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EPA ACCEPTS OFFER OF ENFORCEABLE UNDERTAKING FROM SITA

SITA Australia Pty Ltd (SITA) has been advised by EPA Victoria that their offer of an Enforceable Undertaking (EU) to address odour offences asserted by neighbours of the Hampton Park Resource Recovery Precinct has been accepted.

Signed by the EPA last Friday, the EU clearly establishes the actions SITA must undertake for the next three years to address operational improvements at the facility and to manage increased landfill gas generation, which has been the source of the odour.

SITA's Victorian State General Manager Daniel Fyfe believes the EU is a more effective mechanism than court proceedings, as it results in the promotion of advanced landfill management practices as well as beneficial contributions to the community rather than a contribution to State coffers.

"Operational processes for the landfill have been reviewed, with smaller cells, shorter filling times and increased landfill gas management being introduced for the first time at a Victorian landfill facility," Mr Fyfe said. "SITA's commitment to undertaking these changes and actively responding to community concerns is a reflection of our determination to be a good corporate citizen and work with our local and regulatory stakeholders."

In addition to the changes in operational practice, SITA has offered to amend its licence to reflect the requirements of the EU, carry out a six monthly aerial infra red monitoring program to detect gas emission hot spots, and committed to report to the EPA and the community on a regular basis.

"A significant benefit of the EU is that it has enabled the inclusion of the views of the local community. Many of the suggestions made by the community have now been included," said Mr Fyfe.

The most prevalent request from the community was assurance that living near the facility does not impact their health. To address this concern, SITA will fund an independent research study that will be scoped by EPA and the Department of Health, conducted by RMIT and reviewed by the CSIRO. The study will also include an extension of the air sampling and analysis currently being undertaken by the EPA in areas adjacent to the facility.

Further, SITA will be contributing \$100,000 to a local environment project that restores or enhances a degraded area, which will provide a social benefit to the community. The City of Casey and EPA will assist SITA identify relevant projects and the community will be consulted at a meeting to be held by EPA at the end of October.

Most importantly, SITA has included a statement of regret within the EU acknowledging potential impacts of the odour on facility neighbours.

"The EU supports SITA in undertaking operational process improvements, responds directly to community concerns and ensures the provision of easily accessible reporting information to facility neighbours," said Mr Fyfe. "An outcome that provides positive benefits for both the community and SITA."



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