



Los Angeles County
Department of Regional Planning

Planning for the Challenges Ahead



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TO: Pat Modugno, Chair
Stephanie Pincetl, Vice Chair
Esther L. Valadez, Commissioner
David W. Louie, Commissioner
Curt Pedersen, Commissioner

FROM: Adrine Arakelian *RS*
Zoning Permits West Section

RE: **Project No. R2014-02228-(2) – Conditional Use Permit No. 201400100**
RPC Meeting: September 16, 2015 - Agenda Item: 6

Please find enclosed additional information submitted by the applicant for the Commission's consideration regarding their emergency and urgent response operations.

If you need further information, please contact Adrine Arakelian at (213) 974-6462 or aarakelian@planning.lacounty.gov. Department office hours are Monday through Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Department is closed on Fridays.

SUGGESTED APPROVAL MOTION:

I MOVE THAT THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND FIND THAT THE PROJECT IS CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT PURSUANT TO STATE AND LOCAL CEQA GUIDELINES.

I MOVE THAT THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NUMBER 201400100 SUBJECT TO THE ATTACHED FINDINGS AND CONDITIONS.

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Enclosures:
Applicant's Additional Information



A Full Service Environmental Company

TO: David E. Moss , DMA, Inc.
FROM: Stephen F. Smith, COO
SUBJECT: Torrance Operations - Response to DRP Request for Supplemental Information
DATE: September 9, 2015

The following sets forth the responses to County Staff's supplemental information request:

1. *The approximate number of emergency calls ECI received this past year that required a response between 6:00 PM and 7:00 AM (After Hours Services).*
 - **Emergency - Requiring Immediate After Hours Services:** 5 per month - 60 times per year.
 - **Urgent - Requiring After Hours Services:** 20 per month - 240 times per year.
2. *More information on the nature of the emergency calls and why they require an immediate response during After Hours, rather than sending out trucks, etc during Regular Working Hours.*
 - **Emergency Calls and Response:** ECI is contractually obligated to respond to spill and other regulated substances services on an emergency (immediate) or urgent basis. These include hydraulic line breaks, spilled chemicals of concern and other releases of liquid and solid materials that need to be contained, captured and transported offsite or maintained on our client's property. Equipment and manpower on call for emergency and urgent services include vacuum trucks to haul liquids, roll off- and end dump- trucks to haul contaminated and regulated solids, and flat beds for containerized transport.
 - **Urgent Needs:** ECI is obligated contractually to respond to its customer's urgent needs for After Hours Services for many reasons - including but not limited to the following:
 - **Oil Well Work:** Oil wells operate 24/7 and clients call for services as needed at any time to keep wells operating. After Hours Service demands are required to supply one or more vacuum trucks for pumping of liquids that are present while working on these wells, or supplying specialized fluids necessary to maintain the well operating requirements which are mandated by both solid and are quality regulations.
 - **Pipeline Testing:** Clients with pipelines such as gas companies pressure test all shipping lines. The testing process requires time-sensitive deliveries of water. Vacuum trucks are required to be on call and available to maintain a constant supply of water throughout the testing process. The testing process is not limited to Regular Service Hours. Vacuum trucks are required to be in transit during After Hours.
 - **Accidents and Natural Disturbances:** Spills, tank leaks and pipeline ruptures occur due to accidents and disturbances which are not restricted to Regular Services Hours. Unscheduled accidents or ruptures require immediate response to contain, capture and transport offsite or maintain on our client's property.
 - **Rain:** Rain increases demand for After Hour Services - when coupled and timed with the release of regulated substances. After Hours Services include use of containment equipment and vacuum trucks to contain, acquire and transport regulated materials.
3. *Contact information for individuals from companies/agencies that require 24/7 emergency services.*
 - **Contact:** ECI has previously provided the names of eight large companies and the names of the individual signatories that contractually obligate ECI to provide After Hours Services. Please refer to the prior submittal. ECI respectfully requests that County staff not contact the signatories in any manner that may disrupt the business relationship between the parties.