

ODOR CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD

Foundation for the Junior Blind

5300 Angeles Vista Blvd

May 12, 2003

MEETING #10 MINUTES

Attendees: See attached attendance list

Meeting Minutes Recorded by: Hyginus Mmeje, City of Los Angeles,
Bureau of Sanitation, Wastewater Engineering
Services Division

Handouts:

1. Meeting Agenda
2. Minutes of April 7, 2003 meeting
3. Monthly Report No. 6, "Independent review of the sewer odor control program for the City of Angeles" by Bowker & Associates, dated April 24, 2003
4. Follow-Up to April 3, 2003 Meeting Regarding Odor Control
5. Outfall Schematic between the Maze& the NORS Diversion Structure 3
6. Wastewater System & Air Treatment Facilities (ATF)
7. Map – City of Los Angeles Proposed Collection System Air Treatment Facilities (ATF)
8. Odor Advisory Committee Board Meeting Schedule (As of May 12, 2003)
9. Log – "Odor Hotline Complaints (CD8, CD9, CD10), August 2001 – April 2003

Introductory Issues

Victor Nahmias of the Empowerment Congress West Area Neighborhood Development Council, CD 8, chaired the meeting. The meeting agenda was approved and the minutes of April 7 Meeting was approved.

Odor Control Effort - Air Treatment Facilities (ATFs): The Bureau of Engineering (BOE) presented the City's odor control efforts consisting, among other things, the proposed installation of seven ATFs along East Central Interceptor Sewer (ECIS) and the North East Interceptor Sewer (NEIS). ATFs are facilities with mechanical devices to suck air out of the sewer lines and treat the air before discharging it into the atmosphere. The first stage of this two-stage cleaning process sends the removed air through a media with bacteria and dropping water. The second stage involves an activated carbon system through which the air is passed to further remove odorous compounds. The combined removal efficiency of the two stages is over 99 percent. The ATFs are planned to be not more than 15' above ground and are expected to blend into the surrounding community

settings. The size of the ATFs will be approximately 100' x 150', and their locations will not be classified as industrial sites. They will have power drops and generators to use as back up. The ATFs will not be staffed but will be monitored remotely by Bureau of Sanitation staff and will be equipped with alarms should a device fail. The ATFs will be sealed under such circumstances and air will not be drawn through the ATF. There will be regular ATF inspections and regular replacement of the biological media and the activated carbon. The ATFs are expected to become operational in 2006; meanwhile the City is procuring temporary ATFs, which will be installed near each of the permanent ATF sites. The City is about a month ahead of schedule in installing the temporary ATFs, and within two weeks of the May 12, 2003 Board Meeting, one or more of the temporary ATFs will be operational. The temporary ATFs will operate for 18-24 months pending the installation of the permanent ATFs. ECIS will be operational by May/June 2004. One percent of the funds for the permanent ATFs will go towards public arts, and the Bureau of Engineering is working with Cultural Affairs Department, the City Council and the community on the arts component.

Public Service Announcements (PSAs): Brent Lorscheider indicated that the City received some odor-related calls, even outside the City limits, as a result of the PSAs.

The Odor Hotline Complaints (CD 8, 9 & 10) August 2001 – April 2003: The complaint forms were distributed to the Board members. Of the 297 odor complaints received, 129 (43 %) were received in CD 8, 104 (35 %) in CD 10 and 64 (22%) in CD 9.

Questions, Answers and Action Items:

	Questions/Issues	Comments/Responses	Action Items
1.	Victor – The Bureau of Engineering should identify all the Neighborhood Councils in the area and notify them of the ATFs	Linda Waade (BOE)- The City is working with the Neighborhood Councils through Sanitation and Public Works contacts	The Bureau of Engineering to identify and notify all area Neighborhood Councils of the ATFs
2.	Terrence – How effective was the fan testing?	Brent – the analysis is not yet complete	When the analysis is complete, the results of the fan testing will be presented to the Board (probably at the July 2003 meeting)
3.	Terrence – Will ATF 6 and/or 7 have any influence or impact on the NOS?	Vlad – The analysis on the impact of unit 7 is not yet complete	The City will present to the Board the impact of unit 7 on the NOS when the analysis is complete
4.	What if the ATFs don't work?	Vlad – There is no indication that the ATFs will not work	None
5.	Milton – The alternative	Brent – Even if the sludge is re-	None

	plan should be to re-route the sludge from South LA, through the Alameda Corridor to Hyperion	routed, you will still have sludge that will be generated locally	
6.	Milton – Will unit 4 provide relief on NOS, from 23 rd St to Jefferson and La Cienega?	Dan – I believe so because there are no planned drops within that range	None
7.	Resident Interviews	We have not yet received any reports from the independent odor expert, regarding the resident interviews	None
8.	Terrence – Requested an example of a broken trap maintenance hole		City will provide the requested information at the next meeting

Next Meeting: will be on June 9, 2003 and will be chaired by Ted Lumpkin.