



NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

COUNTY OF IMPERIAL

REGARDING BRAWLEY SOLID WASTE SITE (BSWS) SHORT VARIANCE REQUEST (01-24SHT)

Residents living within a 0.5-mile radius of the Brawley Solid Waste Site are hereby notified of recent developments concerning the site's Methane Extraction System. In February 2012, the Imperial County Department of Public Works (ICDPW) installed a Gas Collection and Control System (GCCS) to address offsite methane migration. This system was upgraded and re-installed in 2013 following the landfill closure. Since 2012, Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. has been responsible for the operation and maintenance of the GCCS under contract with ICDPW.

On August 14, 2024, the Imperial County Air Pollution Control District (ICAPCD) authorized variance 01-24SHT for the Brawley Solid Waste Site (BSWS). This variance is effective from July 18, 2024, through October 15, 2024. The Gas Collection System at BSWS operates under ICAPCD Permit Number 4156, which was issued in May 2012 and has been renewed annually. The permit includes conditions related to the operation and performance of the gas collection and control system, specifically Conditions 9, 10, 11, 14, 18, and 19.

On Saturday, July 6, 2024, Geosyntec Consultants, who are contracted by the Imperial County Department of Public Works, observed vandalism to the collection system. The Air Pollution Control District (APCD) and the Public Works Department were notified promptly. On Monday, July 8, 2024, Geosyntec assessed the damage and filed a police report with the Imperial County Sheriff's Department. On Thursday, July 18, 2024, an APCD inspector and Geosyntec representatives discovered a second instance of vandalism, exacerbating the damage to the methane extraction system. The vandalism included the removal of antennas and modems, damage to the temperature gauge, thermal coupler, and vacuum coupler, cutting of power and motion sensor wires, disabling of the power system, and damage to the dialer notification/warning system. Additionally, hosing was dislodged and disconnected.

Repairs to electrical components have been completed, and security measures including cameras, motion-activated lighting, and signage have been installed. New temperature probes and vacuum gauges have been set up, and vacuum hoses have been repaired and reattached. Pending items have been ordered and will be installed shortly. The final instrumentation, including the dialer/notification system, will be installed and operational once all components are received.

For more information including conditions of the permit affected by the variance log on to the ICDPW web page at : <https://publicworks.imperialcounty.org/divisions/#solid>

Any questions can be directed to Imperial County Department of Public Works at 155 s. 11th Street, El Centro, CA 92243 or by phone at 760-960-5423.