



The Ascon Landfill, which was used as a landfill between 1938 to 1984, is in its final phase of remediation and clean up. The history of the remediation and clean-up efforts dates back to the early 1990s. The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is the agency overseeing the project under permits with South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), California State Water Resources Control Board and City of Huntington Beach. DTSC is also collaborating with various agencies, including Orange County Health Care Agency, Santa Ana Water Quality Control Board, California Department of Public Health, and Los Angeles County Department of Health Services-Epidemiological Studies to ensure the safety of the citizens and community members in the surrounding area. DTSC monitors the work and mitigation measures under safety guidelines to ensure the safety of residents and community stakeholders, including the surrounding schools.

As of June 6, 2019, the ASCON project has been collaborating with community stakeholders to improve safety practices as part of the landfill project. DTSC is responsible for ensuring that communities are safe from environmental hazards. Huntington Beach City School District's first and foremost responsibility is to ensure the safety of our students and employees.

The following are Frequently Asked Questions to help ensure the safety and well-being of our families, employees, and community.

What should I do if I smell an odor or notice more dust than usual?

DTSC has set up a 24 hour non-emergency public hotline to report any issues. They can be reached at [714.388.1825](tel:714.388.1825). A representative will promptly address your specific concerns or questions. Active measures are taken to monitor air quality and mitigate odor and dust.

You may also contact the South Coast Air Quality Management District to report odor or dust at [1-800-CUT-SMOG](tel:1-800-CUT-SMOG).

Where can I get additional information and stay up to date on the progress of the ASCON project?

General project information can be found at DTSC website at <https://dtsc.ca.gov/smrp-projects/ascon-landfill-site/> and at www.Envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov (search ASCON). The full Environmental Impact Report (EIR) which was presented in June 2015 and approved in May 2017 as well as meeting notices and updates can be found on the <https://dtsc.ca.gov/smrp-projects/ascon-landfill-site/> website. Additional information may be found at the City of Huntington Beach website at <https://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/planning/major/ascon.cfm>

Sign up for air quality alerts at AirAlerts.org. Designate your specific area. HBCSD staff receives air quality alerts and works closely with all schools to respond appropriately. HBCSD has also requested to be placed on the DTSC email distribution list regarding

the ASCON project Sign up for air quality notifications at [Envirostor
https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/emailsignup?global_id=30490018](https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/emailsignup?global_id=30490018)

The notification comes to you through a partnership between the US EPA and your state or local air quality agency.

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What if there is an emergency at the project site?

Schools regularly update their emergency plans which are tailored to address the needs at their particular school sites. Protocols are in place which includes shelter in place, calling 9-1-1, working closely with local emergency and first responders, and evacuating, if necessary.

What is HBCSD doing?

HBCSD continues to monitor and stay informed by using the above mentioned notifications to address any safety hazards. Superintendent Haulk and Board President Kowalke have written a letter requesting additional mitigating measures at our surrounding schools, which include air monitoring stations, additional soil testing and monitoring, and increasing communication with school and district staff.