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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

August 8, 2025

David Nuckels, Environmental Planner
Texas Department of Transportation
125 East 11th Street
Austin, TX 78701

VIA EMAIL: David.nuckels@txdot.gov

Re: 25-0026 02JUL Severe Weather
Burnet Temporary Debris Site Approval
Burnet County Recycle Center TDMS, 2421 FM 963, Burnet, Texas 78611
Regulated Entity No. 112243019/Customer No. 606403384

Dear Mr. Nuckels:

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Austin Region Office received the completed Requests for Approval of Temporary Debris Management Site for Debris Resulting from a disaster (TCEQ Form-20660) on August 8, 2025 from the Texas Department of Transportation, for temporary approval to stage, chip/grind, and operate air curtain incinerator(s) to burn vegetative debris and to stage mixed construction and demolition debris, HHW, e-waste, vehicles, recyclables, white goods, and tires as a result of a disaster event (25-0026 02JUL Severe Weather).

On August 8, 2025, Elijah Gandee conducted an in-house site review of the above referenced location and evaluated the information you provided in TCEQ Form-20660. The TCEQ Austin Region Office is granting temporary approval to stage, chip/grind, and operate air curtain incinerator(s) to burn vegetative debris and to stage mixed construction and demolition debris, HHW, e-waste, vehicles, recyclables, white goods, and tires. **Approval will remain effective until October 3, 2025.** It is recommended you keep this letter for your records as it is considered necessary documentation for counties seeking reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for disposal costs. Furthermore, this *temporary approval* does not relieve you of any other existing TCEQ regulations and authorization(s).

If additional outdoor burning activities are required after this approval expires (October 3, 2025), please contact the TCEQ Austin Region Office to request guidance on how to proceed prior to beginning additional outdoor burning.

Approval to burn may be revoked by the Executive Director at any time if the burning causes nuisance conditions, is not conducted in accordance with the specified conditions, violates any provision of an applicable permit, violates any air quality standard, or violates the Outdoor Burning Rules in Title 30 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 111 (Outdoor Burning in Texas, RG-

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049). Prohibited materials including, but not limited to, electrical insulation, treated lumber, plastics, non-wood construction/demolition materials, heavy oils, asphaltic materials, potentially explosive materials, chemical wastes, and items containing natural or synthetic rubber must not be burned at any time.

Once the authorized activities have been completed, the safe management, proper disposal, and removal of all waste, including ash, onsite shall be conducted in accordance with TCEQ solid waste rules. As part of this closure process, please submit documentation (e.g., photographs and disposal receipts) to the TCEQ Austin Region Office within 30 days after this approval expires (October 3, 2025). The TCEQ Austin Region Office may conduct an investigation to document the disposal and removal of all waste from this site.

Please note that the temporary approval of this site applies only to the management of debris from the above referenced disaster event. The TCEQ Austin Region Office shall be notified, and approval shall be requested and obtained prior to utilizing the site for any future emergency debris management activities or additional activities not requested in the TCEQ Form-20660 received on August 1 and August 8, 2025.

The TCEQ appreciates your assistance in this matter. If you or members of your staff have any questions regarding this matter, please contact myself at (512) 239-1635 or Elijah Gandee at (512) 239-7035 in the Austin Region Office.

Sincerely,



Lori Wilson
Regional Director
Austin Region Office
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

cc: The Honorable Mayor Gary Wideman, PO Box 1369, Burnet, TX 78611
The Honorable Burnet County Judge Bryan Wilson, 220 S Pierce, Burnet, TX 78611