
Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

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TERMINATION OF ENROLLMENT UNDER GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS, BLANCHARD LANDFILL, MONTEREY PARK, CA (FILE NO. 89-018, ORDER NO. R4-2002-022, CI-9581, GEOTRACKER GLOBAL T10000002328)

Dear Ms. Jue:

On March 3, 2010, the Blanchard Landfill (Landfill), owned by the County of Los Angeles (Discharger), was enrolled under Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) Order No. R4-2002-022 (Order). The Order, titled *General Waste Discharge Requirements for Post-Closure Maintenance of Inactive Nonhazardous Waste Landfills within the Los Angeles Region* (General WDRs) was adopted on January 24, 2002 by the Regional Board for the postclosure maintenance of closed, abandoned, or inactive (CAI) landfills as defined in section 20164 of title 27 of the California Code of Regulations (27 CCR).

Historically, the Landfill was operated as a burn dump starting in 1935 until approximately 1946. Subsequently, it was operated under an industrial waste permit granted by the Los Angeles County, Department of Engineers, as a municipal waste landfill that was permitted to accept liquid, solid, chemical, and industrial wastes. Operations at the landfill ceased on December 31, 1958. Enrollment of the Landfill under the General WDRs was in response to disrepair of drainage conveyance systems in the front face area of the Landfill that had resulted in major erosion of the final cover and exposed wastes.

Following enrollment under the General WDRs, the Discharger completed repairs of the final cover, drainage, and gas extraction systems and improved the post-closure maintenance program for the Landfill. In addition, the Discharger installed a sentinel groundwater monitoring well in the alluvial channel that drained from the unlined Landfill to assess the groundwater quality at site. Results of groundwater monitoring performed at the sentinel well do not indicate a release of pollutants to groundwater from the Landfill. This is consistent with the conclusion of a Solid Waste Assessment Test (SWAT) analysis completed in 1994 for the Blanchard and the adjoining Cogen Landfills.

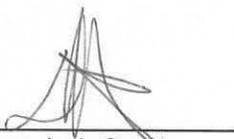
On November 30, 2017, the Discharger submitted a *Preliminary Findings and Recommendations Report* (Report), to the Regional Board and requested to terminate postclosure monitoring of the Landfill. Support for the proposed termination of coverage of the General WDRs for the Landfill includes:

1. Eroded final cover has been repaired and the side-slope areas of the Landfill have been improved with an irrigated vegetative cover;
2. An improved drainage control system has been constructed at the Landfill that is capable of conveying storm water to a 100-year design storm;
3. A landfill gas collection system has been constructed at the Landfill to control landfill gas migration, reducing the potential for groundwater contamination via a landfill gas migration pathway, and
4. The Landfill site has been developed as part of the County of Los Angeles Eastern Hill Complex that includes the Sybil Brand Institute, the Sheriffs Special Enforcement Bureau, the Internal Services Department Facility, the County Fire Department Headquarters, and the Biscailuz Center Expansion.

Regional Board staff has reviewed the Report and related records and concurs that coverage of the General WDRs for the landfill is no longer necessary. Enrollment under General WDRs for the Landfill is herein terminated. Please note that the site is still a CAI landfill pursuant to 27 CCR. The Regional Board may enroll the Landfill under the General WDRs again, or apply other requirements in accordance with 27 CCR or the California Water Code, if warranted by changed site conditions.

If you have any questions, please call Project Manager, Dr. Enrique Casas, at (213) 620-2299 or the Unit Chief of Groundwater Permitting, Dr. Wen Yang, at (213) 620-2253 regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



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