



Newsletter for Eastern Hill - City Terrace Community

Dear Community Members:

This newsletter from the LA County departments of Public Health and Public Works is to share actions in your neighborhood. Below are the latest updates.

What's Happening Now?

Our team members are in your community of City Terrace near the Eastern Hill area to share test results to 29 households. These results were from the sampling of soil and outdoor air to study possible health risks.

All 29 households will be contacted by Los Angeles County and, if they agree, we will do more testing inside and outside their homes.

If you were not one of these 29 homes, there is no need to do anything at this time. We will contact you if the next round of sampling determines there is a need for further sampling.

Background: Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, representing the City Terrace community, directed the County to examine potential health risks in your neighborhood. At the same time, she also directed the County to expedite the installation of a landfill gas extraction system as a protective measure. So far, we have found no immediate health risks, and the landfill system is working effectively.

What's Happening Next?

Why is additional testing being done?

We need more information to determine if chemicals are still present in the soil vapors outside the properties and if they're in the air indoors at levels that might pose a human health risk. That's why the County is asking residents whose homes were previously sampled to provide written approval via an Access Agreement to perform indoor air sampling and additional outdoor sampling.

What are these tests?

We will do additional outdoor soil vapor sampling as well as indoor and outdoor air sampling. The outdoor soil vapor sampling involves collecting small samples of vapors found in soil outside or beneath the home. For indoor and outdoor air sampling, we will use small canisters to collect air samples.



Assessment Area

Town Hall Meeting Coming Soon



February 2023

- Second round of testing begins for the 29 homes previously sampled
- Town hall meeting anticipated at the end of the month. More details to come.

March 2023

Results of testing to be reviewed and evaluated

April 2023

A Community Meeting will be held to discuss results

More about the Human Health Risk Screening

A human health risk screening determines if there are chemicals at levels of concern to human health.

During the sampling of the 29 households, we found raised levels of benzene and some other chemicals in the soil vapor and outside air. The levels of benzene measured in the soil vapor outside the homes do not generally pose a health risk. The second round of sampling will determine if chemicals are still present in the soil vapors outside the properties and if they're in the air indoors at levels that might pose a human health risk. This is important because being indoors with high levels of benzene gas can have harmful impacts on health, including cancer.

Depending on the sampling results, the County will see if the chemical levels in each home could pose a possible long-term health risk and we will work on any potential next steps.

Update on County's Cogen Landfill Gas Extraction System

In July 2021, the County installed a Landfill Gas Extraction System at the former Cogen Landfill. This system collects methane gas created by the decomposing material in the landfill and cleans the methane before releasing it into the air. This system has been very successful at capturing the chemicals -- and it is monitored regularly by the South Coast Air Quality Management District. For more information, please visit: www.pw.lacounty.gov/projects/eastern-hill-landfill/

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For more information

- Visit our website at www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/city_terrace
- Call the County with any questions at (626) 430-9820 (Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or (626) 430-9821 (leave a message after regular business hours and on weekends and someone will return your call within 24 hours)
- Email at tox@ph.lacounty.gov.



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