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Dear Colleagues:

My apologies for the very short notice, but I did want to make you aware of an EPA media advisory that went out of our office last Friday on February 1st when I was out of the office. I would like to extend an invitation to anyone in your Las Vegas area offices who might like to tour the newly completed construction and repairs at the Sunrise Landfill with EPA, BLM, local officials and Republic Services. You will find more information and the logistics for the tour in the media advisory below. Please share this message with anyone on your staff who I may have missed. If anyone wishes to let me know that they plan to attend, I can share that information with the EPA officials who will be participating in the tour. Again, my apologies for the vary late notice. Please give me a call at 415.947.4256 if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Regards,

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**********MEDIA ALERT**********

Sunrise Landfill Repairs Completed After Damaging 200-Year Storm

Tuesday, February 5: EPA, BLM, Local Officials, and Republic Services to tour Sunrise Landfill Construction

SAN FRANCISCO — On Tuesday, February 5, officials will gather at the Sunrise Landfill, located on the eastern edge of Las Vegas, to see the newly completed construction and repairs to the 440 acre landfill. The $60 million project includes new erosion and stormwater controls, a new cover system, landfill gas and groundwater monitoring systems, and a long-term maintenance and management program.

Technical advances in developing the unique erosion-resistant cover of the landfill are a model for other desert landfill sites needing similar protections from erosion and water infiltration. The cover uses an innovative soil and gravel mixture to armor the cover, control erosion and secure the waste. Work was completed using clean diesel vehicles to protect residents of Las Vegas from air pollution during construction.

The Sunrise Landfill received 18 million tons of Las Vegas municipal waste from 1953-1993. In 1998 a major rainstorm washed out part of the landfill, sending tons of waste into Las Vegas Wash, polluting the water that leads to Lake Mead, the source of drinking water for Las Vegas, much of Arizona, and Southern California.

WHO:

Jeff Scott, Waste Management Division Director, US EPA

Bob Ross, Las Vegas Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management

Eddie Ridenour, Environmental Health Supervisor, Southern Nevada Health District

Todd Whittle, Republic Services of Southern Nevada

WHAT:

Press availability and tour

Local and Federal officials will recognize the completion of the construction, tour the Sunrise landfill, and take questions from the media.

WHEN:

Tuesday, February 5 -- 9:30 am-10:30 am

WHERE:

Sunrise Landfill, 7900 E. Vegas Valley Drive, Las Vegas

Meeting point is the trailer near the main entrance gate. Tour will leave at 9:45 am.

RSVP:

Please RSVP in advance with name, contact info (include email and phone) and media affiliation to Rusty Harris-Bishop by 5:00 pm Monday, February 4, to participate, 415.972.3140 or harris-bishop.rusty@epa.gov

Closed-toe, comfortable shoes recommended

EPA will continue to work with Clark County and the Las Vegas business community to reduce materials ending up in landfills. Through sustainable materials management we can reduce the environmental impacts of widely-used everyday items over their entire life cycle, including how they are extracted, manufactured, distributed, used, reused, recycled, and disposed

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