

**From:** Holtzen, Wende [mailto:wholtzen@hiu.edu]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 10, 2010 10:12 AM  
**To:** Cross, Kathryn  
**Subject:** Olinda Alpha Landfill extension

Ms. Cross,

In response to the Notice of Public Information Meeting on Monday, February 22, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., I am writing to respond as I am unable to attend the meeting.

I live in the Olinda Ranch neighborhood on Hummingbird Drive and my backyard backs up to Valencia Drive. I believe I am able to provide a unique insight into the impact that extending the landfill will have.

Six days a week, beginning at 6:00 a.m. (often earlier as many times the trucks break the 6:00 a.m. law and start as early as 5:40 a.m.), I am bombarded by the noise of dozens of trucks roaring up Valencia on the way to the landfill. The noise of the trucks is so loud that it rattles the pictures on my wall. I am unable to have my back door open or leave the windows open due to the noise level. The dust/dirt/grit that the trucks generate fill every window sill and blind in my home and covers my back yard patio slab and furniture. The smell from the loaded trucks is often overwhelming. Simply trying to get to my home presents its own challenges as the slow moving trucks going north on Valencia line up side-by-side blocking cars (going the speed limit) from getting around. The opposite is often the problem going south on Valencia as the trucks speed down, still side-by-side, towards Imperial Hwy at an alarming speed. I have seen trucks run red lights at Santa Fe, Lambert, and Birch on many, many occasions. Many truck drivers seem to have a complete lack of consideration for other vehicles and can often be seen talking on cell phones. These trucks are dirty and smelly and often drop trash/debris as they make their way past my home.

I purchased my home seven years ago with the assurance that the landfill would be closed in 2010. Much to my dismay, the time was extended to 2013. With the latest notice regarding extending the closure to 2021, it is simply unacceptable. I can only imagine how difficult it will be to sell my home if potential buyers stop by anytime between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Why would anyone want to buy my home which is so adversely impacted by the Landfill?

I urge you strongly to reconsider extending the operation of the landfill. If you have any doubts, please stop by my house and spend some time in my backyard and try to enjoy a cup of coffee or read the paper; or try to get to my house at 8:00 a.m.; or try to go to work in the morning without getting boxed in by the trucks; or try to keep your car clean from the filthy grime and grit on the roads; or try to keep your home free of the never ending dust/grit/dirt that finds its way to every surface in my home and I assure you that you will rethink this decision.

Thank you for your consideration,

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**From:** Cross, Kathryn [mailto:KCross@ochca.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 22, 2010 10:33 AM  
**To:** Holtzen, Wende  
**Cc:** Honeybourne, Larry; Misty Thomas; Chay, Julie [OCWR]  
**Subject:** RE: Olinda Alpha Landfill extension

Dear Ms. Holtzen,

The notification that you received was to inform you and the rest of the community about an informational meeting that the Orange County Health Care Agency, Solid Waste Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) is conducting regarding the revision of the Olinda Alpha Landfill Solid Waste Facility Permit (SWFP). This informational meeting is to explain the permitting process and solicit feedback from residents regarding the permit.

Our permit is based on the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) document which analyzes long and short term impacts of a proposed project on the existing environment and proposes mitigation measures. A Draft Environmental Impact Report was distributed for the Olinda Alpha Landfill operational extension in June 2004. After a review and public comment period, in April 2007, a final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Olinda Alpha Landfill was approved/certified by the Orange County Board of Supervisors. The certification of the EIR requires the LEA and CalRecycle (the state agency that ensures that LEAs enforce the state waste management programs) to issue a new permit for continued operation of the landfill.

The noise and traffic issues you refer to were addressed in the final EIR, however the LEA does not have regulatory authority to enforce restrictions on noise or traffic on the public access road leading to the landfill. This authority lays with the City of Brea. I spoke to the Olinda Alpha Landfill Director regarding waste haulers using the access road prior to 6 am. He told me that they do not allow trucks into the landfill prior to 6 am but that they have had problems of waste haulers using the road prior to 6 am. The Landfill Director told me that he would have another waste hauler meeting to discuss this problem again.

Although the LEA does not have the authority to directly address your concerns, please feel free to contact us with any issues you may have regarding the operation of the landfill. Your comments will become part of the official record of the permit and will be forwarded to CalRecycle as part of the permit package for review by the State.

Sincerely,

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