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August 13, 2026

Via email — PublicComment@sdcounty.ca.gov

The Honorable Chair and Members of the Board of Supervisors
County of San Diego
c/o Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 402
San Diego, California 92101

cc (via email):

Land & Water Quality Division, Dept. of Environmental Health & Quality — lwqduty.deh@sdcounty.ca.gov
Hazardous Materials Division, Dept. of Environmental Health & Quality — hmdutyeh@sdcounty.ca.gov
Craig Caes, Supervising Environmental Health Specialist, DEHQ-LWQD — Craig.Caes@sdcounty.ca.gov
District Attorney, County of San Diego — Summer.Stephan@sdca.org

Re: *Formal complaint and request for supervisory review — United Rentals (North America), Inc. / Reliable Onsite Services, 6144 Federal Boulevard, San Diego; County Sewage Hauler Operating Permit No. LSHOP-000063; PRA No. 26-3709 and No. 26-4763*

Dear Chair and Members of the Board:

I write to ask the Board to direct a supervisory review of a matter that the Department of Environmental Health & Quality (“DEHQ”) has, to date, declined to engage. The Department holds the permit at the center of it, the records that decide it sit in the Department’s and the City of El Cajon’s own files, and I have placed that record — page by page — before the Department’s field supervisor twice in the past two weeks. The Department has not responded. This matter falls squarely within the Department’s Land and Water Quality Division, which issued and oversees the permit, and that is why I bring it to the Board.

The operation.

At 6144 Federal Boulevard, immediately adjacent to my property, United Rentals (doing business as Reliable Onsite Services) collects portable-toilet septage across a rental fleet, consolidates it in a fixed, open-top above-ground “FRAC” tank, and hauls it out in bulk. The County issued United Rentals its Sewage Hauler Operating Permit, No. LSHOP-000063. That permit authorizes disposal at only two destinations: the City of San Diego’s Pump Station #1 and the Orange County Sanitation District’s Fountain Valley plant. It names neither the City of El Cajon nor the on-site FRAC tank. The operation runs at all hours; a dated video and photographic log of it is enclosed (Exhibit D).

What the records show.

The City of El Cajon’s own disposal records, produced to me under the California Public Records Act on August 3, 2026, show that United Rentals discharged 5,445,200 gallons of this septage at El Cajon’s facility at 1050 Vernon Way over 43 months (December 2022 through June 2026), for which El Cajon was paid \$536,896.72. El Cajon is not a destination authorized on the County permit. The earliest El Cajon discharge permit for the operation is dated April 23, 2025 — meaning roughly 28 months and some three million gallons were accepted at El Cajon before any El Cajon permit existed at all. El Cajon staff have advised that the City Council does not approve out-of-city septage acceptance; no authorization for this one has been identified.

The contradiction in the County’s own file.

United Rentals’ Environmental Manager, Jeffrey Walker, signed the County permit application on September 18, 2024, disclosing only Pump Station #1 and Fountain Valley — and disclosing neither El Cajon nor the on-site tank (Exhibit C). The same Jeffrey Walker signed the El Cajon discharge-permit application on April 23, 2025, authorizing disposal at 1050 Vernon Way. One signer, two permits filed with two County-area agencies, two different accounts of where this waste goes — both sitting in the

agencies' own records. I ask only that the Department look at the contradiction its own file contains and determine whether the operation's actual disposal destination was accurately disclosed.

What DEHQ did — and did not — examine.

On August 4, 2026, DEHQ (through Supervising Environmental Health Specialist Craig Caes) reported three site visits (June 22, June 29, and July 8) and found United Rentals "in compliance with their current pumper truck permit." But those visits examined the yard for spilled sewage and odor; by the Department's own account they never checked where the bulk waste actually goes. A finding of permit compliance that never reaches the permit's central term — its authorized disposal destinations — cannot be squared with 43 months of metered disposal at a facility the permit does not name. Confirming the destination is core DEHQ function, not a matter that can be handed off to another agency. And no party in the chain ever characterized the material: United Rentals performed no constituent testing, and El Cajon staff have confirmed the City does not test what it receives — so more than five million gallons moved from generation to receipt without its contents ever being verified.

The record placed before the Department — and the silence.

This is not a bare complaint. On August 6, 2026, I delivered to Mr. Caes a complete, consecutively Bates-numbered evidentiary package (Supplement 4.1, 137 pages), and on August 11, 2026, a second (Supplement 4.2, 158 pages, Bates 0138–0295), each cited page by page and each built from the agencies' own records. The transmittals of both are in the enclosed correspondence (Exhibit A); the Department already holds both packages, and I will provide them to the Board on request. I asked two plain questions: whether the Division is taking any action, and in particular whether it has contacted El Cajon regarding the unlisted disposal destination; and whether it would process the matter under PRA 26-3709 or prefer a new request. I separately filed PRA No. 26-4763 for the permit file and any record authorizing El Cajon as a disposal site. To date the Department has not responded to the reconciliation request, and the supervisory questions remain unanswered.

I brought this matter before the City of El Cajon City Council on August 11, 2026, as the issues I raise here rest on the City of El Cajon's own discharge records, which I provided to the Department in Daily Supplements 4.1 and 4.2 (reflected in Exhibit A). There, the City Manager stated on the record that the City was "looking into it" (Exhibit F). Nearly every body that has touched this operation has at least engaged it — the Department that permitted the hauler has not. The Board's supervisors are the elected body to whom the Department answers, and it is to the Board that I now bring a question the Department has left open.

The ongoing hazard.

This is not only a paperwork question. The open-top FRAC tank sits roughly four feet from my property line and holds a resident volume of decomposing human waste that vents hydrogen sulfide and methane — toxic and explosive gases — around the clock. United Rentals' own published materials reserve gas-producing service for closed, vapor-tight tanks, even as it runs this one open-top; and the County's own Hazardous Materials Division observed that sewage storage in frac tanks "is not within industry standards," even as it treated the matter as outside its jurisdiction (Exhibit B). Nearly ninety of my neighbors have signed a petition seeking that the operation cease (Exhibit E). The hazard is continuing and worsens each day it goes unaddressed.

Requests.

I respectfully request that the Board direct the Department to:

1. Revisit the August 4, 2026 "in compliance" determination against the El Cajon 43-month disposal record, and reconcile the permit's authorized destinations with the documented disposal at 1050 Vernon Way.
2. Determine whether disposal at El Cajon (an unlisted destination) and the on-site FRAC-tank holding were authorized under Permit No. LSHOP-000063, and whether the material moved through the operation was ever characterized by any party in the chain.
3. Look into the contradiction in the County's own permit file between the September 18, 2024 application and the April 23, 2025 El Cajon permit.

4. Respond to my outstanding requests — the reconciliation request within the DEHQ record and PRA No. 26-4763 — and confirm whether the Division has contacted El Cajon regarding the disposal destination.

5. See that the open-top tank operation is examined and addressed by the appropriate agency(s); and if, as it appears to me, it does comport with the regulations that permit these operations, take immediate action to see that it does not continue.

The supporting records are identified in the enclosed Index of Exhibits, and the complete packages already delivered to the Department (Supplements 4.1 and 4.2) are available to the Board on request.

As the property owner adjacent to this situation, I would ask that the County at least respond to these emails and tell me if this is something they can and will do anything about. The frustration comes from not only having to deal with the consequences of these conditions but no one in the County seems to care. I am here simply asking for help on behalf of me and all the other victims of this operation, and if United Rentals is, as it appears, engaging in unlawful transfer of their septage, the County step in and do something about it.

While what United is doing is horrific, to feel like there is no avenue available to seek relief has been equally frustrating. I hope you understand and will make every attempt to assist us in this matter. Thank you.

Respectfully,



Darryl Cotton

Enclosures — Exhibits

Exhibit A. Correspondence with the County (DEHQ / Land & Water Quality Division) — Petitioner's transmittals of Supplements 4.1 (Aug. 6, 2026) and 4.2 (Aug. 11, 2026) to Craig Caes, and the Department's August 4, 2026 response. (Confirms the Department already holds both supplements.) (UNITED RENTALS - 005-010)

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Exhibit E. Neighborhood petition — approximately ninety signatories seeking that the operation cease. (UNITED RENTALS - 022-027)

Exhibit F. Transcript of Petitioner's public comment, City of El Cajon City Council meeting, August 11, 2026. (UNITED RENTALS - 028-030)

EXHIBITS

*Cotton — Formal Complaint to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors
(United Rentals / 6144 Federal Blvd.; Permit No. LSHOP-000063)*

INDEX OF EXHIBITS

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

Caes, Craig <Craig.Caes@sdcounty.ca.gov>

Tue, Aug 4, 2026 at 12:10 PM

To: "151darrylcotton@gmail.com" <151darrylcotton@gmail.com>

Cc: "Liwag, Ernie" <Ernie.Liwag2@sdcounty.ca.gov>

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,

**Craig Caes**, Supervising Environmental Health Specialist

Department of Environmental Health and Quality

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To: "Caes, Craig" <Craig.Caes@sdcounty.ca.gov>

Tue, Aug 4, 2026 at 2:06 PM

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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Daily Supplement — Version 4.1 (replaces Version 4) — United Rentals / Reliable Onsite Services, 6144 Federal Blvd. (Permit LSHOP-000063)

1 message

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To: "Caes, Craig" <Craig.Caes@sdcounty.ca.gov>

Thu, Aug 6, 2026 at 12:40 PM

Mr. Caes,

On August 4 I sent you Daily Supplement No. 4. I'm writing to ask that you accept the attached Version 4.1 in its place. It supersedes and replaces Version 4 in full — a single, self-contained, Bates-numbered package of 137 pages, dated through today.

I replaced it for two reasons. When I sent No. 4 I had not finished analyzing the City of El Cajon's production, and I had not yet established the fact that, on reflection, sits beneath the whole matter: United Rentals operates its fixed FRAC tank at 6144 Federal Boulevard and at no other Reliable Onsite Services yard in California. Version 4.1 is the complete four-exhibit record — the video log (Exhibit A), the El Cajon production records (Exhibit B), United Rentals' "large events" representation to the City's stormwater inspector (Exhibit C), and a statewide survey of the company's California yards showing this operation stands alone (Exhibit D).

Read together, these records describe an established, high-volume operation that disposed some 5.4 million gallons of septage off its own sworn permit, in another jurisdiction, at roughly a \$93,000 premium over the closer, cheaper, permitted San Diego station — using a fixed bulk storage tank the permit does not authorize and that the company uses nowhere else. LSHOP-000063 authorizes only the cleaning of portable restrooms and disposal at Pump Station #1 and OCSD Fountain Valley; the on-site FRAC-tank storage and transfer of septage falls outside it entirely.

On that record, I respectfully ask two things: that the Division reopen and revisit its June–July compliance determination in light of these matters; and that the County — or any agency with jurisdiction — give United Rentals notice to cease and desist the FRAC-tank storage and transfer at 6144 Federal Boulevard, and treat continued operation, should the company decline to comply, as grounds for enforcement up to and including revocation of its permit.

One procedural question: please let me know whether Version 4.1 can be received and processed under my existing Public Records Act request, PRA 26-3709, or whether you would prefer I open a new PRA to have this evidence considered. I want to place it before the Division in whatever form it needs.

Thank you for your attention. I'm glad to answer any questions or provide anything that would assist your review.

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PRA 26-3709 — Daily Supplement No. 4.2 (United Rentals / Reliable Onsite Services, 6144 Federal Blvd.; Permit LSHOP-000063)

1 message

Darryl Cotton <151darrylcotton@gmail.com>
To: "Caes, Craig" <Craig.Caes@sdcounty.ca.gov>

Mon, Aug 10, 2026 at 9:34 AM

Dear Mr. Caes,

Attached is Daily Supplement No. 4.2, which supplements the Information Package and Supplement 4.1 I sent you on August 6, 2026 in connection with PRA 26-3709 and United Rentals / Reliable Onsite Services at 6144 Federal Boulevard. It is a single bookmarked PDF, consecutively Bates-numbered Sup. 4.2 — 0138 through 0295, continuing the numbering from Supplement 4.1. It adds the City of San Diego's complete Pump Station #1 trucked-waste production (PRA 26-6533) as Exhibit 11, two related records-act requests as Exhibits 12 and 13, and a dated video log of the operation (36 entries) as Exhibit 14.

The record now before you, cited page by page in the narrative, shows that Pump Station #1 barred United Rentals' out-of-state-plated trucks and gated the station on presented permits; that the company described its fleet to the City as registered in Indiana at the corporate level; that the County Sewage Hauler Operating Permit reproduced in the City's file (Record DEH2020-LSHOP-000063) lists a fifteen-truck fleet with decals in the 025xxx series, while the City flagged that the County sticker number on the company's City application "does not match any number on the DEH permit"; and that on June 17, 2026 the City's Industrial Wastewater Control Program referred the 6144 Federal matter to the County, recording United Rentals' own account that the on-site storage tank "was emptied and hauled off-site for disposal as needed." The two-stage yard operation — vacuum trucks in, a bulk tanker drawing out — is documented in dated captures reproduced at the top of the supplement and in the Exhibit 14 video log; native-format files are available to the Division on request.

I am not asking the Division to draw any conclusion about intent, and nothing in the supplement should be read that way. My questions are the same two I raised with Supplement 4.1: first, whether the Division is taking any action on 4.1, and in particular whether it has contacted the City of El Cajon regarding the disposal destination; and second, whether the Division processes this under 26-3709 or would prefer I open a new request. Separately, I have submitted a Public Records Act request to the Department — PRA No. 26-4763, opened August 10, 2026 and assigned to your Division — for the June 22, June 29, and July 8 inspection reports and field notes, the complete LSHOP-000063 permit file including all versions of the truck inventory, any record authorizing the City of El Cajon facility (1050 Vernon Way) as a disposal site under that permit, and the Department's communications with United Rentals regarding disposal locations and the on-site tank; I have asked that those responses be made part of the record under PRA 26-3709.

Lastly, I am receiving media inquiries into this story. Would you be the right person to forward those media inquiries to, or do you have someone else you would prefer I direct them to?

Thank you again for your attention to this. I am happy to answer any questions.

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EXHIBIT B

United Rentals’ own contradictions — County Hazardous Materials referral (“not within industry standards”), open-top tank vs. United Rentals’ closed-top “Gas Buster,” and United Rentals’ own admissions.

To: Lee, Joann <Joann.Lee@sdcounty.ca.gov>
Cc: Moreno, Zoraida <Zoraida.Moreno@sdcounty.ca.gov>
Subject: FW: [External] Re: [EXTERNAL] 6144 Federal Blvd., SD CA 92114 Waste Processing Permits

Hi Joann,

Sending a complaint over to you that we received regarding sewage processing and sewage storage in Frac tanks (which I have learned is not within industry standards) but is out of our jurisdiction.

I think you already have this and are responding but am sending over what we received just in case not.

Thank you,

S-)



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*“Standard open-top tanks are “ideal for storing **non-hazardous liquids** such as wastewater, ground water remediation or storm water run-off,” but products that “**off gas regulated vapors** ... typically require a **closed top vapor-tight tank**” — expressly to prevent vapors “settling around the exterior of the tank and **creating the conditions for a flash vapor fire.**”*

“Frac tanks are beneficial for a range of projects that involve storing liquid. They come in a variety of types, and choosing the right type of frac tank for the application is critical to project success as well as worker and environmental safety. Storing hazardous liquid in the wrong tank could lead to an industrial accident or an ecological disaster. When in doubt, your temporary equipment vendor can steer you to the tank that will serve you best.” <https://www.unitedrentals.com/project-uptime/equipment/frac-tank-guide-choosing-best-frac-tank-job>



What Ms. Preece, Program Coordinator for the San Diego County’s Hazardous Materials Division, confirms is that the FRAC tank, as shown in the upper two images is an open-top tank and by NFPA-820 regulations for septage storage explosive environment conditions, requires a closed top tank such as the United Rentals Gas Buster tank as shown on the image on the left.

<https://www.unitedrentals.com/marketplace/equipment/pumps-tanks-filtration/tanks/gas-buster-frac-tank-21000-gal>

United Rentals Vacuum Trucks must meet the required environmental standards and regulations for sealed-closed systems that prevent the escape of those gases created during the hauling of human waste. The FRAC tank, with open ventilation allowing these gases to escape into the atmosphere, does not.



United Rentals knew. United Rentals’ own materials show it knows precisely what this waste produces and how dangerous it is. Its frac-tank guidance warns that gas-producing service requires a “closed top vapor-tight tank” to prevent vapors from “creating the conditions for a flash vapor fire,” and that “storing hazardous liquid in the wrong tank could lead to an industrial accident or an ecological disaster.” It manufactures and rents the closed-top “Gas Buster” tank for exactly this service, at this very size. And it hauls this same septage only in sealed, closed vacuum trucks built to “prevent the escape of those gases created during the hauling of human waste” — gases (hydrogen sulfide, toxic; methane, explosive) that are hazardous and tightly regulated at every step.

Knowing all of this, United Rentals consolidated gas-producing human-waste septage in a standard open-top frac tank — the vessel its own literature reserves for “non-hazardous liquids” — set it a few feet from an occupied office, and never disclosed the on-site storage tank in the permitting that exists to regulate exactly these hazards. This was not an oversight. United Rentals chose the wrong tank while holding the right one in its own catalog, circumvented the disclosure the permit process requires, and deliberately expose their neighbors and their employees to the toxic and explosive conditions it knows full well these gases create.



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EXHIBIT C

United Rentals' County of San Diego Sewage Hauler Operating Permit
application, No. LSHOP-000063 (Sept. 18, 2024).



**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & QUALITY
LAND AND WATER QUALITY DIVISION**

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2025

APPLICATION FOR ANNUAL SEWAGE HAULER PERMIT

**TO ENGAGE IN THE CLEANING OF SEPTIC TANKS, CHEMICAL TOILETS, CESSPOOLS, OR SEEPAGE PITS
AND THE TRANSPORTATION AND DISPOSAL OF CLEANINGS**

Name of Business:	United Rentals (North America), Inc.; DBA: Reliable Onsite Services		
Mailing Address:	791 East 64th Ave		
City:	Denver	State:	CO Zip Code: 80229
Business Address:	6144 Federal Ave		
City:	San Diego	State:	CA Zip Code: 92114
Business Phone Number:	619-210-2850	Email:	environmental@ur.com
Legal Owner(s):	United Rentals (North America), Inc		
Address:	100 First Stamford Place, Suite 700		
City:	Stamford	State:	CT Zip Code: 06902
Phone Number:	303-286-4394	Email:	environmental@ur.com
Emergency Contact:	Luis Campuzana	Cell Phone Number:	619-565-0059

Services Provided:	☐ Septic Tanks ☐ Seepage Pits ☒ Portable Restrooms ☐ Cesspools ☐ Other		
Primary Liquid Waste Disposal Facility Name:	Pump Station #1		
Facility Address:	3550 East Harbor Drive		
City:	San Diego	State:	CA Zip Code: 92101
Alternate Liquid Waste Disposal Facility Name:	Ocean County Sanitation District		
Facility Address:	10844 Ellis Dr		
City:	Fountain Valley	State:	CA Zip Code: 92708

The undersigned hereby applies for a sewage hauling permit registration. I declare under penalty of perjury that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information I have provided is true and accurate. I understand that to become and remain registered and eligible to provide hauling services in San Diego County, I must pay the annual registration fee established by the County under applicable law. I also agree to conform to all conditions, orders, and directions issued pursuant to the California Health and Safety Code and all applicable County and City Ordinances including California Health and Safety Code Division 104, Part 13, Chapter 4, Article 1. and San Diego County Code Sections 68.601 – 68.613.

Date:	9/18/2024	Jeffrey Walker	Jeffrey Walker
		Print Name	Signature

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Permit Number	# of Vehicles	Date
L SHOP-000063	15	9/27/24

2025 SEWAGE HAULER TRUCK INVENTORY
(Complete separate form for each location where vehicles are stored)

5:05
Inspection 11/19/24
Dakane + Hyatt
at York fault

Completed By Applicant for Each Permitted Vehicle					Completed by Department of Environmental Health & Quality		
Truck or Trailer?	Vehicle Make	License Plate	Tank Size (total gal)	Split Tank? (gal/ side)	3" Lettering on Vehicle? (yes or no) ¹	Decal #	DEHQ Observations and Comments on Hoses, Valve, Cap, Waste Transfer, etc.
Truck	Mack	3284107	995	695/300	Not available YES	025045	Not verified (brand new) ✓ Decal issued
Truck	Mack	3482288	1600	1100/500	Not available YES	025044	Not verified (brand new)
Truck	Mack	3482510	1600	1100/500	YES	025043	
Truck	Peterbilt	3533049	4000	4000	YES	025042	Observed dripping "blue" mechanical fluid on main valve
Truck	Isuzu	3791919	995	^{699 200} 695/300	YES	025041	
Truck	Mack	3482874	995	^{699 200} 695/300	YES	025040	- slider tank
Truck	Mack	3710606	1600	1100/500	YES	025039	
Truck	Mack	3710607	1600	1100/500	YES	025038	Good
Truck	Isuzu	3778078	995	^{699 200} 695/300	YES	025037	

¹lettering includes name of business and phone number

Additional Comments (To Be Completed By DEHQ):



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 Annual Inspection
 conducted at the
 yard facility.
 - Hype & Paine*

2025 SEWAGE HAULER TRUCK INVENTORY
 (Complete separate form for each location where vehicles are stored)

Company Name: Reliable Onsite Services		Owner: United Rentals (North America), Inc		Contact: Luis Campuzano		Phone: 619-565-0059	
Company Address: 791 East 64th Ave, Denver, CO 80229		Vehicle Storage Address: 6144 Federal Blvd, San Diego 92114		Email: lcampuzano@ur.com			
Location(s) Where Waste Is Disposed: 1) Pump Station #1 - 3350 East Harbor Dr, San Diego, CA 2) Ocean County Sanitation District 10844 Ellis Dr, Fountain Valley, CA 92708							
Completed By Applicant for Each Permitted Vehicle					Completed by Department of Environmental Health & Quality		
Truck or Trailer?	Vehicle Make	License Plate	Tank Size (total gal)	Split Tank? (gal/ side)	3" Lettering on Vehicle? (yes or no) ¹	Decal #	DEHQ Observations and Comments on Hoses, Valve, Cap, Waste Transfer, etc.
Truck	Hino	01851Y2	1600	1100/500 ✓	Yes	025036	
Truck	Ford	76662Y2	1150	800/350	Not available	025035	in the shop
Truck	Hino	3145317	995	695/300 <i>please confirm capacity</i>	Yes	025034	Slider tank
Truck	Peterbilt	3213370	1600	1100/500 ✓	Yes	025033	
Truck	Peterbilt	3224527	1600	1100/500 ✓	Yes	025032	
Truck	Peterbilt	3224519	1600	1100/500 ✓	Yes	025031	

¹lettering includes name of business and phone number

D

EXHIBIT D

Video log — dated record of the continuous, all-hours operation of the FRAC tank at 6144 Federal Boulevard.

EXHIBIT D — VIDEO LOG

Recorded evidence of the continuous, all-hours operation of the United Rentals FRAC tank at 6144 Federal Blvd., San Diego

This exhibit is a log of the recorded video and photographic evidence I have kept of the United Rentals operation at 6144 Federal Boulevard. Taken together, it documents an operation that runs at all hours — routinely before dawn, through the day, and into the night, seven days a week. Vacuum trucks and a single-compartment bulk hauler pump into and out of the fixed FRAC tank on no schedule a normal business would keep; the heaviest movements are captured in the pre-dawn dark, between roughly 2:00 and 5:00 a.m.

What the footage cannot fully convey is what it is like to work beside it. Day and night, the operation subjects my property at 6176 Federal Boulevard — and the businesses around it — to a horrific stench: the unmistakable odor of raw human waste and the gases it releases (hydrogen sulfide, ammonia, and methane), which are at once nauseating, toxic, and — around a FRAC tank of this kind — explosive. Over that runs the constant noise of diesel vacuum pumps and tankers. These are the working conditions the operation imposes on 6176, a commercial property carrying on its own lawful operations in that same fouled air. The point is not that a business operates nearby, or at what hour, but that this particular operation floods the shared air with toxic, foul gases and runs heavy equipment at all hours in a way no ordinary commercial use does. These conditions — the odor, the gases, and the noise — are what a group of some ninety neighbors and I have documented and reported for more than a year. The recordings below are identified by date and time; the underlying files are retained and available for inspection.



August 3, 2026 at 3:27 p.m. shows two United Rentals / Reliable Onsite vacuum tank trucks in operation with the unpermitted FRAC tank at their 6144 Federal Blvd. yard just 4 ft from my 6176 Federal Blvd. yard.

PRESENTATIONS & MEDIA COVERAGE

[2026.07.06, Porta-Potty's Full Presentation Video](#) Overview presentation of the operation.

[2026.08.11, El Cajon City Council Hearing](#) Petitioner's public comment before the City of El Cajon City Council on the United Rentals septage operation.

OPERATION VIDEO LOG

[2026.05.27, Wednesday at 3:34 p.m.](#) Roof-top video of the pumps running and the open FRAC tank hatches.

[2026.06.10, Wednesday at 10:03 a.m.](#) Noise conditions recorded inside the 6176 offices while the pumps are running.

[2026.06.23, Tuesday at 6:06 a.m.](#) Baseline — recorded without the pumps running, for comparison.

[2026.06.23, Tuesday at 5:52 a.m.](#) Noise conditions at the property line with the pumps running.

[2026.06.27, Saturday at 4:11 a.m.](#) One UR tanker truck pumping operations with the FRAC tank.

[2026.07.02, Thursday at 2:51 a.m.](#) One UR tanker truck pumping operations with the FRAC tank.

[2026.07.14, Tuesday at 9:51 a.m.](#) One UR tanker truck pumping operations with the FRAC tank.

[2026.07.15, Wednesday at 2:48 a.m.](#) Two UR tanker trucks pumping operations with the FRAC tank.

[2026.07.16, Thursday at 2:42 p.m.](#) Two UR tanker trucks pumping operations with the FRAC tank.

[2026.07.17, Friday at 2:48 a.m.](#) One UR tanker truck pumping operations with the FRAC tank.

[2026.07.17, Friday at 1:23 p.m.](#) One UR tanker truck pumping operations with the FRAC tank.

[2026.07.17, Friday at 2:33 p.m.](#) Two UR tanker trucks pumping operations with the FRAC tank.

[2026.07.20, Monday at 8:33 a.m.](#) One UR tanker truck pumping operations with the FRAC tank.

[2026.07.20, Monday at 2:25 p.m.](#) Two UR tanker trucks pumping operations with the FRAC tank.

[2026.07.21, Tuesday at 4:44 a.m.](#) One UR tanker truck pumping operations with the FRAC tank.

[2026.07.21, Tuesday at 2:10 p.m.](#) Two UR tanker trucks pumping operations with the FRAC tank.

[2026.08.01, Saturday at 8:43 a.m.](#) Two UR tanker trucks pumping operations with the FRAC tank.

[2026.08.02, Sunday at 10:50 a.m.](#) Two UR tanker trucks pumping operations with the FRAC tank.

[2026.08.02, Sunday at 12:20 p.m.](#) Two UR tanker trucks pumping operations with the FRAC tank.

[2026.08.03, Monday at 10:09 a.m.](#) One UR tanker truck pumping operations with the FRAC tank.

[2026.08.03, Monday at 2:47 p.m.](#) One UR tanker truck pumping operations with the FRAC tank.

[2026.08.03, Monday at 3:27 p.m.](#) Two UR tanker trucks pumping operations with the FRAC tank.

[2026.08.04, Tuesday at 12:27 p.m.](#) One UR tanker truck pumping operations with the FRAC tank.

[2026.08.04, Tuesday at 1:41 p.m.](#) One UR tanker truck pumping operations with the FRAC tank.

[2026.08.04, Tuesday at 2:55 p.m.](#) One UR tanker truck pumping operations with the FRAC tank.

[2026.08.04, Tuesday at 3:53 p.m.](#) One UR tanker truck pumping operations with the FRAC tank.

[2026.08.04, Tuesday at 4:27 p.m.](#) Late afternoon — the FRAC tank in the yard among the portable-restroom inventory.

[2026.08.05, Wednesday at 12:32 p.m.](#) Two UR tanker trucks pumping operations with the FRAC tank.

[2026.08.05, Wednesday at 3:41 p.m.](#) One UR tanker truck pumping operations with the FRAC tank.

[2026.08.06, Thursday](#) The FRAC tank in operation in the yard.

[2026.08.07, Friday](#) One UR tanker truck pumping operations with the FRAC tank.

[2026.08.07, Friday](#) Two UR tanker trucks pumping operations with the FRAC tank.

[2026.08.07, Friday](#) Two UR tanker trucks pumping operations with the FRAC tank.

[2026.08.07, Friday](#) Two UR tanker trucks pumping operations with the FRAC tank.

[2026.08.10, Monday](#) Two UR tanker trucks pumping operations with the FRAC tank.

[2026.08.11, Tuesday](#) Two UR tanker trucks pumping operations with the FRAC tank.

[2026.08.12, Wednesday](#) Two UR tanker trucks pumping operations with the FRAC tank.

[2026.08.12, Wednesday](#) One UR tanker truck pumping operations with the FRAC tank.

Note: the five August 4 captures above document the operation running repeatedly across a single ordinary Tuesday (12:27 p.m. through 4:27 p.m.), on no known “large event” — with a vacuum truck present at the tank in four of the five.

E

EXHIBIT E

Neighborhood petition — approximately ninety signatories seeking that the operation cease.

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.

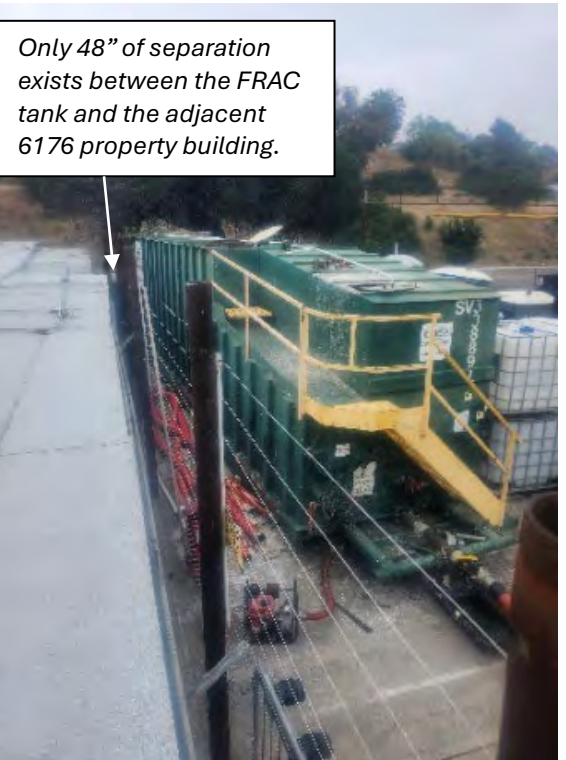
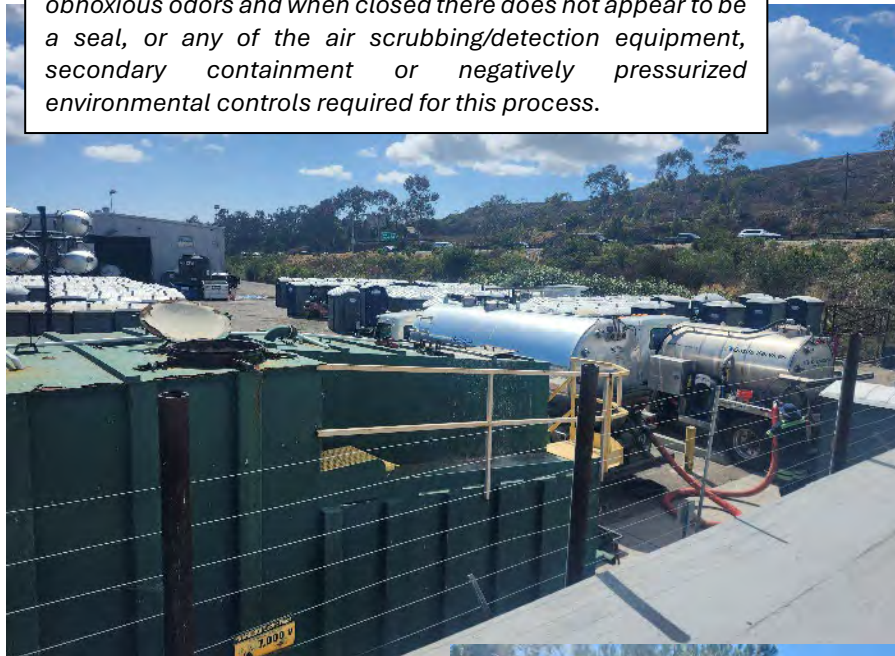
There are laws that are broken with these activities such as SDAPCD Rule 51 and CA Health and Safety Code Section 41,700 that absolutely prohibit these types of odors from becoming a nuisance to anyone outside their processing area.

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.



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

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.



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

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?**

The following list of names includes those who have been subjected to these unhealthy and obnoxious odors emanating from the United Rental yard. We hereby demand that United Rentals follow the law by immediately remediating the situation into full regulatory compliance and relocate the equipment away from the Federal Blvd. property line and properly setback distanced from any neigh

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I hereby affirm that by signing this petition, I have personally experienced the obnoxious nuisance odor and/or noise that emanates from the human waste being constantly processed at the United Rentals 6144 Federal Blvd. yard and ask that corrective measures immediately be aken to remediate the situation.

	Date	Print Name	Signature	Contact Number or Email
1-	5/8	Robert Hamlin	Robert Hamlin	(619) 977-6000
2-	6/7/12	DARRYL COTTON	Darryl Cotton	619-954-4447
3-	5/28	AKLICK	AKLICK	(858) 463-8798
4-	6/12	JUNE PYHALA	JUNE PYHALA	(619) 573-0322
5-	6/12	William Campos	William Campos	(619) 3181820
6-	6/12	Eusebio Torres	Eusebio Torres	(619) 822-9390
7-	6/12	AURELIO ZIMMUTH	Aurelio Zimmuth	619-658-0254
8-	6/12	Angela Jimenez	Angela Jimenez	619-602-52-37
9-	6/12	Daniel Flores	Daniel Flores	619-341-66-29
10	6/12	Francisco Flores	Francisco Flores	619-418-5955
11-	6/12	Berardo Gonzalez	Berardo Gonzalez	619-665-0486
12	6/12	JOSE RODRIGUEZ	JOSE RODRIGUEZ	619-755-5167
13-	6/12	Wasseem Behar	Wasseem Behar	619-6325509
14-	6/12	Carla Hernandez	Carla Hernandez	619-382-6553
15-	6/12	Abul Omos	Abul Omos	619-309-5825
16	6/12	Kimberly Carranza	Kimberly Carranza	213 574-7799
17-	6/12	Alana Holmes	Alana Holmes	619-606-2949
18-	6/12	Cody Cartwright	Cody Cartwright	808 854 0878
19-	6/12	GEORGE SANCHEZ	GEORGE SANCHEZ	619-551-8313
20	6/13	Bob Morrow	Bob Morrow	928-279-4369
21	6/13	Ruby Carranza	Ruby Carranza	619-414-9083
22	6/13	DALE ROBLE	DALE ROBLE	619-445-4735
23-	6/14	CANDACE BOOTS	Candace Boots	360-241-0456
24	6/14	Michael Wolf	Michael Wolf	(503) 349-7867
25-	6/15	MARIA DIEZ	Maria Diez	619-240-5775
26-	6/15	TONY SANCHEZ	TONY SANCHEZ	(619) 457 0414
27-	6/15	DAVID ZEVERA	DAVID ZEVERA	619-455-6466
28-	6/15	Santiago Torres	Santiago Torres	(619) 455-6565
29-	6/15	CHRIS ABAT	CHRIS ABAT	619-852-1803
30-	6/15	Jeff Turner	Jeff Turner	619-887-5270
31-	6/15	Steve McDonough	Steve McDonough	619-823-5616
32-	6/15	Tamera Seber McDonough	Tamera Seber McDonough	619-844-7601
33-	6/15	Kris Turner	Kris Turner	619-787-9846
34-	6/16	Luis Sandoval	Luis Sandoval	619-943-0704
35-	6/16	Samantha Mendoza	Samantha Mendoza	619-755-1424
36-	6/16	RANVEL CARDENAS	RANVEL CARDENAS	619-776-1444
37-	6/20	RICH NABORTENO	RICH NABORTENO	619-755-5880

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Line	Date	Print Name	Signature	Contact Phone or Email
1	6/20/26	Robert J Goddard	Robert Goddard	619-327-6536
2	6/20/26	Pablo Huerta	Pablo Huerta	619-5219-6347
3	6/20/26	John P Davis	John P Davis	853-285-9817
4	6/20/26	MARIENE MADARI	Marlene Madaris	mmadarris1956@gmail.com
5	6/20/26	SUSAN ZIMMERMAN	Susan Zimmerman	ZIMMERMAN SUSAN 2542@gmail.com
6	6/20/2026	Erin Kalbety	Erin Kalbety	619-344-1016
7	6/20/26	CAETANO MACHAVA	Caetano Machava	(619) 231-8489
8	6/21/26	Carlos Gonzalez	Carlos Gonzalez	760-730-6091
9	6/21/26	AMBER FERRIER	Amber Ferrer	760-430-3100
10	6/21/26	VIGOR RITTER	Vigor Ritter	142-472-9726
11	6/21/26	JARRO FAMILIZ	Jarro FAMILIZ	619-273-7969
12	6/21/26	Kelly Hagen	Kelly Hagen	619-343-9611
13	6/21/26	Laura Madison	Laura Madison	619-917-6884
14	6/21/26	Thomas Wolf	Thomas Wolf	619-348-1731
15	6/21/26	Kelley Hagen	Kelley Hagen	619-343-9611
16	6/22/26	John Beckett	John L. Beckett	(619) 638-9494
17	6/22/26	AIKEA PYE	Aikea Pye	(619) 947-3045
18	6/22/26	MARIO BLACK	Mario Black	858-424-0272
19	6/22/26	Diosirce Valentin	Diosirce Valentin	760-460-2515
20	6/25/26	John Al	John Al	762-416-7321
21	6/25/26	DANNY RUTHER	DANNY RUTHER	619-617-1400
22	6/26/26	BANDY LITTON	BANDY LITTON	(619) 379-6256
23	6/26	MARK HANS	MARK HANS	619-905-2850
24	6/26	EDDY	EDDY	757-288-5603
25	6/26	EUGENE MILLER	EUGENE MILLER	601-990-9152
26	6/26	CHRISTINE JACKSON	CHRISTINE JACKSON	619-288-5611
27	6/26	KENNY JACKSON	KENNY JACKSON	619-521-2114
28	6/26	LAURENCE	LAURENCE	858-571-858-289-5603
29	6/26	BRONDA SUMNER	BRONDA SUMNER	619-403-8590
30	6/26/26	NANCY ELITE	NANCY ELITE	702-772-4329
31	6/26/26	LINDA HAMILTON	LINDA HAMILTON	(619) 622-1638
32	6/26/26	LINDA ROZ	LINDA ROZ	(562) 246-1652
33	6/26/26	NEIL KELLY	NEIL KELLY	(562) 246-1652
34	7/19/26	BRENNAN BENOUCHE	BRENNAN BENOUCHE	443-983-0522
35	7/19/26	Kaleb Koster	Kaleb Koster	209-769-2993
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Line	Date	Print Name	Signature	Contact Phone or Email
1	6-20-26	Donald BREAU LT	Donald Breault	619-598-8022
2	6-20-26	Daniel Hendrick	[Signature]	541-787-0425
3	6-20-26	Kim Cotter	[Signature]	619-465-2453
4	6/22/26	SERGE PAIGNE	[Signature]	619-458-5467
5	6/22/26	Angela Ramirez	[Signature]	619-672-8779
6	6/23/26	ROSELY CARDENAS	[Signature]	619-770-1444
7	6/23/26	Justin Johnson	[Signature]	310 808 -5140
8	6-24-26	DONOVAN BOLZANO	[Signature]	619-577-5723
9	7-2-26	Enrique Delgadillo Franco	[Signature]	619-818-8328
10	7-7-26	Heather McCall	[Signature]	619-602-3475
11	7-8-26	Thomas Brewer	[Signature]	858-988-9745
12	7/8/26	Rick Medina	[Signature]	619 (577-8651)
13	7/11/26	Natasha Mazon	[Signature]	619-793-8773
14	7-11-26	Sharon Noda	[Signature]	619-510-310-3277
15	7/12	Tom Rodriguez	[Signature]	619 964 1746
16	7/12	Carmen Garcia	[Signature]	972-571-7107
17	7/12	Pete Anderson	[Signature]	619-376-0554
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EXHIBIT F

Transcript of Petitioner's public comment, City of El Cajon City Council meeting,
August 11, 2026.

TRANSCRIPT OF PUBLIC COMMENT
Darryl Cotton — City of El Cajon City Council Meeting
August 11, 2026

PRESIDING OFFICER: The next speaker, in person, is Darryl Cotton. Hello, sir. How are you?

MR. COTTON: Good. How are you?

PRESIDING OFFICER: Great.

MR. COTTON: Well, my name is Darryl Cotton. I own a commercial property at 6176 Federal Boulevard in San Diego. My neighbor is United Rentals; they are at 6144 Federal Boulevard.

Since December of 2022, El Cajon has received millions of gallons of trucked-in raw human waste — this is called septage — from San Diego, to your pump station at 1050 Vernon Way. United Rentals pulls this septage from its extensive porta-potty rental fleet and stores it in a massive above-ground holding tank. They are called frac tanks. That accumulated storage is left to bake in the sun, and then ultimately trucked here into El Cajon.

So why El Cajon? It is because San Diego will not take it, and the County's Department of Environmental Health and Quality — DEHQ — which oversees bulk waste hauling, has, for whatever their reasons, chosen to ignore it.

El Cajon's own records show that United Rentals has discharged more than 5.4 million gallons here over 43 months, and the city was paid more than \$536,000 to accept it — but it was never allowed here. United Rentals' County DEHQ hauler permit authorizes only two destinations: San Diego's Pump Station 1 and the OCSD Fountain Valley location. El Cajon is not listed on that permit.

So where does it end up? Well, none of it stays here. The untested, unverified bulk waste flows into the regional Metro system and out of San Diego's Point Loma Ocean Outfall. It is hauled past San Diego Pump Station 1 — roughly half the distance to El Cajon — only to reach the ocean. If nothing else I say here today registers with you, this has to be the one thing you consider when factoring the why: this operational model makes no sense.

Under what authority? El Cajon's own records show the earliest discharge permit for this operation is dated April of 2025. That is the first permit — but the disposals began in December of 2022. That is roughly 28 months, and about 3 million gallons accepted here,

before any El Cajon permit existed. City staff tells me that the council does not approve out-of-city septage. So who did? Under what authority was this accepted?

The agency should have caught it. The County's DEHQ found the company "in compliance" after visiting their yard, but they never checked where that bulk waste goes. To date, the DEHQ supervisors have not responded to my request to reconcile these DEHQ records with [El Cajon's].

This is also a HAZMAT danger. These tanks sit about four feet off my property line, and they vent hydrogen sulfide around the clock — a deadly, explosive condition. Nearly 90 neighbors have signed a petition to shut it down, and that petition is in the records I will be distributing here today.

My request is that the city confirm whether its acceptance was permitted and tested, and pause further acceptance until those questions are answered. To the citizens of El Cajon: your city has been used to discharge sewage that otherwise would not have been disposed of anywhere else. Armed with this knowledge, the question now becomes — what will you do about it?

I have a very well documented case, and I am ready to provide not only the print versions but the electronic versions upon your request. Thank you very much.

PRESIDING OFFICER: Before you leave — I will ask our City Manager, Graham Mitchell, if he wants to comment on this. It is kind of a technical question, and I know Mr. Cotton has been in contact with our staff.

CITY MANAGER GRAHAM MITCHELL: We are looking into it. I will provide council with an update once we learn more information.

PRESIDING OFFICER: Okay. Hopefully we get it cleared up for you. And please feel free to come back and talk to us again as we get involved in this process.

MR. COTTON: Thank you. I look forward to helping you any way I can.

PRESIDING OFFICER: Next speaker is Marco Esposa.

Transcribed from the video recording of the City of El Cajon City Council meeting of August 11, 2026. Proper names and automated-caption artifacts have been corrected for readability; bracketed text indicates a passage reconstructed where the recording was unclear.