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Nevin Yeates
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Re: Compost Solutions, Inc.
Facility Number: 11-AA-0034

Dear Sirs:

This letter is being written concerning the permit that is under consideration to be issued to Compost Solutions in Glenn County, California. Compost Solutions has requested increasing their tonnage from 15,000 tons to 50,000 tons per year and to start composting biosolids.

We have some serious concerns with this process, as we are neighbors of that operation. Our concerns are as follows.

1. Almond orchards border three sides of Compost Solutions property. Commonly we have both north and south winds from 5 to 40 mph and the possibility of salmonella spreading to the orchard floors is very serious. A salmonella outbreak would devastate the almond industry.
2. The proposed permit request 208 vehicles per day that will be entering and leaving the facility on a road that is extremely narrow and very poorly maintained. Getting past oncoming trucks on Road 27 means a vehicle has to get off the pavement and almost into a small ditch. This presents a serious vehicle safety problem.
3. The hours of operation being proposed is 7 days a week from 6 am to 8 pm. The noise of the trucks and from turners moving compost is very annoying. Even Glenn County Landfill hours of operation are from 8 am to 4:30 pm, six days a week. The landfill closes on days when the wind is blowing more than 25 mph.

Waste Management, who services Glenn County and hauls their waste to the Glenn County Landfill only hauls refuse into the landfill Monday through Friday. We believe Compost Solutions hours should be from 7 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday, stopping operation when the wind blows over 20 mph.

4. we feel our property will be greatly devalued because of the proximity to a

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sewage
waste facility. We have lived on this farm for 50 years and did not expect to have
an
operation such as this in our vicinity (we were never notified of any hearings
because
we are more than 300 feet from Compost Solutions property line).

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We do not understand how an operation such as this could be spot zoned into a prime
ag district. We realize that facilities such as this are important for getting rid
of waste,
but there are places in Glenn County that would be much more conducive to this
operation
rather than in the middle of prime farm country that is such a high risk of
devastating California's
Almond Industry. Even the Glenn County Landfill is located in the foothills of
western Glenn
County.

Is Cal Recycle willing to assume the responsibility if there is salmonella
contamination of an
almond crop?

We hope that you will realize the importance of the almond industry to the financial
stability to
the State of California and the devastating effects of a quarantine of almond
products.

Sincerely,

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