



March 27, 2020

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**Subject: Revised Request for Emergency Waivers of Standards for Olinda Alpha, Frank R. Bowerman, and Prima Deshecha Landfills**

Dear Mr. Martinez:

On March 4, 2020, the Governor of California declared a State of Emergency (Executive Order N-25-20) due to the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak. The threat of COVID-19 may have direct and indirect impacts to solid waste facility operations. Due to government-recommended health and safety practices in the workplace, including social distancing, recycling plants throughout Orange County are closing as they are unable to safely operate under these conditions. As a result, additional tonnage may be brought directly to the landfills.

In the interest of public health, safety and environmental protection, OC Waste and Recycling hereby requests a revised Emergency Waiver of Specific Terms/Limits in the Solid Waste Facility Permits for the Olinda Alpha, Frank R. Bowerman, and Prima Deshecha Landfills as specified below. This request has been revised to include tonnage limits, as requested by the Local Enforcement Agency on 3/27/2020, and is made in accordance with CCR, Title 14, Section 17210 et seq., Emergency Waiver of Standards. The waiver would allow OC Waste & Recycling to accept additional tonnage, thereby mitigating an emergency situation and maintaining an essential public health and safety service to the County.

OC Waste & Recycling expects to comply with all other standards and permit conditions of the landfills.

It is requested that the Olinda Alpha, Frank R. Bowerman, and Prima Deshecha Landfills be allowed to:

1. Extend Landfill hours from 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. (Olinda Alpha) and 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. (Frank R. Bowerman and Prima Deshecha) on Monday through Saturday starting March 21, 2020 until July 19, 2020 (120 days).
2. Increase the daily permitted maximum tonnage of 10,000 tons/day for Olinda Alpha Landfill set in the SWFP No. 30-AB-0035 to 13,000 tons/day, 11,500 tons/day for FRB Landfill set in the SWFP No. 30-AB-0360 to 15,000 tons/day, and 4,000 tons/day for Prima Deshecha

Landfill set in the SWFP No. 30-AB-0019 to 5,200 tons/day. These tonnage increases were calculated based on industry diversion rates through regional Material Recovery Facilities, and the bypassing of these facilities during this period.

As required by Title 14, Section 17210, et seq. the following information is provided:

1. The approximate remaining air space, as of December 31, 2019, is 23.5 million cubic yards (MCY) for Olinda Alpha Landfill, 168.6 MCY for Frank R. Bowerman Landfill, and 132.9 MCY for Prima Deshecha Landfill.
2. The Permitted Waste Disposal Hours are 6:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. for the Olinda Alpha Landfill, and 7:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. for Frank R. Bowerman and Prima Deshecha Landfills.
3. The Permitted Waste Disposal Days are Monday through Saturday for the Olinda Alpha, Frank R. Bowerman, and Prima Deshecha Landfills.
4. No on-site diversion programs or recycling facilities exist at these facility locations.
3. No locally-approved temporary transfer or processing sites are available to be used to store disaster debris for future reuse or recycling.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Please call me at (714) 834-4056 or email me at [jeff.arbour@ocwr.ocgov.com](mailto:jeff.arbour@ocwr.ocgov.com) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures: State of California Proclamation of a State of Emergency, dated March 4, 2020.

Request for Emergency Waivers of Standards for Olinda Alpha, Frank R. Bowerman, and Prima Deshecha Landfills, dated March 24, 2020.

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