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NOTICE OF PREPARATION

To: Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, Stakeholders, and Interested Parties

From: City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
12000 Vista del Mar
Playa del Rey, CA 90293

Subject: **Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Hyperion Treatment Plant Digester Gas Utilization Project**

The City of Los Angeles (City) is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Project. Hyperion Treatment Plant (HTP) is a Bureau of Sanitation (BOS) wastewater treatment facility, located in Playa del Rey within the jurisdiction of the City. Currently, digester gas (digas) produced at HTP is treated for sulfur compounds and moisture removal and then piped to Scattergood Generating Station (SGS). An agreement for the supply of digester gas to the SGS has been in place since 1995. On January 31, 2015, this arrangement between SGS and HTP will end. Instead of flaring the gas, as allowed in current permits, the BOS is interested in developing a more efficient means of using the digester gas, a renewable resource of value, while also improving the operating situation for BOS. The BOS proposes to modify the facility to beneficially use the renewable digester gas (or digas), while ensuring that the HTP has reliable and adequate electricity and steam for plant use; the NPDES permit requires two independent sources of power. To optimize the use of the renewable digas resource, BOS will consider a wide range of equipment that will address utilization of the digas, plant electricity demand, and plant steam demand. To accommodate this project, BOS may need to remove equipment from existing buildings and enclosures. The BOS will evaluate several proposals and select one for final design, construction, operation, and financing.

For the purpose of this Initial Study (IS), the proposed project is a cogeneration scenario that would produce electricity, allowing the HTP to operate independent of the electrical grid, and on-site steam generation. This system of equipment would utilize HTP's renewable digas in a digas/natural gas-fueled combined cycle cogeneration facility to be located within the boundaries of the existing HTP facility.



The City requests your agency's views on the scope and content of the environmental information relevant to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed Project, in accordance with California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15082(b). Your agency may need to use the EIR when considering any permit or other approval that your agency must issue for the proposed Project. In addition, the City requests comments from other interested parties, stakeholders, and the general public on the scope of the environmental issues related to the proposed Project.

The Project site is located at 12000 Vista del Mar within Playa del Rey, which is within the jurisdiction of the City. It is bounded on the north by Imperial Highway and Los Angeles International Airport, on the south by Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) SGS, on the west by Vista del Mar and Dockweiler Beach, and on the east by the residential community of El Segundo that is buffered by a north/south ridge that extends for approximately four miles. 1 and 2 show the regional and Project location, respectively.

An analysis of potential environmental impacts is provided in the Initial Study Checklist prepared for the proposed Project. Potentially significant impacts associated with the proposed Project identified in the Initial Study Checklist include the following:

- Air Quality
- Greenhouse Gases
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials

The Initial Study Checklist found that all other environmental areas would not have potentially significant impacts. The Initial Study Checklist is available for review at the following locations:

- El Segundo City Hall (City Clerk +)
 - **350 Main Street, El Segundo, California 90245 , (310) 524-2305**
- El Segundo Library
 - 111 W. Mariposa Ave, El Segundo, CA 90245, (310) 524-2722
- Playa Vista Library (inside Playa Vista),
 - 6400 Playa Vista Dr., Los Angeles, 90094 , (310) 437-6680
- Westchester Loyola Village Library (next to the municipal building)
 - 7114 W. Manchester Avenue, Los Angeles, 90045, (310) 348-1096
- Westchester Municipal Building (Council District 11 field office)
 - 7166 W. Manchester Blvd., Westchester, CA 90045, (310) 568-8772
- Westchester Senior Center (same area as the municipal building)
 - 8740 Lincoln Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90045, (310) 649-3317
- Lloyd Taber Library (this is a LA County Library in Marina del Rey)
 - 4533 Admiralty Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292-5416, (310) 821-3415
- Bureau of Engineering's West LA District Office
 - 1828 Sawtelle Blvd. 3rd floor, Los Angeles, CA 90025-5516, (310)575-8384

A copy of the Initial Study, which includes the CEQA Checklist, may also be accessed on-line at <http://eng.lacity.org/techdocs/emg/>; or can be obtained by contacting Mr. Kris Flaig of the Bureau of Sanitation at Kris.Flaig@lacity.org or (310) 648-5489.

A Scoping Meeting will be held to obtain input on the scope of the contents of the proposed EIR, as well as to present information on the proposed Project design. This meeting will be held at the following date, time, and location:

DATE: April 20, 2011
Time: 6:30 pm
Location: El Segundo Public Library, *Friends of the Library Meeting Room*
111 W. Mariposa Ave
El Segundo, CA 90245
(310) 524-2722

Please note that this program is not sponsored by the El Segundo Public Library.

Si usted necesitará un traductor para esta reunión, comuníquese con José Gutiérrez al (310) 648-5755 antes de las 5:00 p.m. del 13 de Abril.

Comments will be accepted from April 7, 2011 through May 23, 2011. Please send your comments by mail to:

Mr. Kris Flaig, Acting Environmental Engineer
City of Los Angeles
Department of Public Works
Bureau of Sanitation
Regulatory Affairs Division
Harrington Resource Building, 4th Floor
Hyperion Treatment Plant
12000 Vista del Mar
Playa del Rey, CA 90293

Comments may also be submitted by e-mail to Kris.Flaig@lacity.org (please include "HTP DGUP Comments" in the subject line) or by fax to (310) 648-5115.

Si usted necesita más información en español acerca de este Aviso de Preparación, llame a José Gutiérrez al (310) 648-5755.

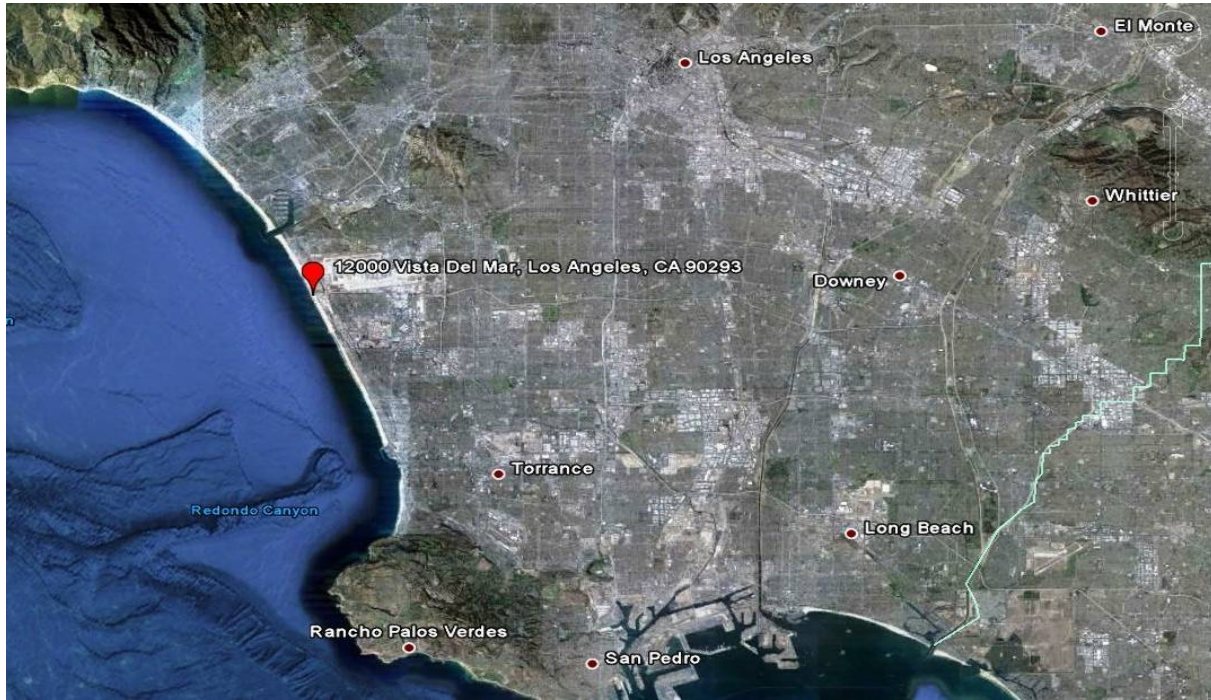


Figure 1. Regional Project Location at the HTP Facility (12000 Vista Del Mar, Los Angeles, CA).



Figure 2. Current HTP Facility (potential project area shown in yellow).