



CITY OF CARSON

May 1, 2012

Dear Carousel Tract Residents and Homeowners,

The city sponsored an informational workshop for the environmental investigations in the Carousel Tract on Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at the Juanita Millender McDonald Community Center. We were pleased to see many residents participate. During the meeting, we shared information related to the roles and responsibilities of the various city departments when addressing safety standards, building permits, and our local involvement with the monitoring of the ongoing environmental investigation. The Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) also provided a brief update to the forthcoming Remediation Pilot Test Projects and the Pilot Test Work Plan that was approved in November, 2011.

For those who were unable to attend, a copy of the January 25, 2012 presentation has been posted on the city website at <http://ci.carson.ca.us/carouseltract>. Please also see the city website to review the Pilot Test Work Plan with amendments, questions and answers discussed during the meeting and a list of current status for testing of Carousel properties. There is also a link to the RWQCB website to see all the reports and information posted for the Carousel Tract environmental investigation.

The workshop allowed information and concerns regarding the ongoing investigation and cleanup to be shared by those attended. Several residents discussed the inconveniences and disruptions caused by the intrusive nature of the indoor air sampling protocol. The RWQCB staff has investigated and determined that the current protocol is correctly being followed. Indoor air tests for represented residents include both URS and the environmental consultant retained by Girardi Keese to explain the process and to ensure accurate results. The Regional Board is willing to consider alternatives to make residents more comfortable and see if flexibility can be provided. However, the testing must meet state protocols and requirements for the results to be considered. Please make sure that you discuss any special concerns with the environmental consultants or directly with the RWQCB. The indoor air sampling is the most time consuming and difficult test to administer. The information collected from the indoor air sampling will assist the RWQCB in determining the most effective remediation strategies for your home and neighborhood. The RWQCB mailed out detailed instructions to occupants for indoor air sampling on October 19, 2010. A copy of the letter and instructions can also be obtained at the city's website. As of March 23, 2012, 59 homes (21 percent) have completed the indoor air sampling.

The Pilot Test Work Plan will evaluate the feasibility of excavating impacted soils and the concrete reservoir bases. The pilot testing will also develop information regarding the feasibility of in-situ (i.e. activity carried out at the subject property) remedial options to treat impacted soils, including areas under the homes. The city of Carson is currently reviewing plans to allow for the excavation of six properties. The Building and Safety Division will issue grading permits allowing portions of the front or rear yards to be excavated to a depth of approximately 10 feet. Upon completion of the excavation, the holes will be filled and compacted with clean soil. Please review the Pilot Test Work Plan for more detail information related to the upcoming activities that will be occurring in your neighborhood.

The RWQCB has offered to provide one-on-one consultations at city hall on **Tuesday, May 29, 2012** and **Thursday, May 31, 2012** to interested Carousel residents to discuss the status of individual properties and address specific questions. If you're interested in scheduling a time, please contact Sharon Song, Associate Planner at 310-952-1761 or ssong@carson.ca.us.

Sincerely,



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