



CITY & COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL – COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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November 24, 2025

To: SCL LEA Board of Directors
Bureau of Sanitation, Alex Helou, Assistant Director,
Council District 12, Councilman John Lee

Dear Gentlemen and Ladies:

Recommendation

The installation and use of odor neutralizer at Central Los Angeles Recycling & Transfer Station (CLARTS).

Background

On November 13, 2025, at a regularly scheduled meeting the Sunshine Canyon Landfill Citizens Advisory Committee unanimously approved a motion to write a letter of support to the SCL LEA, City Sanitation and Councilman John Lee for the installation and use of odor neutralizer at Central Los Angeles Recycling & Transfer Station (CLARTS).

The mission and responsibility of the Sunshine Canyon Landfill Citizen Advisory Committee (SCL-CAC) is to listen to our residents and be responsive to their concerns about the impact of the landfill's operation. The biggest concern is and has always been, the number of odor complaints and what is being done to mitigate those odors.

Whereas Dr. Cyrus Rangan, Director County of Los Angeles Bureau of Toxicology and Environmental Assessment said at our March 12, 2015, SCL-CAC meeting *"And so, when I hear about a situation like this, when we are talking and emphasizing this notion about odor complaints, that's where for me it's a big focus, and it really does actually cause adverse health effects, not necessarily outcomes, but have adverse health effects. So, to be more specific. We've already talked..., you've already brought this up. When you are talking about something like odors; no I'm not saying you can't get cancer from smelling an odor. But what I can say is that, yeh, can it cause: eye irritation, nose irritation, mouth irritation, throat irritation, nausea, light headiness, a feeling of ick? All those kinds of things. Yeh, of course you can. And do I as a physician consider those to be real health effects? Real physiological effects? Yes, because they are real."*

Whereas the SCL-CAC commissioned a Sunshine Canyon Landfill Supplemental Waste Characterization Study in 2015 [Microsoft Word - SCL-Waste Characterization Study Report Final v3_051415.docx](#) that studied the trash from CLARTS, finding that over 70 percent of it was organic. CLARTS contributes almost half of the 8,400 tons of daily trash received at the landfill, and since it is lacking an odor neutralizer treatment prior to being disposed of at Sunshine Canyon Landfill it potentially contributes greatly to the odor problems being experienced by the surrounding residential community.

Whereas odors have reached record levels in September and October 2025. According to the SCAQMD, there have been 2,102 odors and 61 NOVs reported this year through October, and a total of 19,248 complaints and 437 NOVs since 2009 which attests to past and current problems. Since 2016, the landfill is operating under a second SCAQMD Stipulated Order of Abatement of Odors 3448-18 which was approved on March 19, 2025. Republic in its efforts to reduce odors has instituted the spraying of odor neutralizers at all of their MRFs, including applying odor neutralizer directly to trash as it is dumped at the landfill.

Whereas most of the necessary dispensing infrastructure already exists at CLARTS as a part of their misting system, adding an odor neutralizer would only require upgrading that system.

Whereas the most effective and cost-effective odor neutralizer available is already known through experimentation by both Republic and the SCL LEA, it is recommended that LASAN coordinate with Republic on the best "formulation" so it too could be quickly employed.

Sincerely,

Wayde Hunter
Chair, SCL-CAC

c.c. Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Los Angeles City Council, SCAQMD, SCL-TAC,
Los Angeles County Public Works