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RCRA Permit Appeal Fact Sheet

1991

FACILITY: Erickson Treatment Transfer Station
Richmond, California
CAD 982 417 560
RCRA Appeal No. 91-19

PETITIONER: West County Toxics Coalition

PETITION FILED: August 19, 1991

STATUS OF PETITION: See Permit Appeal Status Report

ISSUE: Miscellaneous other issues (discriminatory siting of hazardous waste sites)

Summary of Petition:

The West County Toxics Coalition, representing residents in north Richmond, California, is petitioning the final hazardous waste permit issued by Region 9 to the Erickson Treatment Transfer Station located in Richmond, California. The petitioner contends that EPA has violated the civil rights of the residents of Richmond, California by the discriminatory siting of hazardous waste facilities in the north Richmond area. The petitioner maintains that the north Richmond community, which is comprised of low income black, hispanic, and laotian people, is targeted for hazardous waste sites because it is comprised of low-income people of color. Furthermore, the petitioner argues that a study conducted in 1986 by the United Church of Christ, Commission for Racial Justice, concluded that the socio-economic status and racial characteristics of communities played an important role in the location of commercial hazardous waste facilities, and that race proved to be more significant. According to the West County Toxics Coalition, the North Richmond area is currently surrounded by three large hazardous waste facilities, and they believe that the area has had its "fair share" of hazardous waste facilities and other industries.

BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATOR
U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

In the Matter of:

Erickson Treatment Transfer Station

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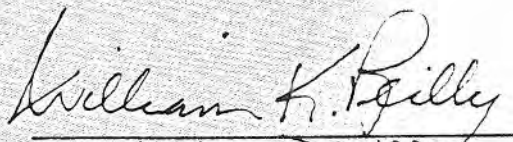
REMAND ORDER

By letter dated January 13, 1992, U.S. EPA Region IX has requested a remand of this RCRA permit appeal proceeding. The Region's request, which is unopposed by Petitioners, is hereby granted. The permit is vacated and the case remanded for further proceedings at the Regional level. An appeal of the Region's permit decision on remand will be required to exhaust administrative remedies. The Region shall give public notice of this remand in accordance with 40 CFR §124.10.

So ordered.

Dated:

FEB 28 1992


William K. Reilly
Administrator

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing Remand Order in the matter of Erickson Treatment Transfer Station, RCRA Appeal No. 91-19, were sent to the following persons in the manner indicated:

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