

# SOLID WASTE FACILITY PERMIT

Facility Permit Number:  
**PROPOSED 19-AA-1043**

**1. Name and Street Address of Facility:**

Puente Hills Materials Recovery Facility  
2808 South Workman Mill Road  
Whittier, CA 90601

**2. Name and Mailing Address of Operator:**

County Sanitation Districts  
of Los Angeles County, District No. 2  
1955 South Workman Mill Road  
Whittier, CA 90601

**3. Name and Mailing Address of Owner:**

County Sanitation Districts  
of Los Angeles County, District No. 18  
1955 South Workman Mill Road  
Whittier, CA 90601

**4. Specifications:**

- a. Permitted Operations:**
- Solid Waste Disposal Site
  - Transfer/Processing Facility (MRF)
  - Composting Facility /Green Material
  - Transformation Facility
  - Other:

**b. Permitted Hours of Operation:** Materials Receipt and Transport.....24 hours per day, Monday through Saturday  
Processing.....24 hours daily

**c. Permitted Maximum Tonnage:** Total..... 4400 tons per day (TPD);  
Not to exceed 24,000 tons per week

**d. Permitted Traffic Volume:** ..... N/A vehicles per day

**e. Key Design Parameters (Detailed parameters are shown on site plans)**

	Total	Disposal	Transfer/Processing	Composting	Transformation
Permitted Area (acres)	25		25		
Design capacity	4,400 TPD		4,400 TPD		
Max. Elevation (ft. MSL)					
Max. Depth (ft. MSL)					
Estimated Closure Year					

Upon a significant change in design or operation from that described herein, this permit is subject to revocation or suspension. The attached findings and conditions are integral parts of this permit and supersede the conditions of any previously issued solid waste facility permit.

**5. Approval**

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**Approving Officer Signature**  
Cindy Chen, Chief Environmental Health Specialist  
Solid Waste Management Program

**6. Local Enforcement Agency:**

County of Los Angeles  
Department of Public Health  
Solid Waste Management Program  
5050 Commerce Drive  
Baldwin Park, California 91706  
(626) 430-5540 Phone

**7. Date Received by CalRecycle:**

**SEP 24 2013**

**8. CalRecycle Concurrence Date:**

**9. Permit Issued Date:**

**10. Permit Review Due Date:**  
September 5, 2018

**11. Owner/Operator Transfer Date:**

**12. Legal Description of Facility:**

The facility is located in Unincorporated Los Angeles County (Unincorporated Whittier) adjacent to the Puente Hills Landfill. A detailed legal description of the facility is on-file and available for review at the LEA's offices in Baldwin Park.

**13. Findings:**

- a. This permit is consistent with the Los Angeles County Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan, which was approved by the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) on June 23, 1999. Pursuant to Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 50001(a)(2) the facility is identified in the County of Los Angeles' Non-Disposal Facility Element, which has been approved pursuant to PRC §41800 or §41801.5.
- b. This permit is consistent with the standards adopted by the CalRecycle pursuant to PRC Section 44010.
- c. The design and operation of the facility is consistent with the State Minimum Standards for Solid Waste Handling and Disposal as determined by the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA), pursuant to PRC Section 44009.
- d. The local fire protection agency, the Los Angeles County Fire Department, has determined that the facility is in conformance with the applicable fire standards, pursuant to PRC Section 44151.
- e. On June 14, 1995 the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for the Puente Hills Materials Recovery Facility was certified by the Board of Directors of County Sanitation District No. 2. The FEIR encompasses both the 1992 FEIR entitled "Puente Hills Waste Management Facilities" and the 1994 Supplemental FEIR entitled "Intermodal Facility and a Waste-by-Rail Disposal System Originating from the Puente Hills Materials Recovery Facility, (State Clearinghouse #'s 91121070 and 93121114, respectively). On January 9, 2013 Board of Directors of County Sanitation District No. 2 approved an Addendum to the FEIR, and a Notice of Determination was filed with the Office of Planning and Research on January 10, 2013. The certified FEIR and Addendum is consistent with and supports this permit and Transfer/Processing Report (TPR).
- f. This permit does not supplant or modify local land use entitlements or local agencies' authority to enforce local entitlements. It is recognized by the LEA that the operator must comply with the provisions of the Integrated Waste Management Act (IWMA), state regulations and the terms and conditions of this permit as well as other regulatory requirements and applicable local land use measures which govern the operator's activities at the site. If the requirements inadvertently overlap, it is expected that the operator will comply with the more stringent requirement in order to maintain compliance. Non-compliance with another agency requirement may not constitute a violation of this permit, the IWMA, or state regulations.

**14. Prohibitions**

- a. The permittee is prohibited from accepting the following wastes: hazardous, radioactive, medical (as defined in Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Section 117600-118360 of the Health and Safety Code/Chapter 6.1, Division 20 of the Health and Safety Code), liquid, designated, or other wastes requiring special treatment or handling, except as identified in the TPR and approved amendments thereto, and as approved by the LEA and other federal, state, and local agencies.
- b. Scavenging is not permitted by customers or employees at the facility.

**15. The following documents describe and/or restrict the operation of this facility:**

Document	Date	Document	Date
Transfer/Processing Report (TPR)	March 2005; Amended July 2013	Addendum to Final Environmental Impact Report SCH #91121070	January 2013
Final Environmental Impact Report SCH #91121070	1992; Recertified 1995	Conditional Use Permit #92-251(4)	August 1999; modified May, 2013
Final Environmental Impact Report SCH #93121114 (Supplement to SCH #91121070)	1995	National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permit #16171	May 2004

**16. Self-Monitoring:**

The owner /operator shall submit the results of all self-monitoring programs to the LEA within 15 days of the end of the reporting period (for example, 1st quarter = January-March, the report is due by April 15, etc. Information required on an annual basis shall be submitted with the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter monitoring report, unless otherwise stated).

Self-Monitoring Programs	Reporting Frequency
a. The types and quantities of non-hazardous wastes, including separated or commingled recyclables received per day. The operator shall maintain these records on the facility's premises for a minimum of three years. These records shall be made available to the LEA and CalRecycle upon request.	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Monthly</u></b></p> <p>(Due within 15 days of the end of each reporting period)</p>
b. The types and quantities of hazardous wastes, medical wastes, or otherwise prohibited wastes found in the waste stream and the disposition of these wastes.	
c. All incidents of unlawful disposal of prohibited materials and the operator's actions taken. Indicate those incidents which occurred as a result of the random load checking program. Incidents mean that the hauler or producer of the prohibited materials is known.	
d. Reports of all special or unusual occurrences and the operator's actions taken to respond to these occurrences. (Notification to the LEA is required within 24 hours of the special occurrences)	
e. The quantities of waste transferred each day to each of the disposal sites indicated on Transfer Station Monthly Waste Disposal Monitoring Form (Attachment A)	
f. Copies of all written complaints and records of complaints received by telephone regarding this facility and the operator's actions taken to resolve these complaints. (Notification to the LEA is required within 24 hours of receiving complaints.)	
g. Record of receipt of a Notice of Violation from any regulatory agency. (Notification to the LEA is required within 24 hours of receiving a Notice of Violation from any regulatory agency.)	
h. The types and quantities of inert wastes, including separated or commingled recyclables received. The operator shall place these records in the operating record and shall make them available to the LEA and the CalRecycle upon request.	
i. Copies of completed Monitoring and Reporting Form for Solid Waste Characterization Data. (Attachment B)	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Quarterly</u></b></p> <p>(Due the 15<sup>th</sup> of January, April, July, and October)</p>

**17. LEA Conditions:****A. Standard Requirements**

1. The operator shall comply with all applicable State Minimum Standards for Solid Waste Handling and Disposal as specified in Division 7 of Title 14 California Code of Regulations (14 CCR).
2. The facility shall comply with all mitigation measures specified in the certified environmental documents that are within the authority of the LEA and are contained in a mitigation monitoring and reporting program pursuant to PRC Section 21081.6.
3. The operator shall provide to the LEA, within the time specified, any additional information concerning the design and operation of this facility upon request by the LEA.
4. A copy of this permit and approved TPR, as amended, shall be maintained at the facility so as to be available at all times to facility personnel and the LEA.
5. The operator shall maintain a log of special or unusual occurrences. Special occurrences include but are not limited to: fires, injury and property damage, accidents, explosions, receipt or rejection of prohibited wastes, lack of sufficient number of personnel pursuant to section 17410.2, flooding, earthquake damage and other unusual occurrences. Each log entry shall be accompanied by a summary of any actions taken to mitigate the occurrences. The operator shall maintain this log at the facility so as to be available at all times to the facility personnel and the LEA. The operator shall notify the LEA within 24 hours of special occurrences. Call the duty officer at County of Los Angeles, Department of Public Health, Solid Waste Management Program at (626) 430-5540.
6. The operator shall notify the LEA within 24 hours of receiving any written or verbal complaint(s) from the public and/or any other parties, and also in the case of any violation(s) received from any regulatory agency.
7. This permit is subject to review by the LEA and may be temporarily suspended or revoked at any time for sufficient cause, in accordance with Division 30 of the Public Resources Code, part 4, Chapter 4, Article 2, Section 44305 et. seq, and associated regulations.
8. The LEA reserves the right to suspend or modify waste/material receiving operations as necessary due to an emergency, a potential health hazard, or the creation of a public nuisance. In addition, the LEA reserves the right to direct the operator to remedy any health hazard or public nuisance conditions resulting from the storage of a recyclable material or, if necessary, limit the duration of storage for the recyclable materials.
9. The operator shall notify the LEA, in writing, of any proposed changes in the routine facility operation or changes in facility design, during the planning stages. In no case shall the operator implement any changes without first submitting a written notice of proposed changes to the LEA at least 180 days before said changes are implemented. Any significant change as determined by the LEA would require a revision of this permit.
10. The operator and/or owner shall notify the LEA of any plans to encumber, sell, transfer, or convey the operation or ownership to a new operator or owner, at least 45 days prior to the anticipated transfer, by written certification, including information deemed sufficient by the CalRecycle and the LEA. If the facility will not be operated in compliance with the terms and conditions of this permit, the new owner shall be required to file an application for a revision of this permit.
11. The facility shall not receive more than the maximum permitted daily tonnage of 4,400 tons per day, not to exceed 24,000 tons per week, without a revision of this permit.
12. The operator shall provide training to facility personnel to educate them in the identification of untreated medical waste as well as the proper action to take if this type of waste is received at the facility.

**B. Particular Requirements**

1. Operational controls shall be established to preclude the receipt and disposal of hazardous and prohibited wastes:
  - a. The operator shall install and maintain operational and properly calibrated radiation monitors at the scales to detect radioactive materials at all times during the receipt of all incoming waste materials to the facility. Incidents of receipt of suspected radioactive materials, or warnings from the radiation detector, shall be reported immediately to the County of Los Angeles, Department of Public Health, Radiation Management Program at (213) 351-7897 and the LEA.

**17. LEA Conditions Continued:****B. Particular Requirements Continued**

b. The operator shall comply with the approved Hazardous Waste Load-checking Program as described in the approved TPR to identify, and separate for proper handling, prohibited waste and materials. Any changes in this program must be approved by the LEA prior to implementation. The following conditions supplement the Load-checking Program:

- (1) Waste vehicle loads are to be randomly inspected. A minimum of one (1) load-check shall be conducted for every 500 tons of municipal solid waste, or portion thereof, received at the facility during each operating day. The operator shall inspect all waste vehicle loads if there is any reason to believe the loads may contain prohibited wastes.
- (2) The LEA may increase the required number of load-checks if it has reason to believe that the number currently required is inadequate to ensure compliance with the regulations and protection of the public health and safety, and the environment.
- (3) The records of load-checks and the training of personnel in the recognition, proper handling, and disposition of prohibited waste shall be included in the load-checking program. A copy of the load-checking program and copies of the load-checking records for the last year shall be maintained in the operating record and be available for review by the LEA and other appropriate regulatory agencies.
- (4) The facility shall have an attendant or attendants present during public operating hours. The tipping floor shall be under continual visual inspection by facility personnel, such as spotters, equipment operators, and supervisors. Facility personnel performing duties required by the Load-checking Program shall be trained prior to assignment. Facility personnel are to be retrained on an annual basis and updated as necessary.
- (5) Incidents of unlawful disposal of prohibited materials shall be reported to the LEA monthly as described in the self-monitoring section of this permit. In addition, the following agencies shall be notified immediately of any incidents of unlawful disposal of prohibited or hazardous materials:
  - (a) Duty officer, Los Angeles County Fire Department, Health Hazardous Materials Division at (323) 890-4045.
  - (b) Environmental Crimes Division, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office at (213) 580-8777
  - (c) California Highway Patrol at (800) 835-5247 or (626) 338-1164.
  - (d) California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Environmental Management Branch, Medical Waste Program at (213) 977-6877 for any receipt of untreated medical waste.

Any prohibited or hazardous materials thus found shall be set aside in a secure area to await proper disposition following notification of the producer (if known) and the appropriate governmental agencies.

2. The operator shall conduct all waste processing and separation activities within an enclosed building.
3. The LEA reserves the right to require the operator to provide more stringent nuisance control measures if the control measures identified in the approved TPR prove to be inadequate or ineffective.
4. The LEA reserves the right to require the operator to remove waste accepted at the site at higher frequency if waste removal frequency identified in the approved TPR presents a health hazard or creates public nuisance.
5. Equipment repairs and mitigation measures necessary to avoid environmental impacts and emergency operations which cannot be accomplished during the permitted hours, may be performed at any time with prior written approval of the LEA.

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