

## California Regional Water Quality Control Board

Los Angeles Region



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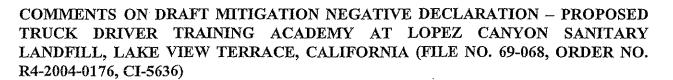
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Dear Ms. Coca:

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Board), has received a document titled Lopez Canyon Proposed Truck Driver Training Academy, Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (DMND, State Clearinghouse No. 2009011093), dated January 15, 2009, and prepared by the City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Sanitation (BOS). The DMND proposes a truck driver training academy (training academy) at the Lopez Canyon Landfill (Landfill) in Lake View Terrace that is currently in the process of final closure. The training academy would occupy a paved area of approximately 1.5 acres on the "A" Deck of the Landfill that has been fully closed and designated for the use as an expansion area for the green waste recycling and composting facility at the site. A maximum of 24 students and 8 administrators and instructor will be present at the training academy and up to 10 trucks will be available for training.

We have reviewed the DMND and have the following comments:

1. The Landfill is currently regulated under waste discharge requirements in Regional Boar Order No. R4-2004-0176 that requires BOS to implement a Final Post Closure Maintenance Plan (FPCMP) and the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit for stormwater discharges associated with industrial activities (WDID No. 4 19S005013) that requires BOS to implement a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) at the site. Because the operations of a truck driver training academy are not included in the current FPCMP and SWPPP, BOS must submit to the Regional Board a revised FPCMP and a revised SWPPP that cover such operations. At a minimum, final cover maintenance procedures and stormwater pollution prevention best management practices (BMPs) that are associated with the operations of the training academy must be added to these documents. The stormwater monitoring program at the site must also be reviewed to ensure that pollutants that may be released from the training academy are adequately monitored. Operations of the training academy must not be started until a revised FPCMP and a revised SWPPP are approved by the Regional Board; and

California Environmental Protection Agency

BOS must submit an "as-built" report to the Regional Board to demonstrate that the "A" 2. Deck pavement is constructed as proposed.

Should you have any questions, please contact Dr. Wen Yang at (213) 620-2253.

Sincerely,

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