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To: Mr. Gaurang Rawal, Air Quality Engineer,  
Engineering and Compliance  
South Coast Air Quality Management District  
21865 Copley Drive  
Diamond Bar, California 91765-4182

RE: Proposed Project Below  
Applicant: SUNSHINE GAS PRODUCERS, LLC. (Facility ID 139938)  
Applications Nos.: 480567 through 480572, 482510 AND 480628  
Location: 14747 San Fernando Road (at Sunshine Canyon Landfill) Sylmar, CA.  
Project Description: Landfill Gas Treatment and Landfill Gas to Energy System

Dear Mr. Gaurang Rawal & SCAQMD Board,

I strongly object to the approval of the above proposed project by Republic Services at the site of the Sunshine Canyon Landfill near my home, which will further endanger the health of our community. The proposed project will only exacerbate the environmental problems we have been experiencing in our community further by increasing the volume of the pollutants being emitted into the environment by this facility. The Landfill is already contributing greatly to polluting our air, water, and soil while adversely affecting our property values and quality of life. The SCAQMD has not made more serious efforts to force this landfill and its operators to dramatically reduce the pollutants they are already emitting into our environment. Imposing more stringent requirements and provisions on this facility must be implemented by AQMD for the facility to adhere to in order to ensure the health and well being of the communities surrounding the Landfill.

The newly proposed Gas to Energy System plan, as it may be considered a "Green" project but at the expense of the health of the community at Granada Hills, which you have before you and for which the operators of Sunshine Canyon Landfill are seeking approval for consists of "scrubbing" the contaminates before the resulting emissions enter the air we and our children breathe. Although it seems like the volume of the contaminants are supposedly within the established limits AQMD considers safe, there are no "Safe" limits of any contaminants that we as community members living near Sunshine Canyon Landfill are willing to accept to breath in and be exposed to on a daily basis. As it has been apparent, the community strongly opposes the entire operation and the existence of the Landfill in our neighborhood, much less permitting them to release more pollutants in our air, water, soil, and environment as a whole, not to mention contributing to the reduction of our property values in Granada Hills and surrounding areas. Entities such as AQMD should take such opportunities and protect the public to enforce harsher requirements onto facilities and operators like Republic Services, without being biased and persuaded by the operators with deep pockets. The mission of AQMD and its Board as I personally witnessed at the last public hearing seems to be protecting public health and well being.

I urge you to please disapprove the proposed plan and any other future plans by Sunshine Canyon Landfill which will adversely affect the health, well being, and quality of life for the residents of Granada Hills and surrounding neighborhoods.

Please ensure that any plans approved by AQMD for any facility in our state within the jurisdiction of AQMD follows clean emission standards such that the public's health is not jeopardized. Facility operators are well funded and resourced to afford improving their operations to maintain better conditions and standards to eliminate endangering public's health and life. The interesting thing is that these facility operators are well aware of these matters but attempt to get away with as much as they can. Buying their way out of serious problems and quieting the public does not constitute a solution.

I will personally hold the AQMD responsible for the outcome of this matter and any decisions they make. There is already a serious and widespread consideration of a class action lawsuit on behalf of the Granada Hills, CA, and Sylmar, CA, residents and businesses, who live and work in these communities, if remedy in the courts becomes our only avenue of protection.

On behalf of myself and all my neighbors, I greatly appreciate your time and attention to this matter.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Aderineh Saralou". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Aderineh Saralou  
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Granada Hills, CA 91344