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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Erik Krause, Deputy Director of Community Development
City of Glendale
633 East Broadway, Room 103
Glendale, CA 91206

Subject: SCH No. 2017081062 – Initial Study and Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Biogas Renewable Generation Project, Los Angeles County

Dear Mr. Krause:

Thank you for allowing the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) staff to provide comments on the Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR), titled Biogas Renewable Generation Project, and for your agency's consideration of these comments as part of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City of Glendale, acting as Lead Agency, proposes to construct and operate a 12-megawatt (MW) power generation facility that would utilize landfill gas (LFG) from Scholl Canyon Landfill, Facility No. 19-AA-0012, as fuel to generate renewable energy. The project site will be located entirely within the boundaries of Scholl Canyon Landfill, at 3001 Scholl Canyon Road, in the City of Glendale. The project specifically will be located adjacent to the existing LFG flare station and would include the following equipment and systems:

- LFG compressors to increase the LFG pressure;
- LFG treatment system;
- Condensate treatment system;
- Electrical generating equipment;
- Combustion exhaust gas cleanup system;
- Continuous emission monitoring systems;
- Electric switchgear to allow connection of the produced electricity to the existing electrical system;
- A small office and storage building (less than 1,000 square feet each);
- Fire protection and safety system; and,
- A 60,000-gallon fire water tank and a 10,000-gallon domestic water storage tank.

A 3,500 foot natural gas pipeline will be constructed that would connect the facility to the Southern California Gas Company pipeline system located at the eastern end of Scholl Canyon Drive. A one-mile-long water pipeline will also be constructed that would connect the facility to an existing pipeline located north of the landfill, which will also allow the connection to fire hydrants. Additional water pipelines will be constructed below the power generation facility to connect the facility to the domestic water tanks. The existing five-mile-long gas pipeline will be abandoned. The entire project



site will be enclosed within an eight-foot-high security fence with automatic gates and security and safety lighting systems.

COMMENTS

Prior to the start of operation, the Biogas Renewable Generation Project must be adequately described, to the satisfaction of the County of Los Angeles, Department of Public Health, Local Enforcement Agency (LEA), in the Joint Technical Document (JTD) for the Scholl Canyon Landfill. Per Title 27, California Code of Regulations (27 CCR), Section 21620, the operator shall submit proposed changes in design or operation to the LEA for review and approval at least 180 days prior to implementation. The LEA permitting contact is Dorcas (Dee) Hanson-Lugo and she can be reached at 626.430.5540 or by e-mail at dlugo@ph.lacounty.gov.

CONCLUSION

CalRecycle staff thanks the Lead Agency for the opportunity to review and comment on the environmental document and hopes that this comment letter will be useful to the Lead Agency preparing the Draft EIR and in carrying out their responsibilities in the CEQA process.

CalRecycle staff requests copies of any subsequent environmental documents, copies of public notices, and any Notices of Determination for this proposed project.

If the environmental document is adopted during a public hearing, CalRecycle staff requests 10 days advance notice of this hearing. If the document is adopted without a public hearing, CalRecycle staff requests 10 days advance notification of the date of the adoption and approval by the decision making body.

If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact me at 916.341.6138 or by e-mail at Benjamin.Escotto@calrecycle.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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