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Subject: Multiple Air Toxics Exposure Study III (MATES III)

Dear Dr. Ospital:

On behalf of Waste Management, thank you to the South Coast Air Quality Management District for its series of air toxics studies in the South Coast Air Basin and, most recently, in Sun Valley via the Multiple Air Toxics Exposure Study III (MATES III). Our Company has maintained operations in Sun Valley for nearly 50 years and we are one of the largest employers in Sun Valley, with more 230 people employed in our varied recycling, hauling and energy businesses. Consequently, understanding the quality of the air that we breathe at work and at home in Sun Valley is of great interest to us, as is learning what we can do as a large employer to improve the air quality.

Having been immersed in environmental studies for an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) related to our Sun Valley Recycling Park for more than 5 years, we are glad there is an increasingly substantial body of research and data related to air conditions in the Sun Valley area in which we operate. As you may know, there had been a lack of reliable information on the environmental conditions throughout this area for many years. The new, independent information provided by the MATES III report is most welcome. Any information that will help residents, businesses, government and regulators more fully understand the air quality in this portion of the northeast San Fernando Valley will be an invaluable resource for planning and public policy for many years.

At a February 27, 2008 meeting of the Bradley Community Advisory Committee in Sun Valley (of which I am a member), we received a presentation about the District's MATES III study from AQMD and City of Los Angeles Environmental Affairs Department staff. We were advised of the public comment period related to the draft report.

We have several questions related to the MATES III study outlined below. We request that the answers to these questions will be specified (and indexed) in the final report study and that the final report summarize all findings related to Sun Valley in a designated section as a convenience to its residents and key stakeholders.

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Following are our questions:

1. What did the study find were the prevailing wind currents in and around Sun Valley at various times of the year?
2. Are the prevailing wind patterns observed in the study different from historical data show for Sun Valley?
3. Did the study find any air quality conditions to be worse in Sun Valley than elsewhere in the basin? If so, what specifically were those findings?
4. What findings were derived specifically from the air monitoring at Fernangeles Elementary School?
5. Would the District devote a designated section or sub-section in the report that specifically references all studies, findings, analysis and conclusions from the Sun Valley monitoring, including where in Sun Valley the monitoring was done, over what time period, what methods/technology were utilized, etc.?
6. Has site specific monitoring such as the Sun Valley Air Quality Study been done elsewhere in the City in response to community requests?
7. Did the study trace any specific excess emissions in either the Basin or in Sun Valley to any specific Sun Valley source? If so, what source or sources were identified?

We appreciate the continuing work of the District and look forward to your responses to these questions and the opportunity to review the final MATES III report. If there is any way our company may be of assistance to the District, please contact me directly.

Very truly yours,


Doug Corcoran
Director of Operations

cc: Councilman Tony Cardenas, City of Los Angeles
Bradley Community Advisory Committee