



October 12, 2010

Mike Plaziak, PG
Supervising Engineering Geologist
California Regional Water Quality Control Board
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Subject: Response to Water Board letter regarding Design Plan Addendum,
Nursery Products Hawes Composting Facility

Dear Mr. Plaziak:

On October 7, 2010, Nursery Products received a letter from the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region (Water Board) requesting clarification in regard to the design plan for the Nursery Products Hawes Composting Facility. Specifically, the Water Board letter was entitled, *Design Plan Addendum*, and requested additional information in regard to the overflow area at the facility. The Water Board letter requested volume calculations for certain structures that the Water Board apparently believed were within the area that was calculated to contain the 1,000 year, 24-hour storm event. The Water Board requested calculations for the various non-permanent structures that will be located within that area including automobiles, facility building (a trailer), a possible above ground storage tank which will be elevated, and other on-site equipment and compost. Since all of these "structures" are mobile, Nursery Products will relocate any vehicles, tanks, onsite equipment, compost, and the temporary office out of the overflow area in the event that the 100-year, 24-hour storm event occurs. Thus if the 100-year storm is followed by or becomes a 1000-year, 24-hour storm the calculated area will be free of any structures. Nonetheless, the calculations which underlaid the Design Plan Addendum had added volumes for the structures in determining the area to be included within the higher berm. The temporary structures and equipment can be readily and promptly relocated when required.

To accommodate planned construction schedules, Nursery Products requests a Water Board letter of approval for the Design Plan for the Hawes Composting Facility by October 30, 2010. If this date cannot be met, please contact me immediately.

If you have any questions please feel free to call me at 760-272-1224.

Sincerely,

Chris Seney, P.E.

CC: Brianna Bergen