

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 began operation on July 27th and, as of September 30th, was receiving an average of 4,962 tons of waste per working day for a to-date total of 240,889 tons.

Litter Control

BFI is responsible for patrolling areas to control litter within one mile of the landfill. 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 Board and the City of Los Angeles.

Ground Water Monitoring

Consistent with monitoring periods prior to the opening of the Cityside Landfill, 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. As these results are consistent with previous results, the unlined, closed City landfill (Unit 1) is the likely source of the data reading. As has been reported previously, BFI has installed a cutoff wall at the mouth of the canyon and is actively pumping and treating the shallow groundwater, preventing it from leaving the property. During the monitoring period of January 1, 2005 thru June 30, 2005, the facility has pumped, treated and removed more than 2.5 million gallons of water at the cutoff wall.

Revegetation Status

As required by the City of Los Angeles Conditions of Approval, BFI is replanting areas that will remain inactive for a period of more than 180 days. By the end of October, roughly 60 acres will have been hydro seeded with a City-approved mix of native and climate-appropriate plant species.

Cityside Landfill Operations, cont.

Notice of Violation

On August 22, the City of Los Angeles Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) issued a Notice of Violation for gas probe exceedences observed during monitoring of perimeter probes. Eight new gas extraction wells have been installed to provide effective gas control in the area of the exceedences. The need for additional adjustments to the Landfill gas extraction system will be evaluated continually based on the extraction well performance. The LEA has approved Sunshine Canyon's corrective actions and is closely monitoring the situation. As of this newsletter, all facility perimeter gas monitoring probes are in compliance with applicable regulatory limits.

Santa Ana Winds

On October 5th, the Landfill experienced a Santa Ana wind event. Landfill employees implemented an action plan to mitigate the effect of these winds including: controlling the placement of trash; limiting the size of the working face; applying water; and utilizing additional litter fences. It was determined that the Landfill could not operate effectively under these conditions and the facility stopped accepting waste at 9:00 a.m.

Hotline Report — (800) 926-0607

Since the publication of the last newsletter, there have been three complaints logged.

- On the morning of August 30th an odor complaint was received. The LEA and landfill staff toured the neighborhood that morning and could not locate the odor reported. A review of the gas system operations was conducted to check for potential odor causes during the time frame indicated and none was found. The neighborhood continues to be checked regularly for odors and none have been detected.
- On Sunday, September 4th, a neighbor called regarding "heavy equipment noise" in the early morning hours. Even though the Landfill is not open for operation on Sunday, Landfill management investigated and re-confirmed that no activities, including those involving heavy equipment of any kind, were undertaken on that date.
- On September 7th, a report of litter was received. A follow up call was placed to the neighbor and it was discovered that the litter was outside the one mile area that BFI is required to maintain litter free. The caller was referred to the City of Los Angeles Street Maintenance Department.

Replacement CUP

BFI continues its efforts to obtain a replacement Conditional Use Permit that will allow the City and County Landfills to operate as a single, more efficient Landfill. The next Regional Planning Commission hearing is scheduled for November 3, 2005. The Planning Commission has requested that public comments be limited to specific conditions of the Permit.

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Resources & Information for Sunshine Canyon Landfill

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www.sunshinecanyonlandfill.com

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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