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Bob Pestoni  
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Quackenbush Mountain Resource Recovery and Compost Facility  
16520 Davis Street  
Clearlake, CA

Dear Mr. Pestoni:

**Subject: Emergency Waiver of Standards**

Site: Quackenbush Mountain Resource Recovery and Compost Facility

SWIS No. 17-AA-0014

We have reviewed the request (attached) for an emergency waiver of State Minimum Standards (SMS) for the safe and proper disposal of waste created in the recent fires (Summer 2015) in Lake County. These fires destroyed over 1200 structures.

The emergency waiver request proposes to temporarily suspend the daily maximum tonnage, vehicle limits, and processed and unprocessed CDI debris storage volumes and storage time limits (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 7, Article 5.9, Sections 17383.6 (a), 17383.6 (b) and 17383.6 (c)) at Quackenbush Mountain Resource Recovery and Compost Facility for disaster related CDI debris. In addition, the emergency waiver request proposes to modify the permitted area and design capacity for transfer/processing operations. (Note that the total permitted area (23.5 acres) and total permitted design capacity (84,000 cubic yards) are to remain as permitted.) Based upon this review and pursuant to Title 14, California Code of Regulations (CCR), Article 3, Emergency Waiver of Standards, Section 17210.8 et seq., we hereby grant a waiver of the SMS requested above for a period up to one hundred and twenty (120) days retroactive to October 6, 2015 with the following conditions:

1. All other State Minimum Standards and permit conditions which are not subject to the waiver shall remain in effect.
2. The effective period of this waiver, as granted by our Department, shall not exceed one-hundred and twenty (120) days without prior approval from our Department.

3. Your waiver may be modified, cancelled, or revoked by our Department without advance notice should we determine that any of the following occurs:
  - a) The use of such a waiver will cause or contribute to a public health hazard and safety or environmental problem.
  - b) The terms of the waiver are not being used expressly to handle the state of emergency or local emergency and are not in the best interest of the public health and safety.
  - c) The waiver is no longer necessary.
  - d) The solid waste facility operator is not utilizing disaster debris diversion programs to the extent feasible.
4. Comply with the reporting requirements as outlined in Title 14, CCR, Article 3, Emergency Waiver of Standards, Section 17210.5, Reporting Requirements for a Solid Waste Facility Operator.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding the requirements, please contact myself or Christina Gearhart at (707) 263-1164.

Sincerely,



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Director of Environmental Health Services  
Lake County Environmental Health Division

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