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Group of Former Customers to Take Over Groundwater Investigation at BKK Landfills Facility

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – More than 50 former customers of the BKK Landfills Facility will take over the investigation of groundwater contamination below the site in West Covina, under a settlement agreement announced today by the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC).

This agreement, called the BKK Landfills Facility Third Partial Consent Decree, was lodged with the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California today.

If the court approves the agreement, the BKK Working Group, the group of customers that are already performing work at the site, will take over groundwater monitoring and conduct a long-term study for groundwater remediation connected with the Class I (hazardous waste) landfill at the site. The study will investigate the extent of groundwater contamination, assess the risks from the contamination and evaluate alternative remedies to reduce or eliminate risks identified during the investigation. The working group has been reimbursing DTSC oversight costs at the landfill since 2005 and will continue to do so under the new agreement.

“The study required by this action will provide the information needed to protect groundwater on a long-term basis and is the next step forward in DTSC’s program to maintain public health and safety at the Class I landfill,” said Stewart Black, DTSC’s Deputy Director of the Brownfields and Environmental Restoration Program. “This action reflects DTSC’s continued efforts to assure that those who generate the waste conduct the work and pay their share of the cleanup costs.”

A 30-day public comment period, regarding this consent decree, begins today. After that period ends, DTSC will report any comments to the court.

This is the third consent decree that DTSC has issued regarding the BKK site, the first taking effect in 2006 and the second in 2010. The 583-acre BKK Landfills Facility includes a closed 190-acre Class I (hazardous waste) landfill and a closed Class III (municipal waste) landfill. Hazardous waste was accepted at the Class I landfill from about 1968 to 1984. Municipal waste was accepted at that landfill from approximately 1964 to 1987.

In 2004 the facility owner (BKK Corporation) informed DTSC and the U.S. Environmental

Protection Agency that it could no longer afford to conduct various post-closure activities at the hazardous waste landfill and operate a plant that treats liquids from both landfills.

For more information about the Third Consent Decree, and other documents related to the site, please click [here](#).



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