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VIA EMAIL

RE: WHMD Theriot Tank Rebuild Site Dev Plan

Dear Miranda Benson,

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment’s Air Pollution Control Division (APCD or Division) received a request for an air quality administrative review concerning the proposed WHMD Theriot Tank Rebuild project as described in your correspondence dated January 27, 2025. The Division has reviewed the project letter and respectfully offers the following comments. Please note that the following Air Quality Control Commission (AQCC) regulations may not be inclusive of the regulations the proposed project will be subject to. It is the responsibility of the involved parties to determine what regulations they are subject to and follow them accordingly.

VOC and Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPS) Analysis for Small Wastewater Projects

An Air Pollutant Emissions Notice (APEN) for VOC and HAPS may be required depending on the existing and new throughput of your facility. Municipal wastewater projects may use the following chart to estimate VOC and HAPS emissions in order to determine if they are required to submit an APEN under Regulation Number 3.

Pollutant	Emission Factor Lb/MM gallon	Reporting Threshold
VOC	3.49414	1 ton/year OR 2 ton/year
Hexamine	0.41207	250 lbs/year
Perchloroethylene	0.00890	
Benzene	0.22873	
Toluene	0.00267	
Total Xylene	0.00267	
Ammonia	19.0000	

Odor

All businesses in Colorado are subject to AQCC Regulation Number 2 (Odor Emission) and a permit may be required for the installation of odor control equipment. Please refer to AQCC Number 2 for guidance on odor suppression actions. You may also view the complete regulatory language at <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/aqcc-regulations>.



Land Development

We also note that projects similar to this proposal often involve land development. Under Colorado air quality regulations, land development refers to all land clearing activities, including but not limited to land preparation such as excavating or grading, for residential, commercial or industrial development. Land development activities release fugitive dust, a pollutant regulated by the Division. Small land development activities are not subject to the same reporting and permitting requirements as large land activities. Specifically, land development activities that are less than 25 contiguous acres and less than 6 months in duration do not need to report air emissions to the Division. It is important to note that even if a permit is not required, fugitive dust control measures including the Land Development APEN Form APCD-223 must be followed at the site. Fugitive dust control techniques commonly included in the plan are included in the table below.

Control Options for Unpaved Roadways	
Watering	Use of chemical stabilizer
Paving	Controlling vehicle speed
Graveling	
Control Options for Mud and Dirt Carry-Out Onto Paved Surfaces	
Gravel entry ways	Washing vehicle wheels
Covering the load	Not overfilling trucks
Control Options for Disturbed Areas	
Watering	Application of a chemical stabilizer
Revegetation	Controlling vehicle speed
Compaction	Furrowing the soil
Wind Breaks	Minimizing the areas of disturbance
	Synthetic or Natural Cover for Slopes

Please refer to the website <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/apens-and-air-permits> for information on land use APENs and permit forms. Click on “Land Development” to access the land development specific APEN form. Please contact KC Houlden, Construction Permits Unit Supervisor, at 303-692-4092, kenneth.houlden@state.co.us if you have any specific questions about APENs and permit forms.

Demolition and Redevelopment

In Colorado there are regulations regarding the appropriate removal and handling of asbestos and lead-based paint as part of a demolition, renovation, or remodeling project. These regulations are presented AQCC Number 8 (asbestos) and Number 19 (lead-based paint) <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/aqcc-regulations>.

These regulations may require the use of, or inspection by, companies or individuals that are certified to inspect or remove these hazards prior to renovation or demolition. The Division must also be notified prior to beginning any asbestos abatement or demolition activities. For additional guidance on these regulations and lists of certified companies and individuals, please visit www.colorado.gov/cdphe/asbestos and www.colorado.gov/cdphe/lead for lead-based paint. An asbestos renovation and demolition fact sheet, inspection flowchart, and brochure are attached to my email response for your review. If you have any questions about Colorado’s asbestos and lead-based paint regulations or are unsure whether you are subject to them please call the Indoor Environment Program at cdphe.asbestos@state.co.us or 720-507-5136.



Federal General Conformity

The federal General Conformity rule applies to federally funded projects in federal nonattainment and air quality maintenance areas, such as the Denver Metro/North Front Range severe ozone nonattainment area.¹ Within these areas, the general conformity rule applies to any “Federal action” not specifically exempted by the Clean Air Act or Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations, i.e., any non-exempt activity by a federal governmental department, agency or instrumentality, or any activity that such an entity supports in any way, provides financial assistance for, or licenses, permits, or approves.

The federal general conformity rule and associated EPA guidance provides for a federal department or instrumentality to determine if the estimated emissions resulting from a proposed action in a nonattainment or maintenance area are below EPA’s de minimis levels (<https://www.epa.gov/general-conformity/de-minimis-emission-levels>) for the applicable National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS).² Note that El Paso County is located in the Colorado Springs Carbon Monoxide maintenance area. EPA has confirmed that General Conformity requirements associated with Carbon Monoxide no longer apply in those maintenance areas, as each of the areas demonstrated 20-years of continued attainment of the applicable NAAQS, as of January 14, 2022.

If you have any other questions or need additional information, please use the contact info listed above, or e-mail or call me directly. Thank you for contacting the Air Pollution Control Division about your project.

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¹ U.S. EPA, Green Book, Colorado, https://www3.epa.gov/airquality/greenbook/anayo_co.html

² U.S. EPA, De Minimis Tables, <https://www.epa.gov/general-conformity/de-minimis-tables>

