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Subject: Savage Canyon Landfill - Los Angeles County -- Proposed SWFP # 19-AH-0001



TO: Martin Perez
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SUBJECT: **October 15, 2013 CalRecycle Monthly Public Meeting, Item C.1 - Savage Canyon Landfill**

On Behalf of the Task Force I have reviewed the staff report on the subject project and would like to offer the following:

1. The Public Notice Section < <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Actions/Publ> > has failed to include the Task Force letters of August 6, 2012, and March 22, 2013, to David Pelsler, Director of Public Works, City of Whittie (the Applicant). A copy of each letter was forwarded to CalRecycle and they need to be made a part of the Public Notice Section
2. The original CEQA document for the Savage Canyon Landfill was prepared in 1970's with a number of amendments there after. The Task Force have reviewed the project's CEQA documents provided to it by the applicant and the LEA. Due to the age of the original CEQA document and significant changes that are currently proposed, it has been the Task Force position that a new CEQA document is needed. We are surprised to find out that the LEA is using a categorical exemption as the new CEQA document for drafting the revised Solid Waste Facility Permit. Unfortunately neither the City and/or the LEA provide the Task Force with a copy of the document for review considering that the Task Force has been involved with the subject project since early 2012.
3. It is the Task Force position that the increase in the landfill elevation would have a visual impact on neighboring communities which must be analyzed.
4. Neither the applicant nor the LEA was able to substantiate the proposal to receive 3,000 tons of inert waste on a daily basis. Reviewing the records from the CalRecycle Disposal Reporting System for over 15 years, does not substantiate such a request. As such, the Task Force believes that a traffic study needs to be conduct to analyze the impacts of the proposal on neighboring communities and provide appropriate mitigating measures.
5. The extension of the Landfill closure date may have a negative impact on air quality as well as the value of the negboring houses. These impacts further justify the need for a new CEQA document.

Items 2 – 5 are a few examples that were used by the Task Force in requiring a Finding of Conformance for the subject project. The Task Force respectfully request CalRecycle to delay any action on the subject proposal till the foregoing concerns have been addressed.

Thank you,

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CC: Each Member of the Task Force and Facility & Plan Review Subcommittee