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Subject: Del Amo and Montrose Superfund Sites updates - Upcoming Community "Open House" event on Nov 9th from 6-8 pm, "Site Updates Fact Sheet" mailed, ECI Soil Stockpiles removed, and more...

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The Del Amo and Montrose Superfund sites team has updates to share with you.

Updates on Community Involvement

- **Community "Open House" Event is scheduled on Wednesday, November 9th from 6-8 pm at the Holiday Inn.** This informal event will be organized as multiple "booths" or "poster sessions" to allow people to learn about all aspects of the Superfund sites at their own pace. This structure also allows people to have one-on-one conversations with EPA Remedial Project Managers (RPMs) about the cleanup work. EPA had a variety of updates for the Del Amo & Montrose Superfund Sites. (Handouts from the May 26th event are available [here](#)). Please contact Yolanda Sanchez, the Community Involvement Coordinator, if you have suggestions regarding this event: 415-972-3880 or sanchez.yolanda@epa.gov. Please see the attached flyer.



- **EPA published a comprehensive "Site Updates Fact Sheet" which includes activities for the Del Amo and Montrose Superfund sites.** EPA has developed a comprehensive format to communicate updates on site activities to those who live near the Superfund sites or those who have shown interest in the work. *Please see the attachment.* In October, EPA will mail the fact sheet to a large distribution list of over 8,000 addresses. This document includes: a brief overview of the Superfund program; an introduction to both the Del Amo and Montrose Superfund sites; an overview of the operable units; a discussion of the community involvement approach; updates on site activities; and an invitation to the upcoming Community Open House event in November. Please contact Yolanda Sanchez, the Community Involvement Coordinator, if you have suggestions regarding this document: 415-972-3880 or sanchez.yolanda@epa.gov.



- **EPA went door-to-door in the neighborhood east of soil stockpiles located on the ECI property.** On July 15th and August 30th EPA left letters on the neighborhood doors informing folks of the upcoming soil stockpile removal activities. At each event, EPA knocked on over 40 houses and spoke to nearly 20 neighbors.
- **EPA participated in the “Back to School” event at the Van Deene Elementary School.** On August 30th, EPA staff Yarissa Martinez and Yolanda Sanchez hosted an informational booth at the event. EPA handed out environmental educational material to the students and parents, as well as information on the Del Amo and Montrose Superfund sites.



- **EPA will participate in the LA County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and E-collection Event on October 15th in Carson, CA.** EPA will hand out the [Del Amo/Montrose by Operable Unit brochures](#) to people participating in the event from Torrance, Gardena, Carson, and the surrounding areas. For more information about the event, see the [LA County HHW and E-collection Event](#) website.

- **California Department of Public Health (CDPH) will host a workshop on indoor air at the Van Deene Elementary School on October 27 at 8:15 AM.** CDPH will discuss contamination that can be found in your home, how do these contaminants affect your health, and what you can do to reduce your exposure to contaminants (and save money). If you are interested in attending the workshop, please contact Donna Laprade (Van Deene Community Representative) no later than 10/21/2016 or Nancy Villaseñor at CDPH at (510) 620-5845.

Updates on Site Activities

- **Work Plan Approved for the Soil Stockpile Removal at ECI.** In July, Ecology Control Industries, Inc. (ECI) submitted to EPA a Work Plan that addressed further cleanup, as well as the disposal of the four soil stockpiles currently located at the ECI property located at 20846 Normandie Ave. ECI began the work to remove the soil stockpiles on September 6 and completed the work on September 22. EPA will continue to work with ECI on a timeline for the remaining excavation work included in the Work Plan.

In April 2016, EPA issued an [“ECI Property and Soil Stockpiles Information” fact sheet](#) and mailed it to over 1,000 nearby residents. On July 15 and August 31 2016, EPA walked door-to-door to talk with fence line neighbors informing about the order issued.

- **Del Amo & Montrose Vapor Intrusion – Soil Gas Investigation.** In April 2016, EPA issued an [“Indoor Air Sampling Results” fact sheet](#) and mailed it to over 2,500 interested stakeholders. Over the summer, EPA completed the field work for the soil-gas investigation in the neighborhood south of the former Del Amo facility. EPA installed 41 soil gas sampling locations at 5 and 15 feet deep, and 11 soil gas sampling locations up to 50 feet deep. Among these sampling locations, EPA installed 15 “step outs” to gather more soil-gas data near those locations. EPA resampled the indoor air of 13 homes that participated in the 2015 indoor air investigation. These homes were identified by EPA for resampling based on the 2015 results. In the next few months, EPA will be receiving validated data from the soil-gas investigation. EPA will provide a project update at the next community open house event (planned for November 9, 2016).
- **Five-Year Review on Del Amo Superfund Site.** EPA conducts regular evaluations of Superfund site cleanup remedies to determine if a cleanup remedy currently is, or will be once completed, protective of human health and the environment. These evaluations are called Five-Year Reviews (FYRs). EPA is addressing the recommendations in the FYR reports and will report to the United States Congress annually on the progress. In May 2016, EPA issued a [Five-Year Review fact sheet and supplementary information](#) that summarized the results from two EPA reports published in October 2015:
 - Third Five-Year Review Report for Del Amo Superfund Site Operable Unit #1 and #2 (click [here](#)).
 - First Five-Year Review Report for Montrose and Del Amo Superfund Sites Dual-Site Groundwater Operable Unit 3 (click [here](#)).

- **Dual Site Groundwater Treatment System.** EPA continues to work toward starting the groundwater treatment system for the Dual Site Groundwater Operable Unit 3. This includes:
 - Completing an anti-degradation policy analysis (ADPA) to understand the potential impacts of reinjecting treated water before the groundwater treatment system starts full operation. The reinjection of treated groundwater is an essential component of the groundwater system and will prevent groundwater contamination from moving, vertically and horizontally, to cleaner or less contaminated areas in the aquifers. After the draft ADPA is reviewed by State agencies, EPA will issue the draft analysis for a 30-day public review period.
 - Conducting additional tests of the groundwater treatment system and making modifications to enhance performance and to certify that the construction of the groundwater treatment system is completed as designed.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns regarding either Superfund site or request more information regarding the work.

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