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# Waste Removal on Fruitland Site Begins Today

*Debris curtain, drainage control devices & installation of 5 air monitors completed last week*

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Cal Recycle will begin removal of recyclable metals at the Fruitland Site today. These recyclable metals make up most of the remaining debris on the Fruitland Site. In preparation of this increased activity at the Site, EPA has installed a debris curtain and 5 air monitors around the perimeter of the Site to make sure the community is safe from any potential dust or air concerns.

**Removal Actions**

EPA and Cal Recycle has spent the last few weeks investigating the remaining unburned debris at the site. Beginning this week, recyclable debris will be separated and loaded onto trucks to be properly recycled at in a nearby facility.

Removal trucks will not be entering residential neighborhoods, they will be traveling up to District Blvd. toward an EPA approved facility.

**Safety Measures for the Community**

EPA expects there to be no dust or debris to leave the site perimeter during any cleanup actions, and has installed the following items to prevent movement off-site:

**Debris Curtain** – Installed on residential and business sides to help protect against debris and dust

**Drainage Control Devices** – Installed on property lines to help protect against potential liquid run off

**Air Monitors** – Installed both upwind and downwind of the project area. Daily testing for *dust particulates???*

**Next Steps**

Confirmation sampling will be conducted after the removal, and a determination will be made if additional soil cleanup is necessary.

**Site History**

On June 14, 2016, a fire started in Maywood, Calif. The fire burned Panda International Trading, located at 3570 Fruitland Avenue. Fruitland Avenue is a commercial/light manufacturing district. A residential neighborhood directly borders the south end of the site. The facility includes businesses, Panda International Trading (PIT) and Sokor Metals. PIT is a scrap metal yard that sends scrap metal for reuse, and Sokor Metals is also a metals recycling operation.

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