

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
RESOLUTION NO. 87- 22

POLICY ON THE DISPOSAL OF SHREDDER WASTE

WHEREAS:

1. Chemical analysis of wastes resulting from the shredding of automobile bodies, household appliances, and sheet metal (hereinafter shredder waste) by methods stipulated by the Department of Health Services (hereinafter DHS) has resulted in the classification of shredder waste as a hazardous waste and the determination that, if inappropriately handled, it could catch fire and release toxic gases.
2. The California Legislature has declared that shredder waste shall not be classified as hazardous for the purposes of disposal if the producer demonstrates that the waste will not pose a threat to human health or water quality if disposed of in a qualified Class III waste management unit, as specified in Section 2533 of Subchapter 15 of Chapter 3 of Title 23 of the California Administrative Code (hereinafter Subchapter 15).
3. DHS has granted shredder waste a variance for the purposes of disposal from hazardous waste management requirements pursuant to Section 66310 of Title 22 of the California Administrative Code.
4. Hazardous waste which has received a variance from DHS for the purposes of disposal is classified as a designated waste pursuant to Section 2522 of Subchapter 15.
5. In general, designated waste must be disposed of in a Class I or Class II waste management unit. However, designated waste may be disposed of in a Class III waste management unit provided that the discharger establishes to the satisfaction of the Regional Water Quality Control Board (hereinafter Regional Board) that the waste presents a lower risk of degrading water quality than is indicated by its classification. (Authority: Section 2520, Subchapter 15)
6. Analysis of shredder waste by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency's extraction procedure for heavy metals does not normally result in its classification as a hazardous waste.
7. The disposal of shredder waste in a manner such that it is not in contact with putrescible waste or the leachate generated by putrescible waste will not result in the high mobilization of metals indicated by the tests used to determine that shredder waste is hazardous; therefore, such disposal may occur in accordance with Section 2520 of Subchapter 15.

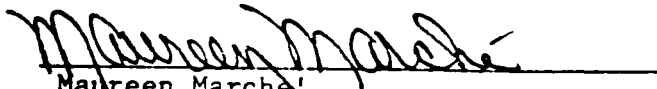
8. Levels of polychlorinated biphenyls (hereinafter PCB) which slightly exceed 50 mg/kg, the level as defined by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency which requires disposal to an approved site in accordance with the Federal Toxic Substances Control Act, have been measured in some existing shredder waste piles.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That shredder waste which is determined hazardous by DHS, but is granted a variance for the purposes of disposal by DHS, is suitable for disposal at Class III waste management units as designated by the Regional Board when it has been demonstrated to the Regional Board that the waste management units at least meet the minimum requirements for a Class III waste management unit as defined by Subchapter 15 provided that:
  - a. The shredder waste producer has demonstrated to the Regional Board that the waste contains no more than 50 mg/kg of PCB.
  - b. The shredder waste is disposed on the last and highest lift in a closed disposal cell or in an isolated cell solely designated for the disposal of shredder waste.
2. That shredder waste which is not determined hazardous by DHS is suitable for disposal at Class III waste management units as designated by the Regional Board without special segregation or management.
3. That this resolution in no way abridges the rights of the Regional Boards to designate appropriate Class III waste management units for disposal of shredder waste consistent with Section 25143.6 of the Health and Safety Code (Chapter 1395, Statutes of 1985).

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Administrative Assistant to the Board, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on March 19, 1987.

  
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Administrative Assistant to the Board