



COMMUNITY INFORMATION UPDATE

EPA ASSESSMENT OF LICENSED LANDFILLS: WORKS ARE IMPROVING LANDFILL GAS MANAGEMENT AT 890 TAYLORS ROAD, LYNDHURST

August 2009

The operator is continuing to make improvements to landfill gas management. This was described in a previous community information flyer in February 2009, which is available from your local Council and at www.epa.vic.gov.au/waste/landfill-assessments.asp.

The site was identified by EPA, following a comprehensive methane gas assessment of licensed landfill sites completed earlier this year. The assessment looked at 260 sites in Victoria and found eight that required further investigation.

The operator of the Taylors Road landfill site has taken responsibility for the need to appropriately manage the site, voluntarily undertaking an environmental audit to assess if any further actions are warranted. Investigations so far have found no methane impacts on homes or people's safety near the site.

An update on key works

Taylors Road Landfill, operated by SITA Environmental Solutions:

- Additional gas monitoring bores have been installed in targeted locations around the perimeter of the site.
- The on-site gas extraction system has been improved.
- A cut-off trench (which is an underground active extraction drainage wall that prevents gas movement) has been installed along part of the northern boundary.
- The existing gas management plan has been enhanced, and will be reviewed and further developed as recommended by the audit.
- The audit is complete and is available at www.epa.vic.gov.au/waste/landfill-assessments.asp.

EPA is confident that the operator is committed to improving methane management and that they are taking responsible action intended to address any issues.

The Victorian community rightly expects that all landfill owners monitor and manage their landfills appropriately, and EPA Victoria will continue its role regulating and monitoring landfill operators' progress to ensure continued safe management of landfills.

Who to contact

Further information on methane gas, the EPA assessment report, and the completed landfill environmental audit report is available at www.epa.vic.gov.au/waste/landfill-assessments.asp.

For other enquiries about this information please call the site operator or EPA on the numbers below:

SITA Lyndhurst
02 8754 0105

EPA Victoria
9695 2722