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Air District settles violations at Newby Island Landfill

Companies to pay \$210,000 for air quality violations

SAN FRANCISCO – The Bay Area Air Quality Management District announced today that Browning-Ferris Industries of California, Inc., and International Disposal Corp. of California, operators of the Newby Island Landfill, have agreed to pay \$210,000 to settle violations that occurred at the landfill located in Milpitas.

This settlement covers 30 Notices of Violation issued for non-compliance with air quality regulations at its operations that occurred between 2014 and 2020.

“Protecting air quality and the health of Bay Area residents is our top priority,” said Sharon Landers, interim executive officer of the Air District. “This financial settlement is just one tool we use to ensure that Newby Island Landfill takes responsibility to comply with air quality regulations and does not negatively impact surrounding communities through its operations.”

The various types of violations addressed in this settlement include:

- Numerous landfill gas surface leaks associated primarily with composting operations in 2014 and 2015
- Landfill wellhead positive pressure violations occurring between 2015 and 2019
- Landfill gas collection system shutdowns in 2019
- Notices of violation for public nuisance issued based on odor complaints received in 2014 through 2016

All the violations that led to this settlement have been corrected.

The Air District issues Notices of Violation when facilities violate a specific air quality regulation or rule. Violators are generally required to respond to the notice within 10 days and submit a description of the actions they will take to correct the problem. These actions can include shutting down certain operations immediately or changing operations or equipment to come into compliance.

All settlement funds will be used to fund Air District activities such as the inspection and enforcement activities that led to this settlement.

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