

**PUBLIC NOTICE
SEEKING PUBLIC COMMENT
ON REPUBLIC SERVICES'S
REQUEST FOR SITE-SPECIFIC FLEXIBILITY FROM
FEDERAL REGULATIONS FOR CLOSURE OF COCOPAH
MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE LANDFILL
ON THE COCOPAH INDIAN RESERVATION ARIZONA**



The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 9 received Site Specific Flexibility Requests (SSFRs) from the Cocopah Indian Tribe (Tribe), forwarding the flexibility requests on behalf of Cocopah Landfill, Inc. (CLI), a Republic Services (Republic) company. The Cocopah Landfill is located within Indian Country on the Cocopah Indian Reservation in Somerton, Arizona and was operated by Republic and its predecessors from the 1960's to the present.

Republic is seeking site specific approval from EPA for: 1) an alternative final cover meeting the performance requirements of 40 CFR 258.60(a) and 2) use of an alternative location for the storage of facility records required by 40 CFR 258.29(a).

EPA has reviewed the SSFRs for compliance with federal regulations and environmental policy and is making a tentative determination to approve Republic's requests to install an Alternative Final Cover and to use an Alternative Location for Facility Records. EPA is seeking public comment on the tentative determination to approve these SSFRs. A copy of the tentative determination and supporting materials are available online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, Docket ID No. EPA-R09-RCRA-2018-0568. Comments on EPA's tentative determination must be received on or before June 6, 2020. Submit your comments, identified by the Docket ID No., online at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Comments may also be submitted by email to R9LandSubmit@epa.gov. Due to COVID-19, we are not providing facsimile or regular mail options, because those are not viable at this time. In addition, if sufficient interest is expressed by May 26, 2020 EPA will hold a virtual public hearing. at 6:00 pm on June 6, 2020. If you are interested in attending the public hearing, contact Steve Wall at (415) 972-3381 to verify that a hearing will be held and for information on how to participate.

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Wall at EPA's Region 9 office in San Francisco, (415) 972-3381 or by e-mail at: wall.steve@epa.gov

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