State of California
Air Resources Board
Executive Order L-7

Relating to the Open Burning of Nonindustrial Wood Waste at Designated Sites.

WHEREAS, Section 41800 of the Health and Safety Code prohibits the use of open outdoor fires for the purpose of disposal or burning of petroleum wastes, demolition debris, tires, tar, trees, wood waste, or other combustible or flammable solid or liquid waste, or for metal salvage or burning of motor vehicle bodies;

WHEREAS, Section 41804.5 of the Health and Safety Code allows the Air Resources Board to authorize, subject to the limitations in Section 41803, the use of open outdoor fires by a city or county at a designated site to dispose of nonindustrial wood waste at disposal sites located above 1,500 feet elevation mean sea level anywhere in the State, or any elevation in the area designated as the North Coast Air Basin by the State Board pursuant to Section 39606, provided that the burning shall occur only on permissive agricultural burn days;

WHEREAS, Section 41803 states that no authorization, however, under Section 41804.5 shall be granted after such date as the Air Resources Board may determine, based upon a finding that an alternative method of disposal has been developed which is technologically and economically feasible;

WHEREAS, the County of Humboldt has submitted an application to the Air Resources Board for approval to burn nonindustrial wood waste at a designated site;

WHEREAS, the staff of the Board has reviewed the application and found that the County has supplied all information required by the State Board and the submitted proposal is in compliance with State law;

WHEREAS, such fires will not prevent the attainment or maintenance of ambient air quality standards if confined to the period when such standards are not expected to be exceeded; and

WHEREAS, the ambient air quality standards are not expected to be exceeded under the conditions set forth in Condition 2 of this Order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED, that, subject to the following conditions, the Executive Officer hereby approves the County of Humboldt's application to burn nonindustrial wood waste at the following designated sites: Carlotta Container Site and Orick Container Site.

1. Burning is to be done only on permissive burn days.

2. Burning shall not be done on any day unless winds are at least five miles per hour.

3. The amount of woodwaste to be burned shall not exceed five tons per day at the Carlotta site and two tons per day at the Orick site.

4. Permits to burn must be obtained from the local fire protection agency and from the North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District.

5. Prior to each burn, inspections shall be made by the North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District at the site to assure that only nonindustrial wood waste is burned.

6. This Executive Order will become invalid when the Air Resources Board determines that an alternative method of disposal has been developed which is technologically and economically feasible.

Executed at Sacramento, California this 9 day of March, 1984.

James D. Boyd
Executive Officer