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Attachments: Atlas_Conditions_Photos.pdf; Atlas Corrections-Attachment C180117_593599.pdf; Atlas_Satellite_Images.pdf

From: Meade, William
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To: Mario Cuevas [_____](#)
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Inspector Cuevas,

I believe that Atlas has been in violation of the conditions listed below. The source of these conditions is *Correction 11: Specific Plan, Attachment A* of the attached "Atlas Corrections-Attachment C180117_593599" document. I have added my comments regarding Atlas' violations of the conditions in green below each condition. I am also attaching the following two documents:

- "Atlas_Conditions_Photos" - This document has photos we have taken documenting some of the violations.
- "Atlas_Satellite_Images" - This document contains satellite images of the Atlas facility at various dates between 11/30/2003 and 12/14/2019 and shows how Atlas has used the 50-foot buffer area around Jordan High School.

2. The hours of operation shall be limited to 7:00 am to 3:30 pm Monday through

Friday, and 7:00 am to 11:30 am on Saturday,

LAUSD staff and contractors have observed operation at the Atlas facility starting before 6 AM on numerous occasions.

4. No wrecked or dismantled vehicles, salvage, junk or other raw materials, equipment or finished products shall be stored at a height greater than that of the surrounding fence if located within 10 feet of the surrounding fence,

Atlas frequently stored stacked bins significantly higher than the surrounding fence within 10 feet of the fence.

8. All fences and walls shall be painted a uniform, neutral color excluding black, and improvements shall be maintained in a neat and orderly condition at all times,

The walls of the Atlas facility that border Jordan High School are badly damaged and have numerous large cracks and holes. The patches that have been put in place do not match the wall and the wall is therefore not uniform.

11. Operations involving the use of heavy equipment for the breaking and dismantling of material, including but not limited to a breaking ball, shall be adequately shielded and located to prevent ejection of materials onto adjacent properties,

There have been at least two occasions in 2020 when metal projectiles were flung on to the Jordan High School campus from the Atlas facility. These incidents indicate that Atlas was not adequately shielding the breaking and dismantling of material and was in violation of this condition.

16. All portions of outside storage areas are required to provide adequate grading and drainage and shall be continuously maintained,

After rain events in 2019, standing water was observed on the Atlas facility. In addition, cloudy water was observed leaving the Atlas facility and entering the Jordan High School campus.

19. The permittee property owner shall provide a buffer area of not less than fifty (50) feet in width along the westerly and southerly property line. The buffer area shall be clearly delineated and maintained. Except for required parking area located along the southerly property line and storage of non-hazardous and noncombustible materials, operations associated with the scrap metal yard are strictly prohibited within this buffer area,

Atlas has not maintained a 50 foot buffer area. There is no clearly delineated and maintained buffer area along its southerly property line and Atlas has conducted operations associated with the scrap metal yard within the buffer area.

20. Such required buffer area may be used for storage of non-hazardous and noncombustible material to the satisfaction of the Director of Planning, in consultation with pertinent City Departments. The property owner shall provide a list of material proposed for storage within this buffer area, subject to review and approval by the Director of Planning.

Since material is being stored within the buffer area, it is important to find out if the property owner has provided a list of material to the Director of Planning that matches what is being stored in the buffer. Also, it is important to find out, if the list was submitted, whether it was approved by the Director of Planning.

32. The permittee property owner shall provide contact information to the facility's designated safety coordinator to the Department of Regional Planning, the Los Angeles Unified School District, and David Starr Jordan High School. Appropriate corrective measures to address complaints regarding the operation shall be implemented promptly by the property owner to the satisfaction of the Director,

There have been numerous complaints made by LAUSD about the operation of the facility and the issues discussed above. The property owner has not promptly addressed the complaints, if at all.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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