



El Sobrante Landfill

Changing the tonnage limit from a daily one to a weekly one and accepting waste 24 hours gives WM greater flexibility to manage trash coming to the landfill. In addition, WM will be able to better manage truck traffic on the local roads. WM will shift trucks from the roads during peak traffic hours and move them to the off-peak hours between 9:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. **Currently, WM has committed to accept a minimum of 2,400 tons of waste during these off-peak hours, resulting in approximately 110 trucks that would be taken off the roads during the day.**



Also, the number of daily truck trips will not increase from the current permitted limit of 1,305 trips — if the permitted trips are reached on any given day, the landfill will close the gate until the following day.

Project Environmental Analysis

Riverside County Waste Management Department (RCWMD) is managing the environmental analysis for the permit revision. For this permit revision, the RCWMD, acting on behalf of the County of Riverside as Lead Agency, has prepared a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR).

The SEIR will update and supplement previous environmental analysis conducted for the El Sobrante Landfill Expansion Project, which includes the following reports:

- 1994: Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- 1996: Final EIR
- 1998: Update to the Final EIR

In 2004, an additional traffic study was conducted, which determined that our trucks accounted for less than 1% of the local traffic.

Supplemental Environmental Impact Report:

Under the direction of the RCWMD, technical studies for the SEIR were conducted on the following environmental factors that were identified as potentially being affected by the proposed permit revisions.

- Aesthetics
- Air Quality
- Noise
- Transportation and Traffic
- Public Health and Safety

Next Steps

Milestones:

- Winter 2008/09** Draft Supplemental EIR shared with the community
Community meetings will be scheduled to share findings with all interested parties
- Spring 2009** Riverside County Board of Supervisors will review Final Supplemental EIR for adequacy and consistency and decide to certify the study
- Spring 2009** File application for a revised solid waste permit with the local Solid Waste Management Enforcement Agency (LEA)
- Spring/Summer 2009** The revised solid waste permit will be presented to the California Integrated Waste Management Board for confirmation

*All projected dates are subject to change
We will keep you informed as the project moves along*



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El Sobrante Plans for the Future

For more than two decades, Waste Management’s El Sobrante Landfill has served the disposal needs of the residents in Riverside County. As a result of growth in the communities that El Sobrante serves, WM is proposing operational changes to ensure that the landfill continues to run efficiently. The goal of the requested changes is to reduce truck traffic on the local highways during peak commuting hours and to better align our operations with the needs of the community.

These changes require WM to apply for a solid waste permit modification with the California Integrated Waste Management Board. However, before any approvals can be attained, an in-depth environmental study must be conducted to analyze the impacts the permit modification may have on the surrounding community.

Permit Modifications

REQUESTED CHANGE	CURRENT SITUATION	PROJECT PROPOSAL	NOT CHANGING
Extend the hours for waste delivery	El Sobrante operates 24 hours a day, but only accepts waste 20 hours a day (4:00 a.m. to midnight)	Increase the acceptance of waste for a continuous 24-hour period from commercial haulers; move some daytime deliveries to off-peak hours	Accepting waste 24 hours will not increase the daily permitted 1,305 truck trips
Change the maximum disposal tonnage limits from a daily limit to a weekly limit	El Sobrante is permitted to accept 10,000 tons per day, seven days a week, for a total of 70,000 tons per week	Change from a daily tonnage limit of 10,000 tons to a weekly maximum tonnage limit of 70,000 tons per week	Overall permitted tonnage will not increase