

Cease and Desist Case Study

SI-NOR, Inc.

Coastal Materials and
Recovery Facility
and Transfer Station



SI-NOR, INC.

Waste Systems

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History

- Coastal Materials MRF and TS purchased in 1999 by Si-Nor, Inc.
- Originally permitted as MRF with only transfer of residual materials

September 1999

Operator obtained approval from Dept. of Regional Planning (DRP) to construct:

- Transfer tunnel
- Relocated truck scales
- Separate entrance/exit driveways

- Changes made to facility without amendments and updates to the Transfer Processing Report
- Violation of 14 CCR 18221.4 and 27 CCR 21665
- Conditional Use Permit expired on October 1, 2001

- Solid Waste Facility Permit expired concurrently
- Owner filed application for new CUP but process stalled
- Facility continued to operate without a valid CUP or SWFP

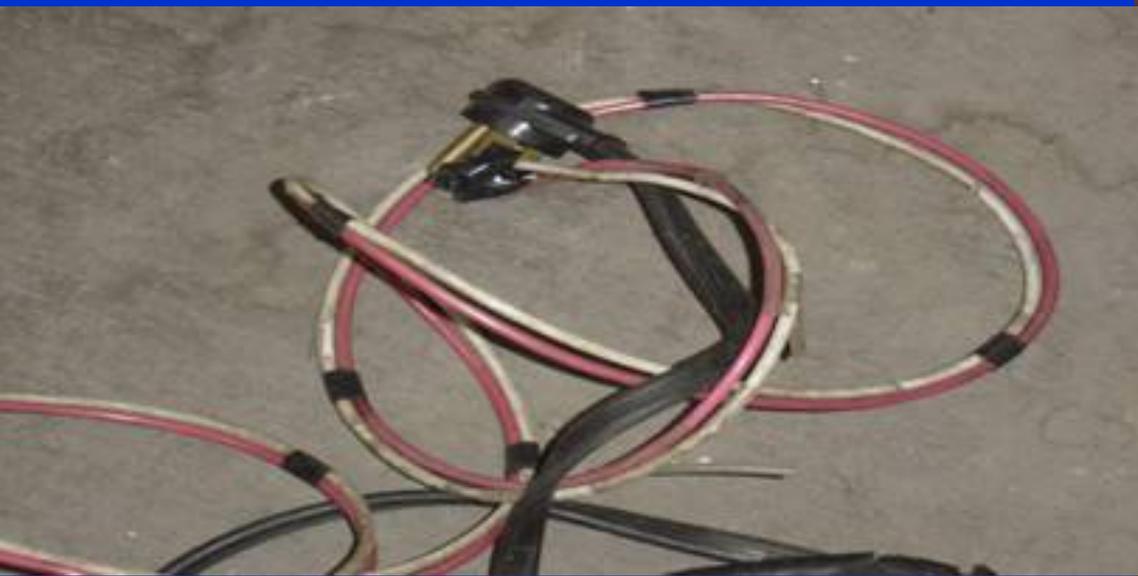
Other Issues

- Site consistently in violation of State Minimum Standards for
 - Cleaning
 - Sanitary Facilities
 - Lighting
 - Drainage Control
 - Maintenance











Cease & Desist Order

- C & D Order Issued on April 11, 2004
- Operator files an appeal to the LA County Solid Waste Facilities Hearing Panel
- Appeal stayed the C & D Order

LEA Actions

- Initiated process to find members for Hearing Board
- Met with Department of Regional Planning (DRP), Operator and their lawyers

- DRP and Operator created Draft Interim Operating Agreement (IOA) that included:
 - SMS Operations and Maintenance Manual
 - Milestone Schedule

Hearing Panel Decision

November 23, 2004

Si-Nor, Inc. executed the “IOA” with
DRP that provided the needed land use
approval for continued operation under
SMS

O & M Manual and Milestones included
in IOA

Hearing Panel Decision

- Stipulated Notice and Order proposed in consultation with Operator, DRP, LEA and CIWMB
- It allowed continued operation until end of hearing process
- It was signed on December 21, 2004

Current status

- Change of ownership in March 2006
- New Owners inherited pre-existing terms and conditions

Lessons Learned

- Avoid SWF Permit conditions that terminate a permit when another regulatory agency voids its permit
- Ensure local Hearing Panel exists
- Maintain lines of communications with other regulatory agencies