

## Tank's Green Stuff

I formally protest the increase in fees for composting operations and construction waste landfills. Small composting operations are already struggling with the soaring cost of operating their facilities. Equipment, labor, and energy costs have skyrocketed over the past 4 years due to covid and breaks in the supply chain. Labor costs. Both construction waste recycling and composting facilities are very labor intensive and are already having a very difficult time making a profit. Commodity prices for plastics, metals, and recycled wood waste have plummeted. To increase the annual fees is an insult to injury. If anything the fees should be reduced in order to help these businesses recover from covid and the lack of available labor. Recycling/composting operations need more help from ADEQ not more financial pain.