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START WORK NOTICE

Ascon Landfill Site

21641 Magnolia Street Huntington Beach, California

Field work activities for the approved Interim Removal Measure (IRM) are scheduled to begin the week of July 5, 2010 and may continue through the first quarter of 2011. Haul truck traffic is anticipated to initiate in mid July and last for approximately three to four months.

Initial activities

Large equipment—such as excavators—will be brought to the site during mobilization, with some additional equipment anticipated to arrive at the site throughout the field work. Contractors will also place a construction trailer on-site. Residents may notice workers and agency staff prior to and during the IRM fieldwork.

Field activities

Field activities will include removal and disposal of the tarry materials from two interior lagoons—referred to as Lagoons 1 and 2—in the southwest interior of the Ascon Landfill site. The material was deposited at the site during the landfill's operation.

Haul Traffic

The daily maximum number of haul trucks visiting the site is 70 trucks per day, entering the site at the Hamilton Street Gate and exiting the site toward Pacific Coast Highway at the southeast Magnolia Avenue Gate.

Work is anticipated to occur Mondays through Saturdays, 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., with workers arriving at 6 a.m. for daily safety briefings. Workers will park onsite and be required to minimize noise as they arrive.

Haul truck trips will be limited to entering and leaving the site between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and trucks will not be allowed to line up or park on nearby city streets. Waste hauling activities will be limited to Mondays through Fridays, with the majority of trucks departing the site prior to 1:30 p.m. The majority of haul truck traffic is anticipated to occur in the first 3 to 4 months. It is possible that additional haul trucks may be needed in the first quarter of 2011.

Efforts will be taken to minimize noise and disruptions to traffic. No street closures are planned at this time. Should street closures be required, this will be coordinated with the City of Huntington Beach.

Mitigation Measures

Trucks will be lined, loaded, covered, cleaned and visually inspected before leaving the site. The exit area will be staffed with a flagman during truck hauling to ensure traffic safety.

It is expected there may be periodic odor, although this is not a health risk. Air quality, dust and odor will be closely monitored during the work. Dust and odor suppressants will be applied. Air quality technicians with hand-held monitors will take readings directly in the work areas and air monitoring stations are placed around the perimeter of the site.

The IRM project is implemented in compliance with mitigation measures and conditions imposed by DTSC, the Regional Water Quality Control Board, the South Coast Air Quality Management District and the City of Huntington Beach.

RESIDENT HOTLINE

714-388-1833

Hotline

A 24-hour telephone hotline will be in effect during the IRM fieldwork, 714-388-1833.

Residents are asked to call the hotline so that response to concerns and inquiries may be expedited by the project team.

Please tell the hotline the time and nature of your concern. You may be asked for your telephone number and address for follow up. Odor complaints, for example, are best initiated by calling the hotline to expedite additional mitigation measures. Residents also may call the South Coast Air Quality Management District at 1-800-288-7664.

Who to Contact at DTSC for Information

For more information about the Ascon Landfill Site, please contact:

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Where to find Project Documents

The Mitigated Negative Declaration, Workplan and Mitigation, Monitoring and Reporting Program documents for the IRM are available at the following Information Repositories:

Huntington Beach Central Park Main Library
7111 Talbert Avenue
Huntington Beach, CA 92648-1232
(714) 842-4481
Mon – 1:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Tues/Wed/Thurs – 9:00 am – 9:00 pm
Fri/Sat – 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Sun – 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Banning Branch Library
9281 Banning Avenue
Huntington Beach, CA 92646-8302
(714) 375-5005
Mon – Closed
Tues/Wed/Thurs – 12:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Fri – 10:00 – 7:00 pm
Sat – 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Sun – Closed

Department of Toxic Substances Control
5796 Corporate Avenue
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Mon – Fri 8:00AM – 5:00PM

Please contact Ms. Julie Johnson at the number above to make an appointment.

For more information about the Ascon Landfill site visit www.EnviroStor.dtsc.ca.gov. For more information about our department, please visit our website at www.dtsc.ca.gov.

Documents also are available at www.ascon-hb.com under the Interim Removal Measure tab.

Notice to Hearing Impaired

TDD users can contact the California Relay Service at 1-888-877-5378 to reach Stacey Lear, DTSC Public Participation Specialist at (714) 484-5354 or toll-free 1-866-495-5651.

For Media Inquiries

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Other work at the Ascon Landfill Site:

Additional work is conducted at the site, unrelated to the Interim Removal Measure, in preparation for the future final remediation project and for general site maintenance. These activities include:

- Weed abatement
- County pest abatement
- Stormwater control measures / inspections
- Groundwater monitoring and sampling
- Continued sampling and testing of site materials, including Pit F
- Security patrol, site inspections
- Police and Fire department observations
- General site maintenance