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Re: PRA 26-3709 — LWQD Information Package (United Rentals / Reliable Onsite Services, 6144 Federal Blvd.)

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Caes, Craig <Craig.Caes@sdcounty.ca.gov>
to me, Ernie

12:10 PM (1 hour ago)

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Hi Darryl,

My team forwarded your email to me regarding the pumper truck operation located at 6144 Federal Blvd. Since your initial complaint that we received as a referral from APCD in June, our team conducted three site visits to this facility. During our initial site investigation on 6/22, although staff was unable to access the property, the inspector did not detect any sewage odors from the surrounding area. During follow-up site investigations on 6/29 and 7/8, where our team was able to access the property, the inspector also did not observe any evidence of spilled sewage, illegal sewage disposal, or sewage odors that would indicate a spill, and found the company in compliance with their current pumper truck permit with our department. Because our investigations did not identify any spilled sewage, illegal sewage discharge, or malfunctioning equipment that could have resulted in a sewage release, DEHQ does not have regulatory authority to enforce odor control.

If you continue to experience odor issues, please report them to the San Diego County Air Pollution Control District, which is the appropriate agency to investigate odor complaints - [Air Quality Complaints - San Diego County Air District](#)

You also mention a PRR in your email, and I wanted to see if you are submitting a new PRR to our department or are referencing a previous PRR that was submitted and responded to. Please let me know if you are submitting a new PRR, and the details of the request, and I will make sure it is routed to my team to provide any responsive records.

Thank you,



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Darryl Cotton

to Craig

Craig,

Thank you for your response and for the three site visits your team conducted. I want to make sure the department is evaluating the right question, because I believe the complaint has been read as an odor matter when its core is something different — and squarely within DEHQ's authority. My complaint is not, at bottom, about odor. It is that United Rentals has been disposing of septage off-permit — at a City of El Cajon facility (1050 Vernon Way) that appears on no version of its County Sewage Hauler Permit, LSHOP-000063 — for 43 consecutive months. That is a permit- compliance and lawful-disposal question, and it is DEHQ's to answer as the permitting authority; it is not an APCD odor issue. On that point, I would respectfully note the timing.

Your team's finding that United Rentals is "in compliance with their current pumper truck permit" was reached during the June–July site visits, before the City of El Cajon produced its account records on August 3, 2026. Those records — now assembled in the attached Daily Supplement No. 4 — show 5,445,200 gallons of septage disposed at El Cajon between December 2022 and June 2026, billed at \$536,896.72, at a facility the permit does not name. Permit LSHOP-000063 names only Pump Station #1 and OCSD Fountain Valley. The El Cajon records were not before your inspectors when the compliance determination was made. I therefore ask that DEHQ reconcile the two: given that the permit authorizes disposal only at Pump Station #1 and OCSD Fountain Valley, and the City of El Cajon's own records show 43 months of gallon-metered disposal at El Cajon, on what basis is the operation "in compliance with their current pumper truck permit"? The attached supplement sets out this and related questions, each tied to the underlying record. As to your question about a Public Records Act request: yes. I am submitting a request to DEHQ for the following records, and I would appreciate your routing it to your team:

1. The inspection reports and field notes for the June 22, June 29, and July 8, 2026 site visits to 6144 Federal Blvd.
2. Any record adding, approving, or otherwise authorizing the City of El Cajon facility (1050 Vernon Way) as a disposal site under permit LSHOP-000063.
3. Any amendment or modification to permit LSHOP-000063 changing or expanding the authorized disposal facilities.
4. Any communications between DEHQ and United Rentals (North America), Inc. / Reliable Onsite Services regarding disposal locations, or the fixed FRAC tank at 6144 Federal Blvd.
5. The complete permit file for LSHOP-000063, including all versions of the truck inventory submitted.

I would ask that the compliance determination be held open and revisited in light of the El Cajon production, and that the department's responses be made part of the record under PRA 26-3709.

Thank you.

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Darryl Cotton

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