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**SUNSHINE CANYON CITY/COUNTY LANDFILL
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 00-194-(5)
INTERMEDIATE COVER ENHANCEMENT PILOT PROJECT**

Dear Mr. Sherman:

At its meeting of May 19, 2016, the Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) was presented with the information on the Sunshine Canyon Landfill Intermediate Cover Enhancement Project (Project). The subject Project was approved by the Sunshine Canyon Landfill – Local Enforcement Agency (SCL-LEA) on May 16, 2016, with a construction date set to commence during the week of June 5, 2016. In reviewing the proposed project scope, the Task Force has the following comments which need to be addressed, prior to implementation of the Project, in concert with the requirements of (a) the subject Landfill's land use permits, namely the Los Angeles County Conditional Use Permit (CUP) No. 00-194-(5), City of Los Angeles Ordinance No.172933, and their certified Environmental Impact Reports (CEQA); and (b) the Finding of Conformance granted to the Landfill by the Task Force on December 18, 2008:

- 1. Compliance with the Landfill land use permits and their CEQA documents and the adopted mitigation measures** - Based on the proposed scope of work, a spray-on slurry composed of water and Posi-Shell base mix, which included Portland cement, would be applied to various selected grids during the six-month pilot project period. As reported by the SCL-LEA at the May 12, 2016, SCL-CAC meeting, this material might inhibit the growth of vegetation. Consequently, the proposed Intermediate Cover Enhancement Pilot Project will potentially be in conflict with the CUP's Condition No. 44.A, and approved CEQA documents and various adopted mitigation measures that clearly required all slopes inactive for 180 days or longer be planted with interim vegetation.

2. **Coordination of the project among the involved regulatory agencies** – The proposed Intermediate Cover Enhancement Pilot Project was coordinated and approved by the SCL-LEA without inputs from the community and appropriate regulatory agencies who are involved with the subject Landfill. Given the current ongoing air quality related concerns at Sunshine Canyon Landfill, it is critical that the agencies that are pursuing a common goal of mitigating odors nuisance at the Sunshine Canyon Landfill be able to provide inputs and recommendations based on their regulatory authority and expertise. A well-coordinated effort will improve and yield better results, which will serve the community's health, safety, and the environment.
3. **Communication with and seeking input from the surrounding community and interested group** - Republic Services needs to notify the Community Advisory Committee, the Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council, and other interested community groups in the immediate vicinity of the facility of the proposed Intermediate Cover Enhancement Project, its purpose and objectives as well as provide adequate opportunities for the community to comment on the proposed project. Additionally, it is important for Republic Services to continuously provide project status updates to the community during the duration of the project.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer at MikeMohajer@yahoo.com or at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



Margaret Clark, Vice-Chair
Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/
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