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October 11, 2021

Kathryn Barger, Supervisor 5th District
500 West Temple Street, Room 869
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisor Barger:

It has come to my attention that on Saturday, October 2, 2021, the Sunshine Canyon Landfill **did not place** a final cover of 9-inches of clean soil over the disposed trash at the end of the working day, and prior to the landfill being closed for the weekend. I believe that BFI/Republic only applied the daily Enviro Cover and small amount of soil to hold the plastic sheeting (Enviro Cover) in place.

On Monday, October 4, 2021, the SCAQMD received 19 complaint calls for odors from the landfill early in the morning hours, 16 of which were verified by the SCAQMD. The odor nuisance was intense, and when Republic was asked by the SCAQMD why the landfill appeared to be in the state that it was, so early in the morning, the SCAQMD inspector was told that BFI/Republic was out of the required cover soil.

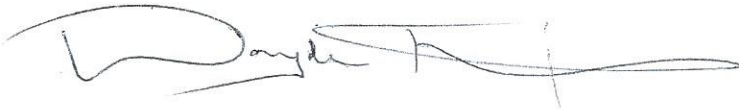
I understand that the SCAQMD will be issuing a Notice of Violation (NOV) for the odor nuisances reported on October 4, 2021. However, as far as I know the SCAQMD has no rule which requires BFI/Republic to use the aforementioned cover soil.

I see no reason or excuse why BFI/Republic (the landfill owner and operator) should have run out of clean soil for cover, since they would have known well in advance that they lacked adequate soil cover to ensure that they not be in violation of various rules and regulations and could have purchased it ahead of time.

I believe that the requirement for the cover soil lies with the County consistent with its Conditional Use Permit (CUP) No. 00-194-(5), Conditions Nos. 45 and 51, and the landfill's Final Subsequent EIR, Mitigation Measures Nos. 30 and 33 ; and that BFI/Republic has committed a violation, and should be referred to the County Regional Planning Department for further actions including, but not limited to, imposition of penalties as provided for in the CUP's Conditions No. 11.

On behalf of the North Valley Coalition and the landfill's neighboring residents, I want to thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter and your written response.

Sincerely,



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