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Mr. David Oeffling, Environmental Compliance Manager
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Subject: Athens Services Sun Valley MRF & Transfer Station (SWIS No. 19-AR-5581)
Approval of Emergency Waiver Due To COVID-19 Pandemic

Dear Mr. Oeffling,

The City of Los Angeles Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) has received a written request from Athens Services for an emergency waiver of permit conditions at the Athens Services Sun Valley MRF & Transfer Station due to emergency conditions created by the Coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) and the recently enacted City/County/State Safer At Home Order. The COVID-19 has caused a major disruption to the solid waste industry by temporarily closing down recycling activities due to social distancing protocols and by increasing the generation of residential solid waste in the southern California area. The emergency request is to waive the solid waste facility permit conditions on the hours of operation and the daily tonnage limits in order to handle the extra waste generated by this crisis. This request was submitted in accordance with California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 14, Section 17210.3.

The LEA approves Athens Services' request for an Emergency Waiver of Standards in accordance with 14 CCR 17210.4 and the following findings and conditions:

1. This Emergency Waiver is in effect from March 23, 2020 to July 20, 2020.
2. This Emergency Waiver allows Athens Services Sun Valley MRF & Transfer Station to temporarily increase the daily tonnage limit from 1,500 tons per day to 1,800 tons per day.
3. This Emergency Waiver allows Athens Services Sun Valley MRF & Transfer Station to temporarily increase the permitted operating hours from 7:00 am - 8:00 pm to 5:00 am - 10:00 pm to allow for the material acceptance and transfer of the extra tonnage.
4. On March 4, 2020, California Governor Gavin Newsom issued an emergency proclamation as defined in 14 CCR 17210.1(j).

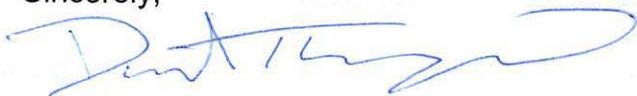
5. The Athens Services Sun Valley MRF & Transfer Station is operating with a valid Solid Waste Facility Permit issued by the LEA. All other state minimum standards and permit conditions that are not the subject of the waiver shall remain in effect.
6. The approval of the Emergency Waiver by the LEA for a temporary increase in daily tonnage and extended operating hours will not pose a threat to public health or the environment.
7. The LEA reserves the right to modify, suspend or revoke this waiver without advanced notice if it is determined that any of the following occurs:
 - a. The use of such a waiver will cause or contribute to a public health 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.
8. Athens Services Sun Valley MRF & Transfer Station has implemented all feasible diversion programs to maximize diversion.

Pursuant to 14 CCR 17210.5 – Reporting Requirements for a Solid Waste Facility Operator, Waste Management shall within 90 days from the date of the issuance of the Emergency Waiver submit a written report to the LEA detailing the following

1. The daily amount of disaster debris received and diverted at the facility;
2. The jurisdiction of origin for the disaster debris received at the facility;
3. The increase in tonnage or volume of waste received per day during the effective period of the activated waiver; and
4. The facilities used to process the disaster debris.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 213-252-3932 or david.thompson@lacity.org.

Sincerely,



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