



## DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES RECYCLING AND RECOVERY

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### NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

This notice is to advise responsible and trustee agencies, interested parties, and those potentially affected by the project that the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) prepared an Initial Study/ Negative Declaration (IS/ND), which evaluates potential environmental impacts associated with the adoption of revised regulations for the revisions of existing Title 14 and Title 27 regulations regarding compostable materials, transfer/processing, and permit application form.

As mandated by state law, the minimum public review period for this document is 30 days. The proposed IS/ND is available for review at <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Laws/Rulemaking/Compost/default.htm>, via walk-in, or by calling, writing, or e-mailing:

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The comment period for this IS/ND begins on June 12, 2015 and ends on July 13, 2015.

**Project Description:** This project is the adoption of proposed regulations revising existing Compostable Material Handling Operations and Facilities Regulatory Requirements and adapting existing regulations to create a stand-alone, standardized regulatory framework for in-vessel digestion activities.

The proposed project clarifies several feedstock definitions and the types of operations and facilities that can accept these materials; revises maximum metal concentrations allowed in compost; provides enforcement agencies with discretion to authorize temporary storage of additional material; revises inspection frequency language to ensure consistency throughout Title 14; provides operators and enforcement agencies with a mechanism to address chronic odor and identify sources of odor; establishes criteria for safe land application of compostable material; requires compost products to meet a physical contaminant limits; and clarifies small-scale composting requirements at sites, such as community gardens and schools.

The proposed project provides a standardized regulatory framework for in-vessel digestion activities. Currently, in-vessel digestion activities are subject to either existing Transfer/Processing Operations and Facilities Regulatory Requirements or Compostable Material Handling Operations and Facilities Regulatory Requirements, depending on the nature of the feedstock and how it is handled. The

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proposed regulations combine portions of the transfer/processing and compostable material handling requirements into a stand-alone set of in-vessel digestion regulations.

The proposed project reformats and updates the Application for Solid Waste Facility Permit/Waste Discharge Requirements (Form E-1-77) and instructions.

**Lead Agency Name and Address:**

Please submit your written comments to:

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**Agency Carrying-Out the Project:** Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery

**Project Location:** Statewide

**Findings of Significant Effect on the Environment:** None

**Local Government Responsibility:** None

**Other Agencies Approval Required:** None