

COMMUNITY UPDATE

Department of Toxic Substances Control - DTSC's Mission is to protect California's people, communities, and environment from toxic substances, to enhance economic vitality by restoring contaminated land, and to compel manufacturers to make safer consumer products.

Ascon Landfill Site Update & Community Survey

21641 Magnolia Street, Huntington Beach, California

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is updating you on the Ascon Landfill Site (Ascon) project, located at 21641 Magnolia Street (southwest corner of Magnolia Street and Hamilton Avenue) in Huntington Beach.

Completion of Pit F Excavation



Under DTSC oversight, waste material from Pit F was successfully excavated and removed from the Ascon Site. The excavation of the former Pit F was completed in 31 days of work and included excavation of approximately 2,600 cubic yards of waste material. 258 truckloads of waste were transported to a permitted state landfill in Central California. This work was performed with approvals and permits from several agencies, including DTSC and the SCAQMD. Air monitoring was conducted for dust, volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and odors.

Community Survey Questionnaire

We invite you to complete and return the attached community survey questionnaire by December 20 to help us design our future outreach activities.

There are three ways to return this survey:

1. Electronically - Fill it out online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XJ8BJSJ>
2. Mail- Put your completed survey in the postage-paid envelope to send it directly to Jessica Anderson, Public Participation Specialist at DTSC, 5796 Corporate Ave. Cypress, CA 90630-4732.
3. Email – Email your completed survey to Jessica Anderson, Public Participation Specialist at Jessica.Anderson@dtsc.ca.gov



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The tent was cleaned, dismantled, and removed from the Ascon Site. Remaining soils in the former Pit F area were sealed following active work with a hardened cement-like slurry material between two to three feet thick and then covered with Posi-Shell®, a clay-based sealant that dries to form a hard crust to prevent soil erosion.

The removal of Pit F waste was a key step towards completing the future remediation at Ascon and as a part of the final remediation, this area will be covered by an engineered cap which is explained in the Remedial Action Plan (RAP) on Envirostor. To learn more about the Pit F excavation work, and view community resources on the work, visit <https://asconhb.com/pit-f-telemetry-air-monitoring/>.

Milestones and Current Status of Ascon

- Perform ongoing community air monitoring in neighborhood and school locations to establish an offsite baseline of air data.
- Completed emergency repair of the North Berm slope parallel to Hamilton Avenue to ensure public and environmental safety.
- Established a near-real time air monitoring telemetry system for use during active onsite work, with ongoing data posted on the project website.
- Completed Pit F excavation, removal, and demobilization work.
- Completed a Sitewide Odor Assessment analysis to inform future odor management at the Site.
- Conducted winterizing measures for the 2021-2022 wet season following stormwater best management practices.
- Increased community outreach, with comprehensive project website, weekly Site activities updates, explainers on technical topics, and ongoing air quality monitoring results with live-streaming weather data.
- Introduced AsconAlert, an opt-in notification system that can send emergency and informational notifications to the community via text or email.



Springtime rendering of Ascon Site after installation of the multi-layer engineered cap.

Next Steps at Ascon

Before the start of final cleanup at the Ascon Site, DTSC is reviewing an interim work proposal for the Site. The work will include construction of an unpaved internal access road, crushing onsite concrete, and transporting the crushed concrete to the northern area of the Site. The concrete is to be reused as a cover over a woven geotextile fabric to form a reinforcement layer over the lagoon that will enable construction of the engineered cap.



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In addition to onsite and offsite air quality monitoring, near real time telemetry air quality monitoring data will be available at www.asconhb.com during this work.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/> (enter “Ascon” and select from drop-down menu)

If you have any questions about this project, please contact the following DTSC staff:

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Safouh.Sayed@dtsc.ca.gov

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For media inquiries only:

Russ Edmonson, Public Information Officer
(916) 323-3372
Russ.Edmonson@dtsc.ca.gov

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?

Please call the Ascon project hotline,
714-388-1825, or email info@AsconHB.com.

WANT MORE INFORMATION?

Visit www.AsconHB.com and sign up for
e-mail notifications

**Questions on Air Quality and Dust
Monitoring:**

Contact South Coast Air Quality Management
District at 1-800-CUT-SMOG (288-766)



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COMMUNITY SURVEY



To take this Ascon Landfill survey online, please scan QR code or go to:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XJ8BJSG>

1. How long have you lived in the area?

† 0 – 5 years † 6 – 12 years † 13 – 20 years † 21 or more years

2. What is your current level of interest in this Site?

† No interest † Low † Moderate † High interest

3. Do you have any specific comments regarding this Site? If yes, please print your response:

4. Where do you get your information about Ascon?

5. What is the best way to provide you with information about this Site?

† Mailers † Public Meetings † Other (please explain):

6. Have you visited the DTSC webpage at www.dtsc.ca.gov or Envirostor database for information on the Site?

† Yes † No

7. Have you visited the Ascon Landfill website at www.asconhb.com for information on the Site?

† Yes † No

8. Have you subscribed to receive weekly field updates from www.asconhb.com?

† Yes † No

9. Are you aware of the Ascon hotline at (714) 388-1825?

† Yes † No

10. Are you aware you can subscribe to the community opt-in notification system, AsconAlert?

† Yes † No

11. Have you attended public meetings relating to this Site?

† Yes † No

12. Have you had any contact with local, state, or other officials regarding this Site?

† Yes † No (If Yes, please specify)



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13. Prior to receiving this Community Update and Survey, were aware there is a third party technical advisor for the Ascon project?

† Yes † No

14. Are you aware that air quality monitoring data from the Ascon Site and the nearby community is posted on www.asconhb.com and DTSC’s EnviroStor database?

† Yes † No

15. Do you think the work conducted in 2020 and 2021 has been performed safely?

† Yes † No

16. Sometimes we speak with members of the community to learn more. Would you be willing to speak with us? If so, please indicate here and include a phone number and/or email address:

† No, I would not like to participate

Name: _____

† Yes, I would like to participate

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

17. Are there any individuals or groups in the neighborhood that we should add to our mailing list?

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

18. If you want to receive information on the Site, please choose one of the following and complete the contact information. (Please fill out your information to be ADDED to the list).

Add me to the mailing list

Name: _____

Email only; please send all the information on the site by email only

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____



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