332. On October 26, 2016, operations of the Landfill were transferred from Cal Arrow Enterprises to Arcadia Reclamation Inc.
2. The Landfill is located at a triangle-shaped former aggregate quarry pit that was mined for sand and gravel from the 1940’s to the 1990’s. Inert landfill operations are part of the reclamation of the mining pit that is required under the State Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1975 (SMARA). The Landfill has been operated as an Inert Debris Engineered Fill Operation (IDEFO) in accordance with Division 7, Chapter 3 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (Title 14). Wastes permitted to be discharged at the site included native geological materials, uncontaminated concrete, crushed glass, bricks, ceramics, clay and clay products, rock and clean soil, and fully cured asphalt.
3. In accordance with Title 27 of California Code of Regulations (Title 27), Section 20230(b), inert wastes do not need to be discharged at classified units. Adoption of WDRs for discharges of inert waste is at the discretion of the Regional Water Board and is not required by the regulations. The purpose of the WDRs was to ensure that only inert wastes were discharged and the Landfill, while any other type of wastes, such as municipal solid wastes and hazardous wastes, were excluded from the waste stream. The Discharger has been in compliance with the WDRs.

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4. In a letter dated October 31, 2021, Arcadia Reclamation Inc. informed the Regional Water Board that landfill operations at the site had been completed. In another letter dated March 17, 2022, Arcadia Reclamation Inc. requested termination of Order No. R4-2016-0332, as the permitted discharge of wastes had ceased.
5. During an inspection of the Landfill on March 8, 2022, Regional Water Board staff observed that the site had been filled to street level and that the property was ready for redevelopment.
6. The Landfill has been monitoring the groundwater quality at the site since 2002 as required under the WDRs. The analytical data collected do not indicate any impact on groundwater quality by the Landfill. However, due to the prolonged drought in southern California, the two downgradient groundwater monitoring wells at the Landfill have been dry since 2015. As a reference, current groundwater monitoring data at the adjacent Irwindale Quarry Inert Landfill, which is directly downgradient to the Landfill, does not indicate pollution of groundwater by landfill operations, either.
7. WDRs included in Order No. R4-2016-0332 are no longer necessary because the permitted discharge of wastes at the Landfill has ceased. Because the Landfill has never received municipal solid waste or other wastes that can produce leachate or landfill gas, the closed Landfill is no longer a threat to groundwater quality. Long-term post-closure monitoring and maintenance at the Landfill are therefore not required.
8. Termination of the WDRs is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15061, subdivision (b)(3) (common sense exemption) because there is no possibility that a termination of waste discharge requirements may have a significant effect on the environment.
9. The Regional Water 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.
10. The Regional Water Board in a public meeting heard and considered all comments pertaining to the discharge and to the tentative termination of waste discharge requirements.
11. 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 Order No. R4-2016-0332 be terminated, except for enforcement purposes.

The Executive Officer of the Regional Water Board is authorized, and is hereby directed, to certify and submit a copy of this Order to the Discharger, and to such individuals and governmental agencies that request it.

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 July 14, 2022.

Renee Purdy
Executive Officer