

**Docket Optical System - Re: Salton Sea Unit 6 Environmental Site Assessment**

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Matt,

As you explained, the purpose of the flooding would be for irrigation, not for diluting the pesticide residue in the soil. So there would be no intentional dilution of potential hazardous waste, and therefore, no treatment of hazardous waste. However, if the soil were to be excavated and found to be above hazardous waste levels for pesticides, that could make it subject to the Title 22 CCR regulations governing hazardous waste treatment, storage, transportation and disposal. If you have further questions, please let me know.

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Dear Mr. Holmes:

As we discussed in our phone call this afternoon, I am writing to request clarification of item #3 in your July 7, 2009, letter to Ellie Townsend-Hough of our staff concerning the Phase I Environmental Site Assessment for the Amended Salton Sea Unit 6 Project in Imperial County. Specifically, Energy Commission staff requests clarification as to what would constitute "illegal treatment of hazardous waste" as it pertains to past flooding of the site for irrigation purposes.

Please feel free to contact me at any time if I can be of assistance.

regards,  
 Matt

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