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September 29, 2010

Ms. Margo Reid Brown, Director  
Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle)  
801 K Street, MS 19-01  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Brown:

**SUNSHINE CANYON CITY/COUNTY LANDFILL – SWFP NO. 19-AA-2000**  
**14747 SAN FERNANDO ROAD, SYLMAR**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) is requesting clarification regarding the roles of the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) and the Sunshine Canyon Landfill-Local Enforcement Agency (SCL-LEA) in enforcing the mitigation measures described in the environmental documents prepared for the Sunshine Canyon Landfill pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The subject facility is currently operating under the Solid Waste Facility Permit Number 19-AA-2000 issued by the former California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) on June 17, 2008. As a “responsible” agency, the CIWMB considered the CEQA documents and their Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plans (MMRP) which were prepared and adopted by the “lead” agencies, City and County of Los Angeles (SCH No. 89071210, 92041053 and 1989071210). The MMRPs specify various mitigating measures that the lead and/or responsible agencies are required to monitor and enforce to ensure they are carried out by the Landfill owner/operator.

It has recently come to the Task Force’s attention that communities adjacent to the Landfill have raised concerns regarding the Landfill, such as odor nuisance related to landfill operations and lack of vegetation on permanent slopes and other areas. Mitigating measures to address these concerns are specifically provided for in the adopted MMRPs. However, the SCL-LEA has indicated that these issues are beyond the State’s minimum standards for solid waste landfills and therefore outside of the purview of the SCL-LEA.

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The Task Force respectfully requests clarification from CalRecycle as to the roles and responsibilities of the SCL-LEA and CalRecycle in enforcing the mitigation measures identified in the adopted CEQA/MMRP documents for the subject facility. When implemented, these measures would lessen or mitigate the potential negative environmental impacts of the project on the environment and surrounding communities.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB 939, as amended), the Task Force is responsible for coordinating the development of all major solid waste planning documents prepared for the County of Los Angeles and the 88 cities in Los Angeles County with a combined population in excess of 10 million. Consistent with these responsibilities, and to ensure a coordinated and cost-effective and environmentally-sound solid waste management system in Los Angeles County, the Task Force also addresses issues impacting the system on a countywide basis. The Task Force membership includes representatives of the League of California Cities-Los Angeles County Division, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, the City of Los Angeles, the waste management industry, environmental groups, the public, and a number of other governmental agencies.

Thank for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force 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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