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Dear Messrs. LoGrande and Bruckner:

**SUNSHINE CANYON CITY/COUNTY LANDFILL
ENFORCEMENT OF LAND USE APPROVALS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 00-194-(5) AND
CITY OF LOS ANGELES ZONING VARIANCE NO. 172933**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) is requesting the Sunshine Canyon Landfill Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to keep the Task Force apprised of the TAC's efforts in enforcing the City and County of Los Angeles' land use permits and mitigation measures at the Sunshine Canyon City/County Landfill (Landfill).

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, 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

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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.

In this capacity, on December 18, 2008, the Task Force considered Republic Services' request and determined that the combined operation of the Landfill to be in conformance with the requirements of the Los Angeles County Countywide Siting Element dated June 1997, subject to a number of conditions, including, but not limited to, full compliance with the land use permits and mitigation measures formulated in the Landfill's final and subsequent Environmental Impact Reports and the addendum thereof. Since then, a number of complaints from the neighboring residents regarding the operation of the Landfill have been brought to the Task Force's attention. The complaints include, but are not limited to, lack of vegetation on the Landfill's slopes and a significant rise in odor nuisance.


The Task Force understands that the TAC has been vested with authority by the City of Los Angeles and County of Los Angeles to address and mitigate issues such as those mentioned above. The Task Force would like to know if the above complaints are being addressed by the TAC and if measures are being implemented. Additionally, the Task Force would like to know if a protocol has been put in place to proactively enforce the conditions of the land use approvals to prevent negative impacts on the surrounding communities.

The Task Force respectfully requests a written response at your earliest convenience. We are also looking forward to a working relationship with the TAC to ensure proper operation of the Landfill to protect public health and safety and the environment.

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

Sincerely,



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