February 22, 1988

Mr. Keith Lee
Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: Kettleman Hills Hazardous Waste Facility Permit;
SCH #83090501

Dear Mr. Lee:

The Department of Health Services (DHS) has issued a final operating permit for storage, treatment, and disposal of hazardous wastes at the existing Kettleman Hills Facility in Kings County. The Kettleman Hills Facility is owned and operated by Chemical Waste Management, Inc. The permit defines operating parameters, and allows construction of new treatment and storage units and expansion of a landfill unit.

An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was prepared for the issuance of Kings County Conditional Use Permit #1412. The EIR was certified and a Notice of Determination filed February 11, 1986, by the Kings County Board of Supervisors.

When Chemical Waste Management, Inc. submitted their Part B Application to DHS, proposed modifications and expansions made the preparation of a supplemental EIR advisable, and DHS assumed the role of the Lead Agency. During the course of permit development it was decided not to authorize the construction of certain units at this time. Those units which were omitted constituted an expansion beyond the scope of the Conditional Use Permit and original EIR. The supplemental EIR became primarily a descriptive document explaining the modifications to treatment and storage units, and expansion of one landfill unit. The expansion of the landfill unit was less than the total landfill capacity described in the original EIR. No Findings of Significance, per Section 15091 of the Public Resources Code, beyond those already identified in the original EIR have been identified for these modifications.

By signature of this letter, DHS approves the supplemental EIR, and certifies that it has been completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act. Further, DHS, by signature of this letter, recertifies each of the findings (see Attachment 1) in the original EIR as the essential basis for permit approval. The decision to issue the permit is consistent with the findings contained in the original and supplemental EIRs.
A Notice of Determination will be filed with the Office of Planning and Research and the Kings County Planning Agency. The filing of the Notice and the posting on a list of such Notice will start the 30-day statute of limitations on court challenges to the approval under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Sincerely,

James T. Allen, Ph.D., Chief
Northern California Section
Toxic Substances Control Division

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Enclosure

cc: Mr. Wallace Reid, U.S. EPA, Region IX, San Francisco
Mr. David Nielsen, Central Valley RWQCB, Fresno
Mr. Conrad Yhnell, TSCD-NCS, Fresno
Mr. Richard Gurske, Chemical Waste Management, Inc., Newark
Ms. Jan Smith, TSCD-HWMS, Sacramento
Mr. William Zumwalt, KCPA, Hanford
Mr. Joe Wenzel, KCHD, Hanford
Mr. Mark Poindexter, APCD, Hanford
Ms. Jude Dunham, OES, Hanford
Mr. Ivan Edleman, Hanford Library, Hanford
Ms. Karen Raymond, Avenal Library, Avenal
Ms. Aletha Ware, Kettleman City Library, Kettleman City
Mr. Mike James, TSCD-NCCS, Emeryville
Mr. John Hinton, TSCD-SCS, Los Angeles
Mr. Mohinder Sandhu, TSCD-HWMS, Sacramento
Mr. Philip Bobel, U.S. EPA, Region IX, San Francisco
Mr. F. Scott Nevins, Central Valley RWQCB, Fresno
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Mr. Gerry White, TSCD-NCS, Fresno
Ms. Caroline Cabias, TSCD-HWMS, Sacramento
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California Council for Environmental and Economic Balance
Mayor Harlen Casida, Avenal
Senator Alan Cranston, San Francisco
Assemblyman Jim Costa, Hanford
Mr. Dominic Faruzzi, Board of Supervisors, Hanford
Mr. Joe Hammond, Board of Supervisors, Hanford
Mr. Nick Kinney, Board of Supervisors, Hanford
Mr. Abel Meirrelle, Board of Supervisors, Hanford
Mr. Michael Paparian, Sierra Club, Sacramento
Congressman Charles Pashayan, Hanford
Mayor Patricia Rapozo, Hanford
Mr. David B. Roe, Environmental Defense Fund, Berkeley
Senator Don Rogers, Bakersfield
Ms. Aletha Ware, Board Chair, Kettleman City Com. Ser. Dist.
Senator Pete Wilson, Los Angeles
Mayor Barbara Clawson Wyckoff, Lemoore
Mr. Joe A. Zorn, Chemical Waste Management, Inc., Kettleman City
ATTACHMENT 1

The Kings County Board of Supervisors determined the following findings in the Notice of Determination for CUP #1412:

1. The project will have a significant effect on the environment.

2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of the approval of this project.

4. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was adopted for this project.

No Findings of Significance beyond those already identified in the original EIR have been identified in the supplement.
NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: (Public Agency) Dept. Health Services
Toxic Subst. Control Div.

X County Clerk
County of Kings

SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

Operation Plan for Hazardous Waste Management at Kettleman Hills Facility
Project Title

SCH #83090501 Ms. Jan Smith (916) 324-0705
State Clearinghouse Number Contact Person Area Code/Number/Extension
(If Submitted to Clearinghouse)
35251 Old Skyline Road, Kettleman City, CA

Project Location
Issuance of a final permit to treat, store, and dispose of hazardous wastes at the existing Kettleman Hills Facility. The permit would define operating parameters and allow for construction of new treatment and storage units and expansion of a landfill.

This is to advise that the __________ (Lead Agency or Responsible Agency)
has approved the above described project on 2/19/88 and has made the follow-
ing determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The project ___ will, ___ will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. ___ An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
   ___ A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures ___ were, ___ were not made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A statement of Overriding Considerations ___ was, ___ was not adopted for this project.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the General Public at:

4250 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826

Date Received for Filing and Posting at OPR ____________________________

Signature (Public Agency) Chief, Northern California Section ____________

Revised March 1986