

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION
1685 E Street, Fresno, California 93706

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
concerning

**WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
FOR
CHEMICAL WASTE MANAGEMENT, INC.
CLASS I WASTE MANAGEMENT UNITS
KETTLEMAN HILLS FACILITY
KINGS COUNTY**

Chemical Waste Management, Inc. (CWMI) owns and operates the Kettleman Hills disposal facility. CWMI discharges hazardous and nonhazardous wastes to Landfill B-18, and discharges hazardous and nonhazardous liquids to three surface impoundments. All of these discharges are currently regulated by Waste Discharge Requirements Order 98-058. On 22 December 2009, the Kings County Planning Commission approved a Conditional Use Permit that allows for the expansion of Landfill B-18 and for the future construction of Landfill B-20.

The waste disposal volume will increase by approximately 4,900,000 cubic yards at the expanded landfill, which requires that the Central Valley Water Board issue new waste discharge requirements. The proposed expansion liner system will exceed the prescriptive standards in Chapter 15 of Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations. The Central Valley Water Board is also proposing to impose requirements that will regulate the discharge of hazardous and nonhazardous liquids to the surface impoundments. The Board will require groundwater monitoring and reporting and will require the continuation of post-closure monitoring of the closed hazardous waste management units. The new requirements do not allow for wastes to be discharged at Landfill B-20 at this time; the Board will propose requirements for Landfill B-20 at a later date.

A public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Central Valley Water Board meeting scheduled for:

DATE: 7 November 2013
TIME: 5:00 PM
PLACE: Kettleman City Elementary School Cafeteria
701 General Petroleum Avenue
Kettleman City, CA

Participants in this proceeding are designated as either Designated Parties or Interested Persons. Designated Parties may present evidence and cross-examine witnesses and are subject to cross-examination. Interested Persons may present non-evidentiary policy statements, but may not cross-examine witnesses and are not subject to cross-examination. Interested Persons generally may not present evidence (e.g., photographs, eye-witness testimony, monitoring data). At the hearing, both Designated Parties and Interested Persons may be asked to respond to clarifying questions from the Central Valley Water Board, staff, or others, at the discretion of the Board Chair. Board staff will prepare the administrative record, and may present evidence, make an oral presentation, and cross-examine opposing witnesses. All Designated Parties and Interested Persons may speak at the proceeding, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross examination will be limited in time by the Board Chair.

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The Designated Parties for this proceeding are as follows:

- CWMI
- Greenaction for Health and Environmental Justice
- El Pueblo Para El Aire y Agua Limpio/People for Clean Air and Water

Interested Persons may request status as a Designated Party by submitting such request in writing to the Central Valley Water Board **no later than 5:00 PM 7 October 2013**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party.

The Tentative Order was issued on **5 September 2013**. Persons wishing to comment on this item must submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Central Valley Water Board **no later than 5:00 PM 7 October 2013**. Written materials or comments submitted after **5:00 PM 7 October 2013** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record absent a ruling by the Chair. Any party requesting to submit late materials must demonstrate good cause for the late submission, and the Chair must find that accepting the late submission will not prejudice the Central Valley Water Board or any Designated Party.

Anyone having questions on the proposed requirements should contact **Dean Hubbard at (559) 445-5179 or at dhubbard@waterboards.ca.gov**. Anyone wishing to speak with someone in Spanish, please contact **Anthony Medrano at (559) 445-4395 or by email at amedrano@waterboards.ca.gov**. The proposed requirements may be downloaded from the Board's Internet website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/

A copy of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water Board's office at 1685 E Street, Fresno, California 93706, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The final meeting agenda will be available at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/agendas/ at least ten days before the meeting. The agenda will provide the dates the Board meeting will be held, indicate the anticipated order of agenda items, and may include staff revisions to the proposed order(s).

The procedures governing Central Valley Water Board meetings may be found at California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 647 et seq., and are available upon request. Hearings before the Central Valley Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/. Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Central Valley Water Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml/ or by contacting any one of the Central Valley Water Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzarda at (916) 464-4839.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzarda at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922. Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

Original Signed By

Clay L. Rodgers, PG, CEG
Assistant Executive Officer

5 September 2013