

**Permitting and Assistance Branch Staff Report**  
 New Minor Waste Tire Facility Permit for Green World, LLC  
 TPID No. 1806651  
 April 24, 2015

**Background Information and Analysis:**

This report was developed in response to an application for a New Minor Waste Tire Facility Permit (WTFP) received from Arrow Engineering Services, the consultant for the operator of Green World, LLC, located at 811 East Avenue M (Columbia Way) in the City of Lancaster (Los Angeles County). Green World, LLC will operate on 4.58 acres with an existing warehouse located in a Heavy Industrial (HI) zone. Waste tires will be stored outdoors.

An application for a New Minor WTFP was received by Permitting and Assistance Branch staff on October 28, 2014 and accepted as complete on November 21, 2014. The operator submitted amendments to the application package in February and April 2015, but the amendments did not significantly alter the nature of the application, so staff did not consider the amendments a new application, pursuant to Title 14, California Code of Regulations (14 CCR), Section 18424(b). Pursuant to Title 14, 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 Minor WTFP. CalRecycle is required to act by May 20, 2015.

**Findings:**

Staff recommends approval of the issuance of the proposed WTFP. 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 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 March 23, 2015, and observed that there were no waste tire storage activities occurring on the site. See Compliance History below for details.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Acceptable <input type="checkbox"/> Unacceptable
Application Forms (500-503) - 14 CCR, Sections 18431(a) through (d)	All application forms were accepted by Permitting and Assistance Branch (PAB) staff as complete on November 21, 2014.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Acceptable <input type="checkbox"/> Unacceptable
Local Requirements 14 CCR, Section 18431(h)	<p><i>Local Vector Control:</i> The operator obtained vector control authority approval from Ms. Karen S. Mellor of the Antelope Valley Mosquito &amp; Vector Control District on August 26, 2014.</p> <p><i>Local Fire Authority:</i> Mr. Chris Kennelly of the County of Los Angeles Fire Department approved the fire prevention measures for outdoor tire</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Acceptable <input type="checkbox"/> Unacceptable

	<p>storage on April 9, 2015. However, since infrastructure for the facility is not in place yet, the approval is subject to field inspection.</p> <p><i>Fire Safety Plan:</i> The fire safety plan was submitted to the County of Los Angeles Fire Department on February 23, 2015.</p>	
California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)	PAB staff determined that the issuance of the Minor WTFP is statutorily exempt from the requirements of CEQA. See additional CEQA information in the Environmental Analysis section below.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Acceptable <input type="checkbox"/> Unacceptable
Reviewed by: CalRecycle Legal Office	April 24, 2015	
Waste Evaluation and Enforcement Branch	March 10, 2015	

**Compliance History:**

This is a new facility that is not yet operational, and the existing warehouse currently houses a blind (shutters) manufacturing company. An initial pre-permit inspection was conducted by CalRecycle’s WEEB staff on November 13, 2014. It was confirmed that the building is still occupied by the current tenant, and the plot plan is accurate except for the proposed additions to be completed by Green World, LLC. A second pre-permit inspection was conducted by CalRecycle’s WEEB staff on March 23, 2015, and observed that there were no waste tire storage activities occurring on the site and still a blind (shutters) manufacturing company.

**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 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 WTFP is categorically or statutorily exempt or additional CEQA analysis is necessary in the form of a Negative Declaration or Environmental Impact Report.

The proposed WTFP is considered to be a project under CEQA [CEQA Guidelines 15378(a)(3)], and the facility is required to obtain a WTFP pursuant to 14 CCR, Section 18420, for the storage of up to 4,999 waste tires.

The facility is consistent with the City of Lancaster’s Heavy Industrial (HI) zoning designation. The City of Lancaster Development Services Department filed a Notice of Exemption, Categorical Exemption – Existing Facility 14 CCR Section 15301 with the Los Angeles County Clerk dated July 22, 2014, for a tire processing facility. Staff determined through review that the proposed project:

- Involves the operation of a facility within the permitted land use and zoning designation;
- Will have no reasonable possibility of significant environmental impacts, when compared with existing use of the site as a blind (shutters) manufacturing company; and

- Will not involve cumulative impacts that are significant.

CalRecycle staff made the finding/determination that the General Rule Exemption: 14 CCR Section 15061(b)(3), is appropriate for CalRecycle's issuance of this proposed Minor WTFP. Staff recommends that CalRecycle, acting as the lead agency under CEQA, prepare a Notice of Exemption, based on the General Rule Exemption, to be filed with the State Clearinghouse after CalRecycle's issuance of the Minor WTFP, in that the activity is not subject to further CEQA review. Further, there are no grounds under CEQA for CalRecycle to prepare any additional environmental documents.

Staff further recommends the General Rule 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 Minor WTFP and all of its components and supporting documentation, this staff report 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 CalRecycle's Monthly Public Meetings on November 28, 2014; December 16, 2014; January 27, 2015; February 17, 2015; March 17, 2015; and April 21, 2015. No public comments have been received by CalRecycle staff.

Attachment: Minor WTFP