

Permitting and Assistance Branch Staff Report
 Revised Minor Waste Tire Facility Permit for Mike's Tire Man, Inc.
 TPID No. 1001269
 December 11, 2012

Background Information, Analysis, and Findings:

This report was developed in response to a Revised Minor Waste Tire Facility Permit (WTFP) application received from the operator of Mike's Tire Man, Inc., located at 20529 Soledad Canyon Road, in Canyon Country (County of Los Angeles), within an Industrial Commercial zone.

An application for a Revised Minor WTFP was received by Permitting and Assistance Branch staff on August 20, 2012, which was accepted as complete on September 19, 2012. A revised application was received and accepted as complete on October 25, 2012. Pursuant to Title 14, California Code of Regulations (14 CCR), Section 18425, CalRecycle has 180 calendar days from the date the application is accepted as complete to either issue or deny the issuance of a Revised Minor WTFP. Based on the acceptance of the revised application, CalRecycle is required to act by April 23, 2013.

Mike's Tire Man, Inc., is currently permitted under a Minor Waste Tire Facility Permit, issued on January 19, 2010, and allows for the storage of up to 3,000 waste tires. The operator is seeking to add additional enclosed containers which will allow the facility to store up to 4,999 waste tires. The site acreage remains unchanged; however, staff will correct the site acreage on the WTFP in order to include the entire building and parking lots, which are located south of the waste tire storage units. No other changes are proposed.

Findings

Staff recommends approval of the issuance of the proposed permit. All of the required submittals and findings required by 14 CCR, Section 18431, have been met to support issuance. The findings that are required to be made by CalRecycle when reaching a determination are summarized in the table below. The documents on which staff's findings are based are permanently maintained by the Waste Permitting, Compliance, and Mitigation Division.

The following table summarizes the staff's findings relative to the permit application:

	Findings	
Compliance with Tire Storage Standards, 14 CCR, Sections 17350-17356	Staff of the Waste Evaluation and Enforcement Branch (WEEB) conducted an inspection of the facility on October 9, 2012. See additional compliance information below.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Acceptable <input type="checkbox"/> Unacceptable
Application Forms (500-504) - 14 CCR, Sections 18431(a) through (f)	All application forms were accepted by Permitting and Assistance Branch staff as complete on September 19, 2012. Revised application forms were received and accepted on October 25, 2012.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Acceptable <input type="checkbox"/> Unacceptable

Local Requirements 14 CCR, Section 18431(h)	<p><i>Local Vector Control:</i> In a letter, dated September 24, 2012, the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District approved the outdoor storage practices.</p> <p><i>Local Fire Authority:</i> A Fire Permit was issued by the Los Angeles County Fire Prevention Division, on June 4, 2012.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Acceptable <input type="checkbox"/> Unacceptable
California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)	Staff of the Permitting and Assistance Branch found that the issuance of the Minor Waste Tire Facility Permit is categorically exempt from the requirements of CEQA. See additional CEQA information below.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Acceptable <input type="checkbox"/> Unacceptable
Reviewed by: CalRecycle Legal Office	January 2, 2013	
Waste Evaluation and Enforcement Branch	October 25, 2012	

Compliance History:

Staff of WEEB and the Permitting and Assistance Branch conducted a pre-permit inspection on October 9, 2012, and found the facility to be in compliance with applicable state minimum standards.

Environmental Analysis:

Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), CalRecycle must consider, and avoid or substantially lessen where possible, any potentially significant environmental impacts of the proposed Revised Minor WTFP before CalRecycle issues that permit. In this case, CalRecycle is a lead agency under CEQA and must make a determination as to whether this proposed permit is categorically or statutorily exempt or additional CEQA analysis is necessary in the form of a Negative Declaration or Environmental Impact Report.

Mike’s Tire Man, Inc., is an existing automobile repair shop that has been in operation prior to January 1, 1990. Mike’s Tire Man, Inc., is currently permitted under a Minor Waste Tire Facility Permit, issued on January 19, 2010, which allows for the storage of up to 3,000 waste tires. The operator is seeking to add additional enclosed containers which will allow the facility to store up to 4,999 waste tires. No other changes are proposed.

The County of Los Angeles re-issued a Business License on November 11, 2011. The facility is located within an Industrial Commercial zone.

Staff prepared a Preliminary Review to determine whether a categorical exemption is adequate for CalRecycle's approval of this Revised Minor WTFP. The Preliminary Review indicates that the proposed project:

- Involves the continued operation of an existing facility within the permitted land use;
- Does not allow relaxation of standards leading to environmental degradation;
- Would have no significant environmental impacts; and
- There are no additional cumulative environmental impacts.

CalRecycle staff made the finding/determination that the Categorical Exemption, 14 CCR Section 15301 – Existing Facilities, is appropriate for CalRecycle's issuance of this proposed Revised Minor WTFP in that it involves negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing. Staff recommends that CalRecycle, acting as a lead agency under CEQA, prepare a Notice of Exemption, based on the Categorical Exemption, to be filed with the State Clearinghouse after CalRecycle's issuance of the Revised Minor WTFP. Further, there are no grounds under CEQA for CalRecycle to prepare any additional environmental documents.

Staff further recommends the Categorical Exemption is adequate for the Branch Chief's environmental evaluation of the proposed project for those project activities which are within CalRecycle's expertise and authority, or which are required to be carried out or approved by CalRecycle.

The administrative record for the decision to be made by CalRecycle includes the proposed Revised Minor WTFP and all of its components and supporting documentation, this staff report, the Notice of Exemption and other documents and material utilized by CalRecycle in reaching its decision on issuing this permit. The custodian of CalRecycle's administrative record is Dona Sturgess, Legal Office, Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, P.O. Box 4025, Sacramento, CA 95812-4025.

Public Comment

Department staff provided an opportunity for public comment during the CalRecycle Monthly Public Meeting on October 16, 2012, November 19, 2012, and December 11, 2012. No public comments have been received by CalRecycle staff.

Attachment: Minor WTFP