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Assembly Bill 332, Alternative Management Standards for Treated Wood Waste for Western Regional Landfill, Placer County

Assembly Bill 332, Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials, Hazardous waste: treated wood waste: management standards (AB332) was approved by Governor Newsom on August 31, 2021 and is effective immediately. As a result, all Treated Wood Waste (TWW) variances issued by California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) to solid waste landfills since March 2021 are no longer in effect. AB332 includes new alternative management standards for TWW and amends and renumbers portions of Section 25150.8 of the Health and Safety Code. It also adds Article 11.2 (commencing with Section 25230) to Chapter 6.5 of Division 20 of the Health and Safety Code.

Although Board Order No. R5-2007-0047 does not specifically authorize Western Regional Landfill to accept TWW, Module 14, a Class II designated unit, can be used for the disposal of TWW. With the sunset of Section 25150.7 on December 31, 2020 and DTSC’s TWW Variance requirements no longer in effect, disposal of TWW must now follow the requirements provided in Article 11.2, commencing with Section 25230. The alternative management standards within this Section are equivalent to those under former Section 25150.7.

Therefore, Western Regional Landfill may continue to accept TWW for disposal in Module 14 conditionally upon compliance with all the applicable requirements outlined in AB332 and set forth in Section 25230 of the Health and Safety Code.

For AB332 in full, see the California Legislative Information website at: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB332

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