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From: Brad Poiriez [bradp@mdaqmd.ca.gov]
Sent: 3/13/2017 8:19:08 PM
To: Salazar, Matt [Salazar.Matt@epa.gov]
CC: Lakin, Matt [Lakin.Matthew@epa.gov]; Rios, Gerardo [Rios.Gerardo@epa.gov]; BECKHAM, LISA [BECKHAM.LISA@EPA.GOV]; Alan De Salvio [Adesalvio@mdaqmd.ca.gov]; Guy Smith [gsmith@mdaqmd.ca.gov]; Sheri Haggard [shaggard@mdaqmd.ca.gov]
Subject: RE: HMIW Pyrolysis Plant in Hesperia

HI Matt -

Wanted to circle back and see where we stand on the issue, now that we have waited an additional 3 weeks. We are hopeful that we can have finality on the issue and would like to have EPAs official position. Could you please give me an updated status check.

Thanks much.

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-----Original Message-----
From: Salazar, Matt [mailto:Salazar.Matt@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2017 12:48 PM
To: Brad Poiriez
Cc: Lakin, Matt; Rios, Gerardo; BECKHAM, LISA; Alan De Salvio; Guy Smith
Subject: RE: HMIW Pyrolysis Plant in Hesperia

Hi Brad,
Wanted to provide you a status update. We are still working on getting consensus for the letter. A final decision is likely a couple of weeks off. I am planning on giving you a call as soon as consensus Is reached. I apologize for the time this has taken. Please let me know if you have any questions.
Thank you,
Matt

-----Original Message-----
From: Brad Poiriez [mailto:bradp@mdaqmd.ca.gov]
Sent: Thursday, February 02, 2017 5:27 PM
To: Salazar, Matt <Salazar.Matt@epa.gov>
Cc: Lakin, Matt <Lakin.Matthew@epa.gov>; Rios, Gerardo <Rios.Gerardo@epa.gov>; BECKHAM, LISA <BECKHAM.LISA@EPA.GOV>; Alan De Salvio <Adesalvio@mdaqmd.ca.gov>; Guy Smith <gsmith@mdaqmd.ca.gov>
Subject: RE: HMIW Pyrolysis Plant in Hesperia

Ok, thanks Matt.
Brad

-----Original Message-----
From: Salazar, Matt [mailto:Salazar.Matt@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, February 02, 2017 5:04 PM
To: Brad Poiriez
Cc: Lakin, Matt; Rios, Gerardo; BECKHAM, LISA; Alan De Salvio; Guy Smith
Subject: Re: HMIW Pyrolysis Plant in Hesperia

Hi Brad,
Thank you for checking in. We'll try to get you and Aemerge an answer as quickly as we can. It is agency policy not to share tentative determinations until they are final. I understand that likely isn't a satisfying answer (especially considering the time frame we have been working on this). As soon as we have agreement, I'll give you a call. Please let me know if you have any questions.
Thank you,
Matt

Sent from my iPhone

> On Feb 2, 2017, at 12:24 PM, Brad Poiriez <bradp@mdaqmd.ca.gov> wrote:
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> Thanks Matt! It sounds as if you (Region IX) have an opinion that you are waiting on concurrence from HQ, care to share what Region IX view is, understanding that it is not official without full concurrence on the position by HQ.
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Salazar, Matt [mailto:Salazar.Matt@epa.gov]
> Sent: Thursday, February 02, 2017 9:25 AM
> To: Brad Poiriez
> Cc: Lakin, Matt; Rios, Gerardo; BECKHAM, LISA; Alan De Salvio; Guy
> Smith
> Subject: RE: HMIW Pyrolysis Plant in Hesperia
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> Hi Brad,
> I talked to my staff assigned to this, who has been in contact with the requester earlier this week, and at this time we think we can get a letter out by the end of February as long as HQ agrees with our conclusion. Our initial review showed some complications with the request that we now think we can overcome. This is a priority for us and I actually sent my staff an e-mail requesting an update on this request Tuesday prior to your e-mail. Please let me know if you have any questions.
> Thank you,
> Matt
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Salazar, Matt
> Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 4:51 PM
> To: Brad Poiriez <bradp@mdaqmd.ca.gov>
> Cc: Lakin, Matt <Lakin.Matthew@epa.gov>; Rios, Gerardo
> <Rios.Gerardo@epa.gov>; BECKHAM, LISA <BECKHAM.LISA@EPA.GOV>; Alan De
> Salvio <Adesalvio@mdaqmd.ca.gov>; Guy Smith <gsmith@mdaqmd.ca.gov>
> Subject: Re: HMIW Pyrolysis Plant in Hesperia
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> Hi Brad,
> Thank you for the message. I know my team is looking into this request and I'll let you know our progress and an estimate by the end of the week. Please let me know if you have any questions.
> Thank you,
> Matt
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> Sent from my iPhone
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>> On Jan 31, 2017, at 3:59 PM, Brad Poiriez <bradp@mdaqmd.ca.gov> wrote:
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>> Hi Matt and Gerardo,
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>> Hope you guys have been doing well, I know there are many moving parts right now with the new Administration and directives but hopefully things settle out soon. I have something I would appreciate you looking into relatively soon if possible since this has been lingering for some time for whatever reason, I do know our staffs have communicated on this but it seems to have hit a wall and I need to get some resolution on it. You know me, I don't like things just hanging out there with no resolution, hence my request.
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>> I have a company in my District that is trying to get a Hospital/Medical/Infectious Waste (HMIW) pyrolysis system up and running. We have issued the necessary District Authority to Construct permits, but are still waiting on an official applicability determination from Region IX to see if the company will be required to become a Title V source - a large source of concern for the facility.
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>> According to my briefing, the initial request was sent to Region IX in February of last year and status update requests as recent as two weeks ago have indicated slow or no progress. As you know, the vast majority of HMIW is currently being shipped out of state for disposal and many hospitals and state and local governments have shown interest in this facility, including the Governor's office, and we'd like to see this pyrolysis project move forward.
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>> If you could look into the status of the request and provide a formal response by the end of February, it would be greatly appreciated. I have included a copy of the original letter sent to Matt Salazar's office for your information. The company's name is Aemerge RedPak Services and the facility is located in Hesperia, CA.
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>> I know we are all being pulled a thousand different ways, but we have been waiting for an official response for some time. Please let me know if there is anything that I or my staff can provide you to

help push this along and thanks for your cooperation on getting this determination finalized. Take Care and look forward to hearing back from you soon.
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>> Thanks much!
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