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CONTRA COSTA ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SOLID WASTE FACILITY PERMITS

Date: March 1, 2014

To: Solid Waste Facility Operators

From: Contra Costa Environmental Health
Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) for Solid Waste

RE: Permit System

Contra Costa Environmental Health is the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) for solid waste standards applicable to solid waste facilities. These facilities include landfills, transfer stations, compost facilities, etc. Large solid waste facilities are assessed a tonnage fee based on the amount of material handled. Other facilities are billed an hourly rate for the LEA staff time used to provide regulatory oversight (e.g., inspections).

The LEA is working on eventually establishing a local health permit system for the non-tonnage fee sites rather than billing after-the-fact for staff time. The permit fee would be based on a time-task analysis of staff and resources utilized in providing regulatory oversight of solid waste facilities. We have used a similar approach to establish hourly rates and fees for other health permits (e.g., restaurants). Though this project may take several months up to, perhaps, several years to implement, we want to give you advance notice and will keep you apprised of developments as the project progresses. If a health permit fee system is established, we will try and give you as much advance notice as possible, as we recognize facility budgets are often established well in advance.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Joe Doser, Supervising Environmental Health Specialist, at (925) 692-2535.

