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APPROVAL OF CLASS 1* PERMIT MODIFICATION FOR THE CHEMICAL WASTE MANAGEMENT, INC., KETTLEMAN HILLS FACILITY, KINGS COUNTY, CALIFORNIA; EPA ID. NO. CAT 000 646 117

Dear Ms. Verdin:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) received your letter, dated August 7, 2018, regarding the modification of Hazardous Waste Facility Permit Number 02-SAC-03 for the Chemical Waste Management, Inc. (CWMI) Kettleman Hills Facility (KHF) located at 35251 Old Skyline Road, Kettleman Hills, California (site). The letter describes two types of proposed changes to the permit, as follows:

1. Changes to the Contingency Plan: (1) updating the list of CWMI employees eligible to be the emergency coordinator, and (2) adding a telephone number for the site security office.
2. Establishment of a landfill settlement monitoring program: (1) constructing 22 new survey monuments, and (2) requiring annual monitoring of 34 survey monuments.

The letter indicates that CWMI requests approval of a Class 1 permit modification. A permit modification that requires prior DTSC approval is processed as a Class 1* modification pursuant to California Code of Regulations (CCR), title 22, § 66270.42(a)(2). Furthermore, the requirements for implementation of a Class 1* permit modification are outlined in CCR, title 22, § 66270.42(a)(1)(B).
The letter also indicates that CWMI is requesting that DTSC make the permit modification effective immediately, as allowed by CCR, title 22, § 66270.42(a)(1)(A). The reason given by CWMI for the request to expedite implementation is so that the data generated by surveying the monuments can be included in the 2018 annual post-closure report, which is due by September 30, 2018. DTSC has considered this request and concludes that early implementation of the modification is in the public interest because it provides for additional monitoring of the closed landfills at the facility. Therefore, the permit modification is approved effective the date of this letter.

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.), DTSC has considered the potential environmental impacts of the permit modification. DTSC has concluded that the permit modification will not have a significant impact on the environment and a Notice of Exemption (NOE) has been prepared. The NOE will be filed with the State Clearinghouse and a copy is enclosed for your records.

Finally, please note that pursuant to CCR, title 22, § 66270.42(a)(1)(B), public notice of a Class 1* permit modification requires both the mailing of a public notice and publication of the public notice in a newspaper. In this case, because DTSC has reclassified the permit modification from Class 1 to Class 1*, CWMI shall make the required notifications within 7-days of receipt of this letter. The public notice should be translated into Spanish and mailed to all people on the mailing list maintained by DTSC pursuant to CCR, title 22, § 66271.9(c)(1)(D) (list to be provided by email). The public notice should be published in the English and Spanish language newspapers identified in DTSC’s KHF Public Participation Plan dated May 2013. Proof of mailing and publications must be provided to DTSC.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (916) 255-3644 or at Ryan.Batty@dtsc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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Enclosure

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