



CITY OF SIMI VALLEY

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September 15, 2011

Mr. David H. Gale, Foreman
Ventura County Grand Jury
800 S. Victoria Ave.
Ventura, CA 93009

Dear Foreman Gale and Members of the Grand Jury:

As you may be aware, the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) and the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office recently announced a settlement with the owner and operator of SA Recycling LLC, a metal recycler based in Anaheim.

The settlement resolved a complaint that SA Recycling and Sims Metal West violated hazardous waste and air pollution laws following a 2007 explosion that occurred at the company's Port of Los Angeles facility. The complaint alleged that after the explosion, the company operated its shredder facility without a fully functioning air pollution control system. The complaint also included other charges regarding the transport and disposal of auto shredder waste, including allegations of illegal disposal at the Simi Valley Landfill.

The allegations made in the complaint are of great concern to the City Council. The City Council places the health and well being of our citizens as its highest priority, and is seeking the technical expertise and advice of DTSC and the County of Ventura's Environmental Health Division in this matter.

In further consideration of public safety, during its September 12, 2011 meeting, the Simi Valley City Council directed that the Ventura County Grand Jury be requested to investigate this matter with respect to SA Recycling disposing of auto shredder waste at the Simi Valley Landfill.

Included for your information is the City Council staff report and a copy of the complaint (Case No. BC458943). If City staff can provide you anything further, please feel free to contact City Manager Mike Sedell at (805) 583-6701.

The City Council greatly appreciates your assistance in this matter. Thank you for your consideration of this request and your individual dedication of a great amount of personal time to the citizens of Ventura County.

Sincerely,



Robert O. Huber
Mayor

Attachments

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