

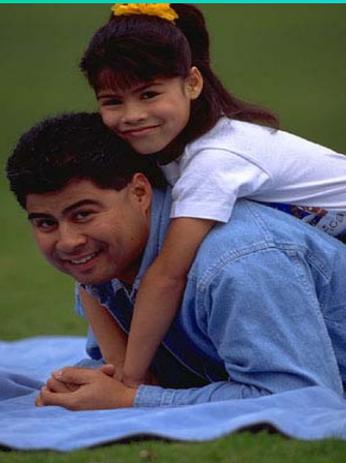
Siting HHW Facilities In Low-Income Minority Communities

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What is Environmental Justice

- **Environmental Justice is the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income with respect to the development, implementation and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations and policies.**

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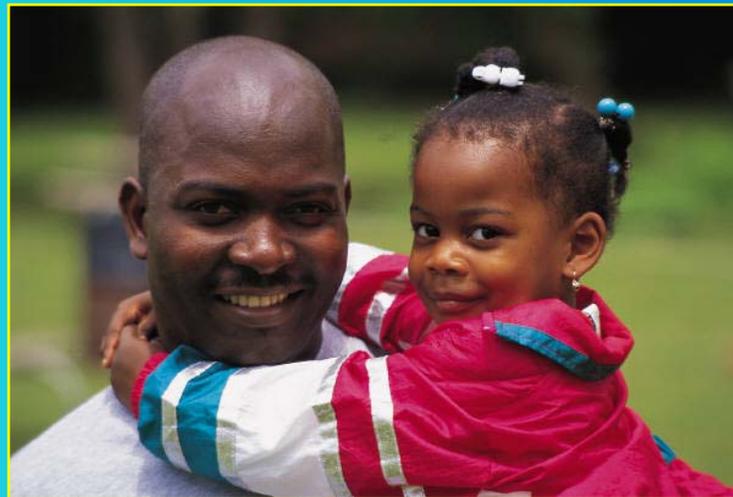
What is meant by “fair treatment”?

- Fair treatment means that no group should bear a disproportionate share of the negative environmental consequences resulting from industrial, municipal and/or commercial operations or the execution of federal, state, local and tribal programs and policies.

What is meant by “meaningful involvement”?

Meaningful involvement means that:

- Potentially affected community residents have an appropriate opportunity to participate in decisions about a proposed activity that will affect their environment and/or health.



What is meant by “meaningful involvement”?

Meaningful involvement means that:

- The public’s contribution can influence the regulatory agency’s decision.
- The concerns of all participants involved will be considered in the decision-making process
- The decision-makers seek out and facilitate the involvement of those potentially affected.

Myth About Environmental Justice . . .

- **Many stakeholders believe that because Environmental Justice regulations exist, projects cannot be built**
- **NOT TRUE – Environmental Justice ensures that affected stakeholders are involved in the decision making process**

1990 vs. 2000

California Demographics

<u>Race/Ethnicity</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>Change 1990 – 2000</u>
Latino	7,687,938	10,966,556	42.6%
Asian	2,710,353	3,648,860	38.5%
Other	56,093	71,681	27.8%
Black	2,092,446	2,181,926	4.3%
Native American	184,065	178,984	- 2.8%
White	17,029,126	15,816,790	- 7.1%
Pacific Islander	Not Available	103,736	Not Available

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Attitude is Important

- **Public Agencies must be sincere in their efforts to involve low-income & minority communities**
- **Develop trusting relationships**
- **Understand the community you are working with**

Understanding The Community

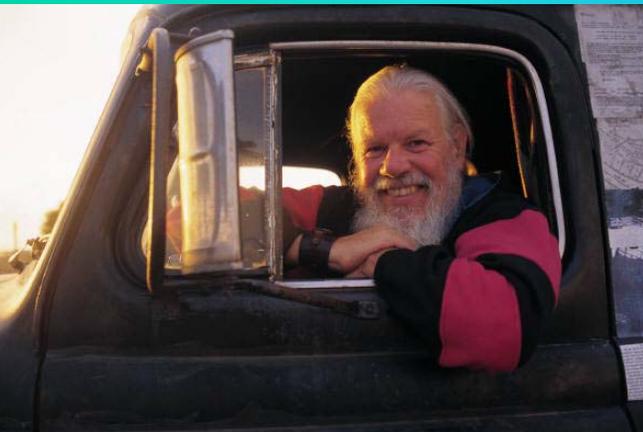
Demographics

- Ethnic Composition
- Education Levels
- Income Levels
- Languages Spoken



Needs Are The Same

- **Economic Stability**
- **Better Future for our Children**
- **Quality of Life**
- **Better Environment**



Approach Is What's Different

- **Identify Community Dynamics**
 - interview key leaders
 - identify community issues/history
 - identify information outlets
 - identify community unifying events



Developing Your Message

- **What economic benefits will the HHW site bring to the community?**
- **Will the HHW facility improve the neighborhood?**
- **What economic development opportunities will result from the facility?**



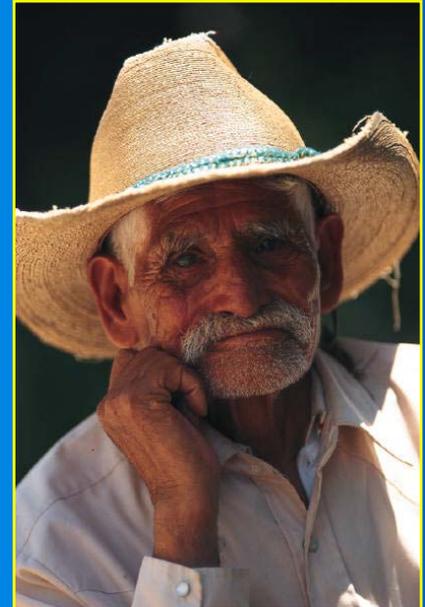
Grassroots-Based Communications

- Information should be “brought” to groups
 - Churches
 - Community Events
 - Major Activity Centers
 - Partnerships with community-based organizations



Effective Information Materials

- **Easy-to-read**
- **Easy-to-understand**
- **Colorful**
- **Graphically relate what is being said**
- **Bi-lingual (based on demographic)**
- **Explain how it impacts them**
- **Highlight what's in it for them**



Effective Public Meetings

- **Format** – Is the meeting format appropriate for your group?
- **Language** – Is the meeting in the language of the community? If no, is there interpreters available? Translation equipment?
- **Location** – Is the meeting site considered safe? Accessible to public transit? Is parking free? Is it in a familiar location? Is it intimidating?
- **Time** – Is meeting held during work hours? Does it conflict with a major cultural/religious festivity?
- **Incentives** – Is child care provided? Are transit passes provided to those who use public transit? Refreshments?

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Aug. 17-18

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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Do not bring business waste, ammunition, explosives, radioactive material, biological waste, tires, furniture, refrigerators.

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PROXIMAMENTE: Un Centro permanente de colección abrirá en noviembre en la Planta de Tratamiento de Agua Hyperion, 1200 Vista Del Mar en

Para mas información sobre horas de operación, lugar y productos que serán colectados, llamar al
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Gaffey Street SAFE Collection Center

WHO... The Solid Resources Citywide Recycling Division of the Bureau of Sanitation is proposing to build a new SAFE (Solvents, Automotive, Flammables, and Electronics) collection center in the Harbor area. This new facility will collect materials requiring special handling.

WHAT... These materials (also known as household hazardous waste) include cleaners, bleach, ammonia cleaners, hair dyes, furniture polish, garden and lawn chemicals, pesticides, latex, oil- and water-based paints, pressurized aerosol cans, used motor oil, anti-freeze, and electronic equipment. The materials to be collected are commonly found in residences and stored for years without being used.



Proposed Site

WHY... Instead of waiting for a periodic "round up" event, residents will be able to recycle residential products at a fixed location, and reduce the illegal disposal of used oil and residential special materials into municipal landfills, streets, and storm drains.

WHERE... The proposed site for this new collection facility is located at 1400 N. Gaffey St. in Los Angeles. Hours of operation will be between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., two to four days per week, including one or two weekend days. Twenty-nine cars per week are

expected to visit this new location. This facility will primarily serve residents living in Council District 15, although it will be open to all Los Angeles City residents.

HOW... Municipal solid refuse, medical products, radioactive waste, and other prohibited materials will not be accepted, per the operating permit. All residential special materials will be handled by trained professionals. Upon removal from the vehicles, the material will be placed on a cart supplied with a tray top (to contain any leakage), transported to the sorting area, and then stored in one of four storage containers/lockers, each containing different categories of materials.

Each storage container/locker is constructed out of steel, will have a fire rating of two hours, is completely leak-proof and will be capable of storing 2,400 gallons of material. They are built to exceed all existing standards and access doors are secured and locked.



Storage Locker

Collected materials will be removed with scheduled frequency to maintain and ensure maximum safety.

WHEN... The storage containers/lockers will be situated as early as August. A building constructed out of concrete masonry walls with a wrought iron fence and a gate on the front side will be constructed shortly thereafter. The gate will be secured and locked to prevent unauthorized entry.

The Bureau of Sanitation is interested in hearing your comments and feedback about this proposed new facility. Please contact Julia Brown toll-free at (888) 625-5440 with any questions or comments.

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Centro SAFE - Colección Para Materiales Especiales del Hogar

¿QUIÉN...? El Departamento de Obras Publicas de la Ciudad de Los Angeles esta proponiendo construir un nuevo centro de colección para solventes, aceite automotriz, líquidos inflamables, y partes electrónicas en el área de San Pedro. Este nuevo servicio coleccionará materiales que requieren manejo especial y no pueden ser depositados en la basura regular.



¿QUÉ...? Estos materiales (también conocidos como desechos tóxicos del hogar) incluyen productos de limpieza, lejía/blanqueadores, limpiadores con amonia, tintes de pelo, limpiadores de muebles, químicos para el jardín y el pasto, pesticidas, pinturas de látex, aceite, y con base de agua, botes de aerosol presurizados, aceite usado automotriz, anticongelante, y equipo electrónico como computadoras y teléfonos celulares. Los materiales que serán coleccionados se encuentran en casi todos los hogares y son guardados sin uso por años.



Sitio Propuesto

¿PORQUÉ...? En lugar de esperar seis meses o mas para un evento especial de colección, residentes podrán reciclar productos residenciales cada semana en una localidad fija, y así podrán reducir la disposición ilegal de estos materiales peligrosos para el ambiente en basureros municipales, calles, y alcantarillas.

¿DÓNDE...? El sitio propuesto para este nuevo servicio de colección esta localizado en 1400 Calle Gaffey en San Pedro. Las horas de operación serán de 9:00 a.m. a 3:00 p.m., dos a cuatro días por semana, incluyendo uno o dos días del fin de semana. Inicialmente, se espera que semanal -- veintinueve carros visiten el nuevo centro.

¿CÓMO...? El permiso de operación prohíbe que desechos sólidos municipales, productos médicos, radioactivos, y otros materiales prohibidos sean aceptados en el centro. Todos los materiales especiales del hogar serán manejados por profesionales. Una vez sacados de los vehículos, los materiales son retirados cubiertos al área de clasificación. Materiales compatibles son luego guardados en el contenedor apropiado. Cada contenedor tendrá diferentes categorías de materiales.

Los contenedores son construidos de acero, tienen resistencia contra el fuego de cuatro horas, son completamente resistentes a cualquier fuga, y tienen la capacidad de guardar 2,400 galones de material. Los contenedores son construidos para exceder todos los reglamentos necesarios y sus puertas de acceso serán aseguradas y cerradas. Materiales coleccionados serán trasladados con frecuencia para mantener y asegurar la más alta seguridad.



Contenedores

¿CUÁNDO...? Los contenedores serán instalados tan pronto como Agosto. Un edificio construido de paredes de concreto con un cerco ornamental de hierro y una entrada al frente será construido pronto después. La entrada estará asegurada y cerrada para prevenir cualquier entrada no autorizada.

El Departamento de Obras Publicas esta interesado en sus comentarios y sugerencias sobre el nuevo centro propuesto. Por favor llame a Lilián De Loza, sin cargo, al (888) 625-5440 con preguntas o comentarios.

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