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October 22, 2019

Mr. Chris Coyle, General Manager  
Sunshine Canyon Landfill  
Republic Services, Inc.  
14747 San Fernando Road  
Sylmar, CA 91342-1021

Dear Mr. Coyle:

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON OIL WELLS LOCATED AT SUNSHINE CANYON CITY/COUNTY LANDFILL**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Solid Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) understands Republic Services has been working with the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) regarding the elevated readings at perimeter monitoring well 205R. SCS Engineers, a Republic Services Consultant indicated in its letter dated October 24, 2018, that the methane gas migration is not originating from the Sunshine Canyon Landfill (Landfill) waste mass, but it is coming from the nearby abandoned oil well, which is not owned by Republic Services, Inc. (Republic).

The Task Force understands that Republic Services has been diligently operating its gas collection system and that the elevated methane gas concentration readings at perimeter monitoring well 205R are not above the regulated threshold. Nonetheless, with the goal of ensuring the health and safety of residents in the communities neighboring the Landfill, the Task force respectfully request for following information about the pre-existing oil wells located within the Sunshine Canyon City/County Landfill property:

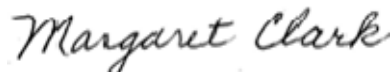
- Ownership information (share or sole ownership), including mineral interest, of all oil wells within the landfill's property boundary;
- Verify if Republic is the well owner (shared or full ownership), including mineral interest, of all oil wells within the Landfill's property boundary;

- o Well status (active, idle, or plugged and abandoned dates, et al.) of these wells and include date of abandonment.

With this information, the Task Force would be able to collectively understand the ownership of these wells and would be in a better position to address gas migration issues while taking public health and safety, and the environment into its consideration.

The Task Force acknowledges that the Landfill has recently been impacted by the Saddleridge Fire and some of its infrastructures were damaged. As the recovery and repair of the Landfill's infrastructure is a top priority, please provide the requested document as soon as practicable. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer, of the Task Force, at [MikeMohajer@yahoo.com](mailto:MikeMohajer@yahoo.com) or at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



Margaret Clark, Vice-Chair  
Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/  
Integrated Waste Management Task Force and  
Mayor, City of Rosemead

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