

# What is that FOUL SMELL?



Porta-Potty Rentals Main Human Waste Processing Center at 6144 Federal Blvd. SD CA 92114



*Tucked tightly in the corner, hidden behind a tree, with IBC totes and porta-potties staged in front of it, sits the FRAC tank which is where all the United vacuum trucks transfer their human waste into.*

This is the United Rentals yard at 6144 Federal Blvd. looking Northeast. United Rentals did not place their human waste processing equipment at the West end of their property where they and their customers would have to smell the waste processing from their massive rental fleet of porta-potties. Instead, they located their main pump out station for their 10 or more of their waste hauling trucks, each carrying up to 4,000 gallons of rental porta-potty waste to the farthest Southeastern corner of their property in blatant disregard to their downwind neighbors. From morning until night these United vacuum trucks are continuously pumping that waste right next to Federal Blvd. and any easterly blowing wind moves that obnoxious odor into property all around Federal Blvd. There are laws that are broken with these activities such as SDAPCD Rule 51 and CA Health and Safety Code Section 41,700 that absolutely prohibit these types of odors from becoming a nuisance to anyone outside their processing area.

We, who have been affected by this process, would ask that United Rentals immediately come into compliance with these operations and remove and/or relocate their waste processing equipment to the opposite side of their yard and cease creating the unbearable stench that is an affront to those residential and business properties in our community.

Why is it that the City of San Diego, Council District 4 must live with the toxic emissions of these gases, liquids and solids into our environment. Causing great damage to our environment and those who adjacent properties that meet the byproducts of this unlawful and irresponsible conduct by United Rentals. When we reached out to United to try and get them to remedy the situation we were thrown off the property and a no trespass order was issued. Here is the [June 10, 2026, voice mail from United Corporate](#) to that effect

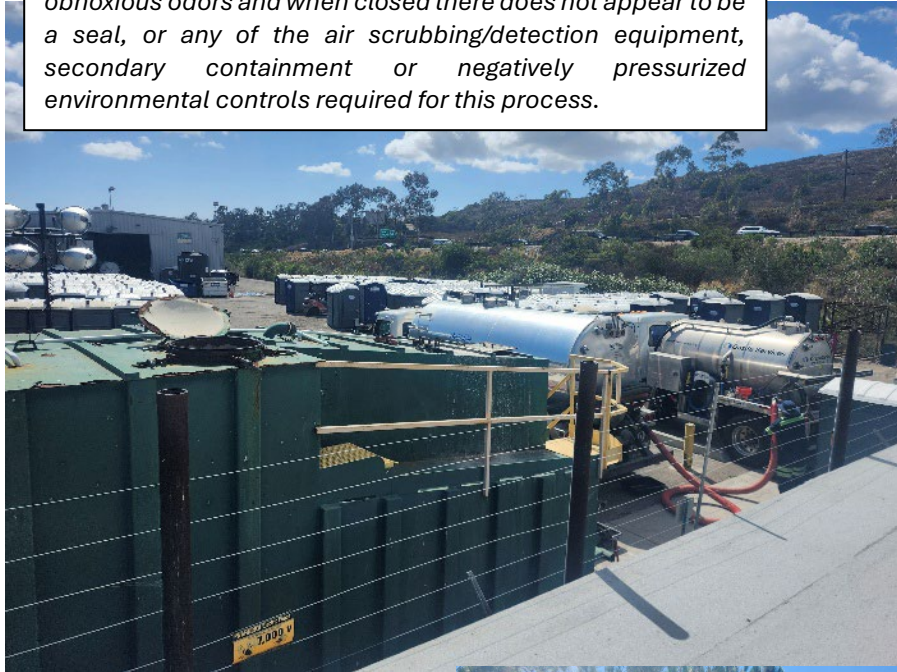


Compare this happy healthy pine tree to the distressed one next to the FRAC tank in the image below.



Only 48" of separation exists between the FRAC tank and the adjacent 6176 property building.

The FRAC tank trailer is estimated to be rated for 21,000 gallons temporary waste storage capacity. With the rusted out vent cover being left open the stored human waste emits foul obnoxious odors and when closed there does not appear to be a seal, or any of the air scrubbing/detection equipment, secondary containment or negatively pressurized environmental controls required for this process.



Located within feet of the property line, the FRAC tank is meant to be camouflaged for its intents and purposes, with the United vacuum trucks backing up to pump out and not be seen performing this operation. Not having the required environmental controls for this process creates serious public and United Rentals employee risks.

This mature pine tree shows classic stress from what may be the airborne toxic levels of **Hydrogen Sulfide, Carbon Dioxide, Ammonia and Methane**. All gasses generated by the anaerobic digestion of human waste. **These gasses also represent highly flammable and explosive risks under the current conditions.**



The San Diego Rock and Roll Marathon are estimated to rent 400-600 porta-potties for their one day event. With each porta-pottie holding between 50-70 gallons of human waste, this one rental alone can generate enough waste to completely fill the FRAC tank. **Where does all that waste go?**