

On April 21st the Cortina Tribe submitted to EPA their approval of three site-specific flexibility requests for the Cortina Integrated Waste Management Facility (Class III Landfill) including for:

- Seismic Stability Demonstration
- Alternative Liner
- Alternative Final Cover

EPA will be reviewing the site-specific flexibility requests for compliance with the requirements of 40 CFR Part 258. We will conduct our review in accordance with our 1997 draft guidance "Site-Specific Flexibility Requests for Municipal Solid Waste Landfills in Indian Country" (available at <http://www.epa.gov/garbage/landfill/indian/siteflex.pdf>). We will attempt to make a tentative decision of approval or of technical deficiency on the requests within 90 days from April 21st. Once we make a tentative decision, we will publish a notice in the local newspaper and the *Federal Register* announcing the decision and inviting public comment.

If you have any questions about EPA's process for reviewing the requests, please contact me at (415) 972-3380 or at forsyth.elizabeth@epa.gov.

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