



# South Coast Air Quality Management District

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**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF A DRAFT SUBSEQUENT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

**PROJECT TITLE: SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL FLARE CAPACITY EXPANSION PROJECT**

**PROJECT APPLICANT: SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL REPUBLIC SERVICES, INC.**

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD), as Lead Agency, has prepared a Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (Draft SEIR) for the proposed project identified above. This letter, the attached Notice of Completion (NOC), and the Draft SEIR serve the following purposes: 1) to notify the public that the South Coast AQMD assessed the potential adverse environmental impacts that may result from implementing the proposed project; and 2) to allow public agencies and the public (collectively referred to as the public) the opportunity to review and comment on the environmental analysis.

This letter and the attached NOC for the Draft SEIR are not South Coast AQMD applications or forms requiring a response from you. Their purpose is to provide information to you on the proposed project. **No action on your part is necessary if the proposed project has no bearing on you or your organization.**

**Comments focusing on your area of expertise, your agency's area of jurisdiction, if applicable, or issues relative to the environmental analysis in the Draft SEIR will be accepted during a 45-day public review and comment period beginning September 30, 2025 and ending at 5:00 p.m. on November 14, 2025.** Please note that under the California Public Records Act (Gov. Code Section 7920.000) your written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g., your address, phone, email, etc.) become part of the public record and can be released to the public on request, or posted on the South Coast AQMD website.

The attached NOC provides information on how to obtain the Draft SEIR and how the public may submit comments.

**NOTICE OF COMPLETION (NOC) OF A DRAFT SUBSEQUENT ENVIRONMENTAL  
IMPACT REPORT (SEIR) AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

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| <b>To:</b> Governor's Office of Land Use and<br>Climate Innovation – State Clearinghouse<br>1400 Tenth St, Suite 222<br>Sacramento, CA 95814-5502 | <b>From:</b> South Coast Air Quality Management<br>District (South Coast AQMD)<br>21865 Copley Drive<br>Diamond Bar, CA 91765 |
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**Project Title:** Sunshine Canyon Landfill Flare Capacity Expansion Project

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**State Clearinghouse Number:** 1992041053

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| <b>Project Applicant:</b><br>Browning-Ferris Industries of California, Inc. | <b>South Coast AQMD Facility Name and ID Number:</b><br>Sunshine Canyon Landfill Republic Services Inc.<br>ID 49111 |
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**Project Location:** 14747 San Fernando Road, Sylmar, CA 91342, in Los Angeles County and the City of Los Angeles

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**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** The proposed project aims to further reduce odors at the Sunshine Canyon Landfill and prevent fugitive releases of methane (CH<sub>4</sub>), which is a potent greenhouse gas (GHG), and toxic air contaminants that are present in landfill gas (LFG) by increasing the flaring capacity of the gas control and collection system to combust the maximum amount of LFG that is estimated to be generated in the future. The applicant seeks modifications to its existing permits to: 1) install and operate two additional LFG flares and two additional 300-horsepower electric blowers; and 2) increase the permitted site-wide LFG combustion limit from 16,100 standard cubic feet per minute (scfm) to 33,334 scfm, corrected to 50 percent CH<sub>4</sub> and averaged over 24 hours. No component of the proposed project is expected to expand landfill capacity or increase the amount of waste that can be accepted on a daily, monthly, or annual basis. The Draft SEIR, which tiers off of the December 1999 Final SEIR for the Sunshine Canyon Landfill, concluded that significant and unavoidable adverse environmental impacts may occur for the topics of air quality and GHG emissions from operation of the LFG flares. No other significant adverse impacts were identified. This facility is not identified on lists compiled by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control per Government Code Section 65962.5.

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| <b>Lead Agency:</b><br>South Coast AQMD | <b>Division:</b><br>Planning, Rule Development and Implementation |
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**The NOC, Draft SEIR, the December 1999 Final SEIR, and all supporting documentation are available at:**

- 1) **South Coast AQMD CEQA webpage:**  
<http://www.aqmd.gov/home/research/documents-reports/lead-agency-permit-projects>
  - 2) **South Coast AQMD Public Information Center**, at 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, by email at [PICrequests@aqmd.gov](mailto:PICrequests@aqmd.gov), and by phone at (909) 396-2039
  - 3) **State Clearinghouse of the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation website at:** <https://ceqanet.lci.ca.gov/search/recent>
  - 4) **Sylmar Branch Library**, 14561 Polk Street, Sylmar, CA 91342
  - 5) **Old Town Newhall Library**, 24500 Main Street, Santa Clarita, CA 91321
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**The NOC is provided to the public through the following:**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Los Angeles Times (September 30, 2025)</li><li>• South Coast AQMD Website</li><li>• Los Angeles County Clerk</li><li>• State Clearinghouse of the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation Website</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• South Coast AQMD Mailing List &amp; Interested Parties</li><li>• South Coast AQMD Public Information Center</li><li>• Sylmar Branch Library and Old Town Newhall Library</li></ul> |
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**Draft SEIR Review Period (45 days):** September 30, 2025 to November 14, 2025

Questions, comments, documents, or other relevant information relative to the Draft SEIR may be directed to:

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**Staff requests written comments on the Draft SEIR be submitted no later than 5:00 pm on November 14, 2025.** Please include the name, phone number, and email address of the contact person, and the organization name, if applicable. Please note that under the California Public Records Act (Gov. Code Section 7920.000) your written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g., your address, phone, email, etc.) become part of the public record and can be released to the public on request, or posted on the South Coast AQMD website.

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**Date:** September 29, 2025

**Signature:**



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