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PALOS VERDES LANDFILL Rolling Hills Estates, California

Five-Year Review of Landfill Containment Operations Start date: March 1, 2004

Para información en español por favor comuníquese con Leticia Hernández al número (714) 484-5488.

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) announces a five-year review of current hazardous waste containment systems at the Palos Verdes Landfill (PVLf) to make sure they continue to work effectively in protecting the surrounding community and environment. PVLf is a 291 acre landfill that is located in the City of Rolling Hills Estates and partly in an unincorporated area of Los Angeles County.

The County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County operates and maintains the landfill under DTSC oversight. During the landfill operation, it received approximately 23.6 million tons of solid and liquid waste. Some of the waste was hazardous, mostly coming from local refineries, crude oil unloading terminals and oil fields. A formal study was undertaken between 1990 and 1995 to identify the nature and extent of contamination from the site and any associated health risks. This study determined that the health risks from the site were below DTSC levels of concern. However, to protect potential groundwater resources, a remedial action objective was established to control offsite groundwater contamination from the landfill. To enhance the landfill's groundwater containment system, the Sanitation Districts installed five additional groundwater extraction (pump and treat) wells and continue to operate all other containment systems. The Sanitation Districts provides DTSC quarterly reports that describe activities conducted at the landfill, and show results of groundwater monitoring which we regularly review to ensure the effectiveness of the containment systems.

During the five-year review period, six steps will be conducted: (1) community involvement, (2) document review, (3) review and analysis of monitoring and operations data, (4) site inspection, (5) interviews with landfill operations staff, and (6) determination of whether environmental controls are working effectively or if modification to the systems are required. The results will be published and available for review and comment. At the end of the five-year review period, a public notice will be posted announcing where you can review a copy of the Five Year Review Report at the following two local libraries:

Peninsula Center Library
650 Deep Valley Drive
Rolling Hills Estates

Torrance Civic Center Library
(formerly Katy Geissert Library)
3301 Torrance Boulevard
Torrance

Do you have any comments? Please fill out a community survey at DTSC's Website at www.dtsc.ca.gov, or contact Daniel Zogaib, DTSC Project Manager at (714) 484-5483, e-mail: dzogaib@dtsc.ca.gov, or Tim Chauvel, DTSC Public Participation Specialist at (714) 484-5487, e-mail: tchauvel@dtsc.ca.gov.

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