



COMMUNITY NOTICE, JULY 2021 UPDATE

Los Angeles County's Response to Odors Reported in the El Segundo Community

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) is monitoring and investigating sewage odors in the El Segundo community since the emergency incident at the Hyperion Reclamation Plant on Sunday, July 11, 2021. Though air monitoring by Public Health found very low levels of hydrogen sulfide in the air, its temporary presence is causing outdoor odors near some homes. At these low levels, hydrogen sulfide does not have long-term health effects but does cause nuisance odors that may cause short-term symptoms and impact quality of life.

WHAT IS BEING DONE TO GET RID OF THE ODOR?

Workers at Hyperion are cleaning up areas of the plant that were inundated with sewage. The July 11th incident also affected the treatment process at Hyperion, which is adding to the odor problem. Active measures are being taken by Hyperion to restore this process back to normal operations, but this may take weeks to complete.

ARE ODORS HARMFUL TO MY HEALTH?

Some people may experience temporary symptoms such as headaches, nausea, or eye, nose, and throat irritation. Symptoms should go away when the odors are no longer present. If you experience lingering symptoms related to odors, please contact your medical care provider.

HOW DO I REPORT ODORS?

If you notice "rotten egg" or "sulfur" odors, you can report them.

- For odors inside your home: Call Public Health at 1-888-700-9995 from 8:00-5:00 Mon-Fri.
- For outdoor odors, a complaint can be filed online with South Coast Air Quality Management District at <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/air-quality/complaints>, or by telephone at 1-800-288-7664.

ODOR PREVENTION

To prevent outdoor odors from entering your home, keep doors and windows closed while odors are present. If you detect "rotten egg" or "sulfur" odors inside your home while doors and windows are closed, please call Public Health for further guidance at 1-888-700-9995.

RECOMMENDATIONS

While the effort to get rid of the odor continues, Public Health recommends you consider taking the following actions to protect your family's health:

- 1) Use your air conditioner, if available.
- 2) Air out your home when odors are not present by temporarily opening windows and doors.
- 3) Use a portable indoor air filter such as a High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) cleaner to improve air quality in your home. For more information on certified air filters, visit <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/air-cleaners-ozone-products/california-certified-air-cleaning-devices>.

Nearby residents affected by the odor are entitled to receive reimbursement for the purchase of air conditioning units or for temporary relocation to a hotel; call Los Angeles Sanitation and Environment at 1-800-773-2489 for more information. For more information about how the environment may impact your health, please visit www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh.