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December 11, 2014

Mr. Rob Sherman, General Manager
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Dear Mr. Sherman:

**INFORMATION FROM THE GAS COMPANY REGARDING A NATURAL GAS LEAK
AT THE INTERSECTION OF GOLDEN VALLEY LANE AND CONSTABLE AVENUE
RESPONSE TO REQUEST FROM THE SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) is in receipt of your letter of October 31, 2014, (copy enclosed) requesting the Task Force's assistance in obtaining information from the Gas Company regarding an alleged natural gas leak in the Mission Tierra neighborhood of Granada Hills.

I am pleased to advise that the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works has been in contact with the Gas Company (a subsidiary of Sempra Energy) regarding the subject incident. Public Works was provided with the following information on November 11, 2014: According to the Gas Company, *"the leak was first identified by their personnel on July 1, 2014, at the intersection of Golden Valley Lane and Constable Avenue. Repairs to the damaged, 4-inch gas line were completed on October 9, 2014. The Gas Company received three complaints in August 2014, and one complaint in September 2014, was for natural gas odors."*

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If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at MikeMohajer@yahoo.com or (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,

Margaret Clark

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Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/
Integrated Waste Management Task Force and
Mayor Pro Tem, City of Rosemead

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cc: Sunshine Canyon Landfill Local Enforcement Agency (Gerry Villalobos, David Thompson)
Each Member/Alternate of the Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force
Each Member of the Facility and Plan Review Subcommittee

SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL

October 31, 2014

Ms. Gail Farber, Chair
Los Angeles County
Solid Waste Management Committee/
Integrated Waste Management Task Force
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Alhambra, CA 91803-1331

Subject: Notification of Natural Gas Leak in Mission Tierra Neighborhood, Granada Hills, CA
Request for Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force
Assistance to Obtain Information from The Gas Company
Sunshine Canyon Landfill

Dear Ms. Farber,

During the morning odor monitoring conducted by Sunshine Canyon Landfill (SCL) personnel on October 6, 2014, a strong natural gas odor was noted at the corner of Golden Valley Lane and Constable Avenue in the Mission Tierra neighborhood located to the south of the landfill (see attached map). Personnel from the Gas Company were observed setting up at this location (see attached picture). The SCL Odor Monitor talked to the gas company personnel about the odor and was informed a gas leak had been identified at this location. The SCL Odor Monitor was also informed that this leak had been on-going for several weeks and the Gas Company had received complaints about it.

SCL personnel have attempted to obtain information about this gas leak from the Gas Company. We have been informed that the Gas Company cannot give out any information unless it is to a person who has been directly affected by such a situation. There is no information that is available to the general public.

As you are aware, three hundred and two (302) odor complaints were called in to SCAQMD's hotline in September 2014. One-hundred thirty-four (134)(44%) of those complaints were made from residents living in the Mission Tierra neighborhood; e.g. specifically on Canyon Ridge Lane, Golden Valley Lane, Mission Tierra Way, Constable and Timber Ridge. Given the strong intensity of the odor of the natural gas and the duration the Gas Company personnel indicated the leak was occurring, it is possible that any number of the complaints called in to SCAQMD's hotline to report odors attributed to Sunshine Canyon Landfill, may, in fact, be due to the gas leak in this area.

We are requesting assistance from the Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force to obtain more information from the Gas Company regarding this leak so we can assess the information as it could potentially relate to the odor complaints made against the landfill in late September and early October. We request that you contact the Gas Company to obtain the following information and provide us with it:

- Specific location of the leak
- Any information related to the duration of the leak
- How the leak was identified
- How the leak was remedied
- The date the leak was remediated.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Ms. Gail Farber
City of Los Angeles Department of City Planning
October 31, 2014

Sincerely,



Rob Sherman
General Manager
Sunshine Canyon Landfill

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Gas Leak Location – Corner of Constable and Golden Valley Lane, Granada Hills, CA



