

COMMUNITY UPDATE

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ASCON LANDFILL SITE: FINAL REMEDY UPDATE

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE UPCOMING FINAL REMEDY AT ASCON LANDFILL SITE

LOCATED AT 21641 MAGNOLIA STREET, HUNTINGTON BEACH

This Community Update serves to announce a public workshop, provides an update and notifies the surrounding community, public, and applicable agencies of the upcoming Final Remedy (final cleanup) work that will be conducted at the Ascon Landfill Site (Ascon), located at 21641 Magnolia Street (corner of Magnolia Street and Hamilton Avenue) in Huntington Beach, California, beginning in early 2019 (anticipated start in January 2019). You may see some mobilization activity and equipment brought into the Site in December 2018. This work has been approved by the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) and will be performed under permit with several agencies, including the City of Huntington Beach.

Why The Public Workshop: Our agency, the DTSC, is hosting this **Public Workshop** to engage the surrounding community on the upcoming remedial work and to address any community questions regarding the work.

The planned Final Remedy has been approved by DTSC and will be conducted under permits with the City of Huntington Beach, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), and the California State Water Resources Control Board. As the lead regulatory agency for remedial work conducted at the Site, DTSC certified the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and approved the Remedial Action Plan (RAP) for Ascon in June 2015.

Final Remedy of the Ascon Landfill Site: Final Remedy work is anticipated to start in January 2019, and includes:

- Mobilization and Site setup: Equipment, such as excavators, loaders, dump trucks, graders, bulldozers, compactors, water tanks, and workers will assemble to set up staging areas, water supply, and other work zones;
- Vegetation and debris clearing;
- Lagoon strengthening, including construction of a buttress in Lagoons 4 and 5;
- Waste removal from Pit F, involving excavation under a negative-pressure enclosure;
- Excavation, including removal of waste from areas along the adjacent streets and perimeter, and reconsolidation to the Site's interior, changing the appearance of the Site;
- Environmental cap installation and vegetation; and
- Installation of perimeter fencing, seeding, final security measures and institutional controls for monitoring / maintenance.

There will be air quality monitoring and odor and dust mitigation during field work, including grading.

PUBLIC WORKSHOP EVENT

Join us to learn more about this project on:



December 13, 2018

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Edison High School - Cafeteria
21400 Magnolia Street
Huntington Beach, CA 92646

DTSC staff will be available to talk with you, answer questions and listen to your concerns and provide more information about the next steps.

24-Hour Public HOTLINE: A 24-Hour NON-EMERGENCY Public Hotline, **(714) 388-1825**, has been established for this work by the Responsible parties to ensure questions or concerns from the public can be addressed promptly. This is not an emergency number. Calls received by the Ascon project team and their responses are documented and shared with DTSC.

Emergency calls should be directed to 911.

In compliance with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), if you need assistance to participate in the December 13th, 2018, **Public Workshop**, please contact Stacey Lear via e-mail: Stacey.Lear@dtsc.ca.gov, no later than 48 hours prior to the Public Workshop to ensure reasonable arrangements and accessibility.



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Frequently Asked Questions & Answers

Q. What work has already been done at Ascon?

Activities have included extensive field investigations, strengthening of perimeter earthen berms, removal of tarry waste materials, interior roadway improvements, installation of storm water best management practices, weed abatement, Site maintenance, groundwater monitoring and improvements to Site security.

Lagoon Solidification and Oil Well Abandonment: Ending in May 2018, this work included solidification of materials in Lagoon 5 and the plug and abandonment of two oil wells dating to the 1920s.

Interim Removal Measure: Ending in spring 2011, approximately 98,000 tons of tarry waste materials were removed from the southwest interior of the Ascon Landfill Site and disposed at an approved landfill.

Emergency Action: Ending in 2006, an Emergency Action addressed structural concerns with the earthen berm along Hamilton Avenue, prompted by 200-year rain events where almost 4 million gallons of storm water were detained onsite and subsequently treated, pumped, and discharged under permit to the Orange County Sanitation District. Approximately 62,000 tons of tarry waste materials were removed from Lagoons 4 and 5 and disposed at an approved landfill during this work.

Q. Is the odor harmful to public health?

Some odor is anticipated during work activities. Odors that the community may detect are not expected to pose a health risk. However, an air monitoring system will check the air quality during field activities with results shared with DTSC. Several different odor control measures will be conducted throughout the work. If you have questions or concerns about odors, please call the 24-hour community line at (714) 388-1825.

Q. Will the Site remedial work cause deterioration of air quality in the surrounding neighborhood?

Air quality will be monitored using two types of measurements: real-time on-site monitoring and off-site laboratory analysis. Real-time measurements of odor, dust, and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) are used for on-site evaluation of the need for more air quality management actions, including stopping work if necessary. Air samples will also be collected through field operation hours and sent to an off-site laboratory for in-depth analysis.

DTSC staff will visit the Site on a regular basis to check on Site work and any potential impact to the surrounding community.

SCAQMD inspectors are available (1-800-CUT-SMOG, or 1-800-288-7684) to visit the Site periodically and upon public requests to ensure compliance with applicable permits.

Q. The remedial work has the potential to generate some dust. What is being done to control potential dust leaving the Site into the neighborhood?

Active excavation areas, excavated material, and earthen roadways are watered frequently to suppress and minimize potential dust emissions. Dust monitoring is conducted continuously during excavation and grading activities, directly in the areas of excavation or earth moving, and at the Site perimeter, and mitigation actions are implemented as needed, including use of foams and other dust suppressants. Residents observing any dust are encouraged to call the Hotline.

In addition, no excavation or grading will occur under high wind conditions, as defined by the SCAQMD.

Q. What is the haul route for materials being transported from the Landfill Site?

The haul route as approved by the City of Huntington Beach avoids nearby schools and minimizes traffic near residential neighborhoods. Trucks coming to the Site will travel south on Beach Boulevard, make a left onto Pacific Coast Highway, make a left turn onto Newland Avenue, right turn onto Hamilton Avenue, and make a right to enter the Site. Trucks departing the Site — after tarping, inspection and manifest check for the export trucks — will exit at the southern-most gate on Magnolia Street, turn right to Pacific Coast Highway, travel north on Pacific Coast Highway to Beach Boulevard, and make a right onto Beach Boulevard to continue north to the 405 Freeway. Site workers will be positioned with flags at the entrance and exit to the Site during hauling activity to assist with pedestrian and vehicle safety.

Q. How long does it take to implement the Remedy? What happens afterward?

The Final Remedy is anticipated to take approximately 18 months to complete. Permanent stewardship and Site maintenance will continue after the Final Remedy is deemed complete.

The surface of the engineered cap will have drought-tolerant vegetation. Periodic maintenance of the vegetated cover will be conducted. Regular groundwater monitoring will be performed to ensure no adverse impact to groundwater.



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Information Repository Locations

Project documents including the approved RAP and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)-related documents are available for public review at the following Information Repositories:

Huntington Beach Central Library

7111 Talbert Avenue
Huntington Beach, CA 92648-1232
(714) 842-4481
Monday: 1 pm – 9 pm
Tues., Wed., Thurs: 9 am – 9 pm
Fri., Sat.: 9 am – 5 pm
Sunday: 1 pm – 5 pm

Banning Branch Library

9281 Banning Avenue
Huntington Beach, CA 92646-8302
(714) 375-5005
Tues., Wed., Thurs: 9 am – 6 pm
Fri., Sat.: 9 am – 5 pm
Sun., Mon.: Closed

Department of Toxic Substances Control

5796 Corporate Avenue
Cypress, CA 90630-4732
(714) 484-5336
Mon. – Fri.: 8 am – 5 pm
Please contact Ms. Jone Barrio at the above number to make an appointment.

Who to Contact at DTSC for More Information: For questions about the Ascon Landfill Site, please contact the following DTSC staff:

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Additional Information Sources

Site documents are also available for electronic review on DTSC's EnviroStor website at www.EnviroStor.dtsc.ca.gov. Enter "Huntington Beach" as the City and select "Ascon Landfill" in the list of projects within the scroll-down menu. Then click on "Ascon Landfill" again on the map (pop-up window). Then, click on the "activities" and "Community Involvement" tabs for a list of documents available for review.

If you would like DTSC to notify you via e-mail when new EnviroStor documents, such as workplans and reports, are available online for the Site, please click on the "Sign up for E-mail Alerts" link to the right of the Site name and complete the sign-up form.

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For more information about the Ascon Landfill Site visit www.EnviroStor.dtsc.ca.gov, or www.ascon-hb.com. For more information about our department, please visit our website at www.dtsc.ca.gov.

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