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**LOPEZ CANYON LANDFILL, CITY OF LOS ANGELES (19-AA-00820)
ACCEPTANCE OF PARTIAL FINAL CLOSURE CERTIFICATION**

Dear Mr. Gharios:

Engineering Support Branch (ESB) Closure and Facility Engineering Unit (Closure) staff have reviewed (received on July 20, 2011) the Partial Closure Certification Report (Report) for the Lopez Canyon Sanitary Landfill (LCSL). The documents reviewed were:

- *Construction Quality Assurance, Final Cover Construction Deck of Disposal Area B, Lopez Canyon Sanitary Landfill (LCSL), Lake View Terrace, California; dated June 2011; prepared by Geosyntec Consultants for the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation.*
- *Construction Quality Assurance, Final Cover Construction for the Slopes of Disposal Area AB+, Lopez Canyon Sanitary Landfill (LCSL), Lake View Terrace, California; dated October 2010, revised January 2011; prepared by Geosyntec Consultants for the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation.*
- *Existing Cover Performance Analysis and Construction Quality Assurance Report for Disposal Area C, Lopez Canyon Sanitary Landfill (LCSL), Lake View Terrace, California; dated October 2010, revised January 2011; prepared by Geosyntec Consultants for the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation.*
- *Certification of Final Closure Report, Lopez Canyon Sanitary Landfill; dated July 11, 2011; prepared by the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation.*

The LCSL is a class III disposal facility, located in Lakeview Terrace, City of Los Angeles. The facility occupies 399 acres of which 166 acres had been used for waste disposal. The LCSL ceased receiving waste in 1996 and its closure was finalized in 2010. The facility remains under the ownership of City of Los Angeles and its postclosure land use has been identified as open, unoccupied, and non-irrigated space.

Closure construction documentation for the slopes of Area B, AB+ deck, and Area A slopes and deck was previously submitted and accepted by the predecessor of CalRecycle, California Integrated Waste Management Board.

The documentation included in this Report along with the certifications submitted in the past complete closure activities at the LCSL (construction of the final landfill cover, installation of environmental monitoring systems and revegetation), with the **exception** of: (1) revegetation of Disposal Area C, (2) recordation of the site with the County Recorder (27 CCR 21170), and (3) as-built closure cost summary (27 CCR 21880[a][1]).



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The City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation, as operator of the landfill, has acknowledged that the outstanding items shall be submitted to CalRecycle later this year.

ESB staff finds that the submitted Report meets the requirements set forth in Title 27, California Code of Regulations (27 CCR), Section 21880.

ESB staff understands that the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) and the City of Los Angeles Environmental Health Department, acting as the Solid Waste Local Enforcement Agency (LEA), are still reviewing the Report.

Should revisions to the Report be required by RWQCB or LEA, ESB staff reserves our authority to further review and recommend approval or rejection of such revisions.

Therefore, pending any subsequent revisions, ESB staff accepts the Report.

Once the remaining items mentioned above are submitted and all regulatory agencies accept the Report and the remaining submittals, the Lopez Canyon Sanitary Landfill may be considered formally closed and in postclosure maintenance.

The acceptance of this document is an acknowledgement that a California Professional Engineer/Certified Engineering Geologist, contracted by operator, has monitored the construction and certified that the closure actions have been constructed to the original specifications.


Upon formal acceptance of the closure certification, ESB staff requests that an electronic version (PDF Format) is submitted in addition to the already submitted paper hard copy of the documentation. The electronic version should include all drawings and maps corresponding to the hard copy version.

Correspondence concerning the above matter should be sent to CalRecycle at: P.O. Box 4025, Mail Stop 10A-18, Sacramento, CA 95812-4025 (U.S. Postal Service) or 1000 I Street, M.S. 10A-18, Sacramento, CA 95814-2828 (non-USPS).

Should you have any questions or comments concerning the above matter, please contact Peter Jan or Michael Wochnick of my staff at (916) 341-6315 or (916) 341-6289, respectively. Alternatively, Closure staff may be reached by email at peter.jan@calrecycle.ca.gov or michael.wochnick@calrecycle.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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