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Los Angeles Regional Water Board Updates Community on Carousel Subdivision Clean Up Status

Contamination at the Carousel subdivision was brought to the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Los Angeles Regional Water Board) attention by the Department of Toxic Substances Control in 2008. The Los Angeles Regional Water Board promptly required an investigation, and in 2011 issued a cleanup and abatement order to Shell Oil Products U.S. (Shell). Since then the Los Angeles Regional Water Board has required Shell to adopt an accelerated process to initiate planning for the cleanup while the site assessments are still in progress.

Meanwhile, the Los Angeles Regional Water Board commissioned an Expert Panel composed of the best experts in the state, for which Shell allocated a \$500,000 grant, to verify the validity of the testing and the health risk assessments. The experts have been working for the past 7 months and issued a report last week with specific clean up recommendations.

"Shell is being held responsible for the contamination by the Los Angeles Regional Water Board. Shell remains under a cleanup and abatement order, and will develop a plan to clean up the site. The Los Angeles Regional Water Board has all along worked to secure the safety of the water quality for the residents of the Carousel subdivision. The Los Angeles Regional Water Board has worked to include the residents of the subdivision in the process, holding at least 15 meetings since early 2009, including a June 10, 2013, community open house. The cleanup plan is proceeding in accordance with the authority the Los Angeles Regional Water Board has under the California Water Code."

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