

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 City-Side Landfill continues to operate six days a week. As of December 15th, approximately 514,020 tons of municipal solid waste has been disposed of, averaging 4,283 tons per working day.

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, BFI has replanted disturbed areas that remain inactive for a period of more than 180 days with a City approved mix of native and climate appropriate plant species.

Notices of Violation

On October 28th, the Regional Water Quality Control Board issued a notice of violation for a process waterline rupture, which resulted in process water being discharged into the facility drainage system. This incident was self-reported on October 7th. The rupture was identified by site personnel at approximately 4:40 PM and was fixed by 7:00 PM the same night. BFI has instituted a series of corrective actions including construction quality assurance measures and periodic maintenance measures to better ensure such incidents do not occur again.

***The staff at Sunshine Canyon Landfill wishes everyone
a safe and happy New Year.***



Hotline Report — (800) 926-0607

The hotline has fielded several calls regarding the types of waste accepted, hours of operation and rates. This information can be found on line at <http://www.sunshinecanyonlandfill.com>.

BFI spoke with two community members about the effects of Santa Ana winds on landfill operations and their neighborhood. High winds are typical for the month of November in the area surrounding Sunshine Canyon Landfill. On November 28th, at approximately 4:00 PM, wind conditions changed drastically, with wind gusts jumping from 37 miles per hour to 57 MPH. As a result, operations were halted at 4:15 PM. BFI is committed to controlling litter at the working face and in the neighborhood surrounding Sunshine Canyon. Please call the site to report litter at (818) 833-6500.

Replacement CUP

BFI was surprised by the Regional Planning Commission's November 21st decision to go against staff recommendations and deny approval of the Replacement CUP. After 11 months of public hearings, negotiations, and addressing community concerns, BFI and County staff had agreed to conditions of approval that would have resulted in the efficient operation of a single combined landfill instead of two separate landfill operations, while providing significant financial benefit to the community. The Replacement CUP would have provided an additional \$63 million to County programs, including funds for: natural habitat and parkland, transportation improvements, SEA fees, household hazardous waste clean-ups, alternative technology development, community benefit and environmental education.

Alternative Fuel Vehicles

BFI is in the process of purchasing two new alternative fuel vehicles: a twelve passenger CNG van and a medium duty CNG pick up truck. These two alternative fuel vehicles are in addition to the 10 LNG fueled refuse trucks already in service at the hauling division.

Tours

Sunshine Canyon Landfill extends a standing invitation to members of the community, students, teachers and business groups to tour the Landfill. Tours are the best way to understand the operation of the landfill, as well as the vital role Sunshine Canyon plays in helping to safely handle LA County's 40,000 tons per day of solid waste. In 2005, the site hosted more than 35 groups who were interested in seeing a modern, environmentally-safe landfill in operation. These tour attendees included a group of 30 senior government officials from the People's Republic of China.

Group tours are scheduled upon request. Tours for individuals are conducted at 10 AM on the last Thursday of every month and require an advance reservation at (818) 833-6500.

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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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