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Mr. John R. Thompson  
American Avenue Landfill  
2220 Tulare St, 6th Floor  
Fresno, CA 93721

**Re: Final - Authority to Construct / Certificate of Conformity (Minor Mod)  
Project # C-1103633**

Dear Mr. Thompson:

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Prior to operating with modifications authorized by the Authority to Construct, you must submit an application to modify the Title V permit as an administrative amendment in accordance with District Rule 2520, Section 11.5.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Jim Swaney, Permit Services Manager, at (559) 230-5900.

Sincerely,



David Warner  
Director of Permit Services

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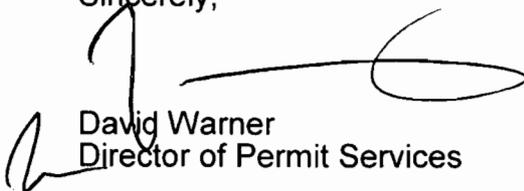
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# AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT

**PERMIT NO:** C-3115-2-11

**ISSUANCE DATE:** 08/01/2011

**LEGAL OWNER OR OPERATOR:** AMERICAN AVENUE LANDFILL  
**MAILING ADDRESS:** 2220 TULARE ST, 6TH FLOOR  
ATTN: RESOURCES MANAGER  
FRESNO, CA 93721

**LOCATION:** 18950 W AMERICAN AVE  
KERMAN, CA

**EQUIPMENT DESCRIPTION:**

MODIFICATION OF 32.7 MILLION CUBIC YARD CAPACITY (367 ACRES) MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE LANDFILL WITH A LANDFILL GAS COLLECTION AND CONTROL SYSTEM, INCLUDING 66 COLLECTION WELLS, PIPING, VACUUM PUMP/BLOWER, CONDENSATE TRAPS AND A 3,150 GALLON CONDENSATE STORAGE TANK, CONTROLLED BY AN ENCLOSED GROUND FLARE USING AN LPG PILOT: REMOVE 66 COLLECTION WELL LIMIT FROM EQUIPMENT DESCRIPTION, COMBINE LANDFILL GAS AND CONDENSATE FLARE CONSUMPTION, AND CORRECT LANDFILL CAPACITY FROM 32.7 MILLION CUBIC YARDS TO 44.4 MILLION CUBIC YARDS

## CONDITIONS

1. This Authority to Construct serves as a written certificate of conformity with the procedural requirements of 40 CFR 70.7 and 70.8 and with the compliance requirements of 40 CFR 70.6(c). [District NSR Rule] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
2. Prior to operating with modifications authorized by this Authority to Construct, the facility shall submit an application to modify the Title V permit with an administrative amendment in accordance with District Rule 2520 Section 5.3.4. [District Rule 2520, 5.3.4] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
3. Annual amount of soil used for covering shall not exceed 5,920,933 cubic yards of soil, and PM10 emissions shall not exceed 0.008 lb PM10/ton of soil (using a soil density of 3,240 lbs/cubic yard of soil). Permittee shall keep annual records of the amount of soil used for covering. [District Rule 2201] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
4. All equipment shall be maintained in good operating condition and shall be operated in a manner to minimize emissions of air contaminants into the atmosphere. [District Rule 2201 and 40 CFR Part 60.752(b)(2)(iii)(B)(2) and (b)(2)(iv), and 62.14353(b)] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit

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**YOU MUST NOTIFY THE DISTRICT COMPLIANCE DIVISION AT (559) 230-5950 WHEN CONSTRUCTION IS COMPLETED AND PRIOR TO OPERATING THE EQUIPMENT OR MODIFICATIONS AUTHORIZED BY THIS AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT.** This is NOT a PERMIT TO OPERATE. Approval or denial of a PERMIT TO OPERATE will be made after an inspection to verify that the equipment has been constructed in accordance with the approved plans, specifications and conditions of this Authority to Construct, and to determine if the equipment can be operated in compliance with all Rules and Regulations of the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District. Unless construction has commenced pursuant to Rule 2050, this Authority to Construct shall expire and application shall be cancelled two years from the date of issuance. The applicant is responsible for complying with all laws, ordinances and regulations of all other governmental agencies which may pertain to the above equipment.

Seyed Sadredin, Executive Director / APCO

  
DAVID WARNER, Director of Permit Services  
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5. All equipment shall be constructed, calibrated, maintained and operated according to the specifications and plans contained in the permit application except as otherwise specified herein. [District Rule 2201 and 40 CFR 60.755(d), 60.756(b), and 62.14354(b)] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
6. No air contaminant shall be discharged from the flare into the atmosphere for a period or periods aggregating more than five minutes in any two hours which is as dark as, or darker than, Ringelmann 1/4 or 5% opacity. [40 CFR 60.18(c)(1)] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
7. Particulate matter emissions from any combustion source shall not exceed 0.1 grains/dscf (calculated to 12% carbon dioxide). [District Rule 4301] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
8. The combined landfill gas and landfill condensate consumption rate for the enclosed flare shall not exceed 51 MMBtu per hour. [District Rule 2201] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
9. The facility shall maintain in proper operating condition a gas flow meter with a continuous recording device which measures the amount of landfill gas consumed per day. [District Rule 2201 and 40 CFR Part 60.754(b)(1) and 62.14354(b)] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
10. Landfill gas condensate can be injected into the enclosed flare. The landfill gas condensate injection flow rate shall be recorded daily when the injector is operating. [District Rule 2201] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
11. The enclosed flare shall be equipped with automatic dampers, an automatic shutdown device, and a flame arrester. [District Rule 2201] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
12. The enclosed flare shall be equipped with a temperature indicator and recorder which measures and records the operating temperature. The temperature indicator and recorder must operate continuously. [40 CFR 60.756(b)(1) and 62.14354(b)] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
13. The enclosed flare control device shall be operated within the parameter ranges established during the initial or most recent performance test. [40 CFR 60.752(b)(2)(iii)(B)(2) and 60.14353(b)] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
14. Except during periods of startup, shutdown, and malfunction, the enclosed flare average combustion temperature, for all 3-hour periods of operation, shall not drop more than 28 degrees C below the average combustion temperature, during the most recent performance test at which compliance with 60.752(b)(2)(iii)(B)(2) was determined. Duration of startup, shutdown, or malfunction shall not exceed 5 days for collection systems and shall not exceed 1 hour for control devices where free venting of landfill gas occurs. [40 CFR 60.758(c)(1)(i), 60.755(e), and 62.14354(b)] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
15. In the event the collection or control system is inoperable, the gas mover system shall be shut down and all valves in the collection and control system contributing to venting of the gas to the atmosphere shall be closed within 1 hour. [40 CFR 60.753(e) and 62.14354(b)] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
16. VOC emissions from this landfill operation controlled with an enclosed flare shall not exceed 15.8 lb/day. [District Rule 2201] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
17. The enclosed flare shall either reduce VOC by 98 weight percent or reduce the outlet VOC concentration to less than 20 parts per million by volume, dry basis as methane at 3 percent oxygen. [District Rules 2201 and 4102, and 40 CFR 60.752(b)(2)(iii)(B) and 62.14353(b)] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
18. Emissions from the enclosed flare shall not exceed any of the following limits: 0.05 lb-NO<sub>x</sub>/MMBtu, 0.2 lb-CO/MMBtu, or 0.034 lb-PM<sub>10</sub>/MMBtu. [District Rule 2201] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
19. Emissions from the enclosed flare shall not exceed 0.0178 lb-SO<sub>x</sub>/MMBtu (46.9 ppmv of H<sub>2</sub>S in fuel). [District Rule 2201] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
20. Landfill design capacity shall not exceed 44.4 million cubic yards, or 367 acres, of solid waste. Annual amount of refuse received shall not exceed 1,300,000 ton/year. [District Rule 2201] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
21. The enclosed flare shall be equipped with an LPG fired pilot. [40 CFR 60.18(c)(2) and (f)(2)] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit

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22. Source sampling to determine the compliance status of an emissions source shall be witnessed or authorized by District personnel. [District Rule 1081] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
23. The District must be notified 30 days prior to any compliance source test, and a source test plan must be submitted for approval 15 days prior to testing. The results of each source test shall be submitted to the District within 60 days after testing. [District Rule 1081] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
24. Source testing to demonstrate compliance with VOC, NO<sub>x</sub>, and CO emission limits and VOC control efficiency requirements shall be conducted annually. [District Rule 2201] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
25. Source testing for NO<sub>x</sub> shall be conducted using EPA Test Method 7E or CARB Method 100. [District Rule 1081] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
26. Source testing for CO shall be conducted using EPA Test Method 10 or 10B, CARB Methods 1-5 with 10 or CARB Test Method 100. [District Rule 1081] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
27. Gas combusted in the flare shall be tested for H<sub>2</sub>S content on a quarterly basis using draeger tubes. If compliance is shown for two consecutive quarters, the testing frequency may be changed to annual. Quarterly testing shall resume if any annual test shows noncompliance. [District Rule 1081] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
28. VOC emissions shall be measured by USEPA Test Method 18, 25, 25A, or 25C. [District Rule 1081 and 40 CFR 60.754(d) and 62.14354(b)] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
29. The owner or operator shall operate the collection system with negative pressure at each interior wellhead except under the following conditions: 1) A fire or increased well temperature. The owner or operator shall record instances when positive pressure occurs in efforts to avoid a fire; 2) Use of a geomembrane or synthetic cover; or 3) A decommissioned well. [40 CFR 60.753(b) and 62.14354(b)] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
30. The owner or operator shall measure the gauge pressure in the gas collection header at each individual interior well on a monthly basis as provided in 60.755(a)(3). If a positive pressure exists, action shall be initiated to correct the exceedance within 5 calendar days. If negative pressure cannot be achieved without excess air infiltration within 15 calendar days of the first measurement, the gas collection system shall be expanded to correct the exceedance within 120 days of the initial measurement of positive pressure. Any attempted corrective measure shall not cause exceedances of other operational or performance standards. An alternative timeline for correcting the exceedance may be submitted to the Administrator for approval. [40 CFR 60.755(a)(3), 60.756(a)(1), and 62.14354(b)] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
31. The owner or operator shall monitor each interior well monthly for temperature and oxygen as provided in 60.753(c). If a well exceeds one of these operating parameters, action shall be initiated to correct the exceedance within 5 calendar days. If correction of the exceedance cannot be achieved within 15 calendar days of the first measurement, the gas collection system shall be expanded to correct the exceedance within 120 days of the initial exceedance. Any attempted corrective measure shall not cause exceedances of other operational or performance standards. An alternative timeline for correcting the exceedance may be submitted to the Administrator for approval. [40 CFR 60.753(c), 60.755(a)(5), 60.756(a)(2) and (a)(3), and 62.14354(b)] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
32. The gas collection system shall be monitored monthly at the interior wellheads, and corrective action shall be taken to ensure the system is operated in a manner which maximizes the amount of landfill gas extracted while preventing overdraw that can cause fires or damage the gas collection system. [40 CFR 60.753(c), 60.755(a)(3) and (a)(5), and 62.14354(b)] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
33. Each owner or operator shall place each well or design component as specified in the approved design plan as provided in 40 CFR 60.752(b)(2)(i). Each well shall be installed no later than 60 days after the date on which the initial solid waste has been in place for a period of: 1) 5 years or more if active or 2) 2 years or more if closed or at final grade. [40 CFR 60.755(b)] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
34. The operator shall record quarterly the surface emission tests including test time, weather conditions, precipitation records, areas sampled, calibration records, and test results. Corrective action shall be taken if required in accordance to 40 CFR 60.755(c). [District Rule 2201, 40 CFR 60.755(c), 60.756(f), and 62.14354(b)] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit

35. Permittee shall maintain continuous records of flare combustion temperature, and volumetric gas flow rate. Records of the net heating value of landfill gas being combusted shall also be tested and recorded. [District Rule 2201 and 40 CFR 60.756(b), 60.758(b)(2)(i), (c)(2) and (b)(2)(i), and 62.14354(b)] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
36. Permittee shall keep, for the life of the collection system, an up-to-date, readily accessible plot map showing each existing and planned collector in the system and providing a unique identification location label for each collector. [40 CFR 60.758(d) and 60.34(c)] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
37. The operator shall record emission control device source tests including VOC destruction/treatment efficiency and emissions of CO, NO<sub>x</sub>, PM<sub>10</sub>, VOC, and SO<sub>x</sub>, in pounds per MMBtu heat input. [District Rule 1081] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
38. The operator shall monitor and record the oxygen content in the flare main header, maintenance-related and other control system downtimes and individual well shutdowns. Exceedances defined under 60.758(c) shall be reported once every 180 days. [District Rule 4102 and 40 CFR 60.757(f), (g)(4) and 60.758(c) and (e)] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
39. All records shall be retained for a minimum of 5 years, and shall be made available for District inspection upon request. [District Rule 1070 and 40 CFR 60.758(a) and (b)] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
40. This operating permit may be cancelled upon District approval when the landfill is closed, is not otherwise subject to the requirements of 40 CFR part 70 or part 71, and if the landfill meets the conditions for control system removal specified in 40 CFR 60.752(b)(2)(v). [40 CFR 62.14352(f)] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
41. If the landfill is permanently closed, a closure notification shall be submitted to the APCO within 30 days of waste disposal cessation. A permanent closure must take place in accordance with 40 CFR 258.60. If a closure report has been submitted, no additional waste may be placed in the landfill without filing a notification of modification to the APCO, pursuant to 40 CFR 60.7(a)(4). [40 CFR 62.14355(a)] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
42. Each owner or operator, required by 40 CFR Part 62 subpart GGG to install a collection and control system, shall comply with the requirements in 40 CFR 63.1960 through 63.1985 and with the general provisions specified in table 1 of 40 CFR 63 subpart AAAA. [40 CFR 63.1955(b)] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit
43. For approval of collection and control systems that include any alternatives to the operational standards, test methods, procedures, compliance measures, monitoring, recordkeeping or reporting provisions, owner or operator must follow the procedures in 40 CFR 60.752(b)(2). If alternatives have already been approved under 40 CFR part 62 subpart GGG, these alternatives can be used to comply with 40 CFR 63 subpart AAAA, except that all affected sources must comply with the startup, shutdown, and malfunction (SSM) requirements in subpart A of 40 CFR 63 as specified in Table 1 of 40 CFR 63 subpart AAAA and all affected sources must submit compliance reports every 6 months as specified in 40 CFR 63.1980(a) and (b), including information on all deviations that occurred during the 6 month reporting period. Deviations for continuous emission monitors or numerical continuous parameter monitors must be determined using a 3 hour monitoring block average. [40 CFR 63.1955(c)] Federally Enforceable Through Title V Permit