

SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL

Managing today's waste while protecting tomorrow's environment.

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Browning-Ferris Industries of California (BFI) and Sunshine Canyon Landfill produce and distribute this quarterly newsletter to keep the community informed of current events at the landfill. Each newsletter is posted on the Sunshine Canyon Landfill Web site www.sunshinecanyonlandfill.com.

Cityside Landfill Operations

The Cityside landfill continues to operate five days per week. As of February 15, 2006, approximately 724,013 tons of municipal solid waste has been disposed since the landfill opened on July 27, 2005. The average daily tonnage disposed is approximately 5,208.

Litter Control

BFI is responsible for patrolling areas within one mile of Sunshine Canyon Landfill for litter control. Crews are sent out daily to assess and maintain the area. If you see litter within one mile of Sunshine Canyon, please call (818) 833-6500 and report your observation to the Administrative Assistant or the Operations Supervisor.

Treated Leachate

Leachate, water that has been in contact with waste, is removed from the landfill and treated for release into the City sanitary sewer system. Sampling of treated leachate is required by the Waste Discharge Requirements and the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation Industrial Waste Water permits, and all tests show that leachate leaving the site is in compliance with standards set by the Regional Water Quality Control Board and the City of Los Angeles.

Revegetation Status

As required by the City of Los Angeles Conditions of Approval, by the end of 2005 BFI hydroseeded areas disturbed during the 2005 construction season that were expected to be inactive for greater than 180 days. Areas impacted by the current ongoing construction also will be hydroseeded when the related construction work ends. Despite the extremely dry winter being experienced this year, seed is successfully germinating in the 2005 hydroseeded areas.

Groundwater Monitoring

Consistent with previous monitoring periods, the most recent semi-annual groundwater monitoring data indicates low level concentrations of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in several of the shallow groundwater monitoring wells. This data is consistent with previous results, and the unlined, closed City Landfill (Unit 1) is the likely source of the reading. The cutoff wall pump system, located at the mouth of the canyon, continues to effectively prevent off site migration. During the reporting period of July 1 through December 31, 2005, the facility has pumped, treated and removed more than 3.3 million gallons at the cutoff wall.

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Landfill Gas Monitoring

Perimeter gas monitoring probes and surface monitoring results for January and February of 2006 indicate the landfill is in compliance with all applicable rules and regulations governing landfill gas control.

Stormwater Controls

At least once a month and following each significant storm event, the landfill stormwater controls are inspected to evaluate performance and determine if any repairs or maintenance are required. To date, the permanent stormwater controls have performed as designed with no significant repairs required. Temporary stormwater controls such as silt fences and straw bales receive periodic maintenance and repairs until such time as they are no longer needed.

Notices of Violation (NOV)

On Jan. 23, BFI received an NOV for wind blown litter. The winds were calm in the early morning when the landfill opened; however, mid morning the wind speed increased abruptly and dramatically. At approximately 10:30 AM, management shut down all landfilling operations including immediately stopping the receipt of trash at the working face. The NOV was issued at approximately 11:00 AM while the staff was in the process of covering the day's trash. The decision to close landfill operations was made prior to the issuance of the NOV.

The winds were strong enough to knock down a stoplight at the corner of Balboa and San Fernando Rd., in addition to many empty and full garbage containers in the immediate neighborhood. Management decided not to open the landfill the next day due to similar wind conditions. Additional litter crews were onsite and in the neighborhood picking up litter.

Hotline Report — (800) 926-0607

The hotline has received several calls regarding the types of waste accepted, hours of operation and rates. This information as well as other details about Sunshine Canyon Landfill can be found on line at <http://www.sunshinecanyonlandfill.com>.

On January 23, 2006 one call was received to the hotline regarding the high wind conditions and litter issues that occurred on that date and are discussed above.

Replacement CUP

BFI has filed an appeal to the LA County Board of Supervisors for approval of a Replacement Conditional Use Permit (CUP) that will allow for a more efficient operation at Sunshine. All appeal information has been received by the Board of Supervisors executive office and the appeal will likely be heard at the end of April.



Resources & Information for Sunshine Canyon Landfill

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24 Hour Sunshine Canyon Landfill Hotline: 800-926-0607

We encourage you to take a guided tour of the Sunshine Canyon Landfill to see first hand how the landfill operates on a daily basis. Tours begin with an informal question and answer period, and then a trip through the landfill. For general information or to schedule a tour call 818-833-6500.

Community Advisory Committee Meetings*:

County CAC: Meets on the second Thursday of every other month.

City CAC: Meets the second Monday of every month.

** More information about the CAC meetings can be found at www.sunshinecanyonlandfill.com*

SCAQMD 24 Hour Hotline 800-288-7664 ■ City of Los Angeles LEA (8:30 am to 5:00 pm M-F) 213-978-0892

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