

Communication from Public

Name: Scott W.

Date Submitted: 08/09/2021 07:03 PM

Council File No: 21-0839

Comments for Public Posting: I am concerned about the negligent behavior that has lead to the sewage spill off the shores of Santa Monica's beaches. Pollution of all kinds is a growing threat to our environment and lives of creatures and humans a like. We cannot stand for reckless actions that continue to lead to environmental disasters. We must raise the bar to keep our world protected and clean.

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Name: Sophia Szekely

Date Submitted: 08/09/2021 07:13 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of Los Angeles I am incredibly worried for the wildlife, children, and all of the LA population who frequent the beaches where untreated sewage is being dumped. It is in every persons best interest to be concerned and its deplorable to let this dumping continue. In a time where climate change is a looming threat, action must be taken to preserve our beaches.

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Name: Matt Novack

Date Submitted: 08/09/2021 07:51 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: This spill is unexceptionable in our beautiful city. We must, and we need, to do better.

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Name: Tom Campbell

Date Submitted: 08/09/2021 07:52 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The 17 million gallon sewage spill was unacceptable. Emergency public notification protocols must be improved! And the ongoing issues at the treatment plant need to be addressed immediately.

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Name: Mary Lochner

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Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of LA County, I was extremely disappointed and, honestly, disgusted, to learn about the Hyperion Sewage Spill on July 11-12. This is not acceptable anywhere in the world and an embarrassment to our beautiful city that we take pride in. We need to be an example of sound and forward-thinking environmental policy for our local citizens and the world. On top of the horrific news of this spill, I was frustrated that I did not learn about it timely from the city's emergency response system; this lack of notification puts all of us at risk. I demand that the city take immediate action to improve emergency notification protocols, and create a transparent action plan for LA's citizens that addresses how this type of event will be prevented in the future. Thank you.

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Name: Elia Chavez

Date Submitted: 08/09/2021 06:49 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please hold those responsible for the continued spills accountable and set motions into place to prevent future spills from happening and contaminating our oceans, water sources, and flora and fauna of the land, including ourselves.

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Name: Steven

Date Submitted: 08/09/2021 06:52 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: We must improve our alert system for water quality, especially in cases with known sewage spills like the Hyperion spill last month. I know people who were in the water that morning, hours after Hyperion/city staff knew about the spill, and it was only random circumstance that kept me out of the water that morning as well. I and my community deserve better than that, for our health, safety, and trust of our local institutions. Please make the necessary changes to keep our community informed and safe.

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Name: Luis Chávez

Date Submitted: 08/09/2021 08:01 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please hold those accountable for the continuous spills and set motions in place to prevent future spills and contaminating oceans, water sources, and flora and fauna of the land, including ourselves.

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Name: Dave Schwartz

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello LA City Council I would like to express my deep shock at the utter lack of coordination notification to the public about this large sewage spill into Santa Monica Bay. This impacted me personally. Like hundreds of others, I surf regularly at Manhattan and the surrounding beaches at sunrise most days of the week. On Monday July 12 I headed into the ocean next to the El Segundo Jetty at 6am just like any other normal Monday. I surfed for about two hours, then headed home and worked the rest of the day. I took some fun waves, got some exercise and was energized for the rest of the day. Where I surfed is directly next to the Hyperion plant. I was then utterly shocked to hear on the radio that evening a sewage spill was reported at the plant. I initially thought I was safe since I surfed that morning. Not until reading more later I found out that the spill ended at around 4am, which was only two hours before I entered the water. This left me in a state of shock when I read about it. I was very, very worried for my health. Thankfully, after monitoring my health for a few days I did not become sick. I felt I was lucky. Others surfers out with me may not have been. This news is extremely bothersome to those like myself who take time to be safe in the ocean. I regularly check ocean conditions, swell, wind and even wear a helmet surfing to ensure I am being safe, and never surf when my safety is at risk. That morning there was ZERO notification anywhere online to be found about the situation. At all. This is simply unacceptable. We hear stories all the time of people who irresponsibly surf after heavy rains and get sick, but to the folks who try to be informed and take care we were simply caught unaware. This is unacceptable. I feel utterly gross that our health officials allowed me to surf in filthy waters, putting my health and safety at risk. This is also more than just about safety, its about protecting our local beaches we all love and value. I'd also like to say that the public perception after information continued to be slowly leaked has basically damaged the credibility and trust of the hyperion treatment plant, the LA Dept of Public Health and LA County. How can we trust their words again about leakage when we only found out more was leaking after the LA Times investigation? As a resident, taxpayer and surfer I would like to ask the following of our public officials: 1. Issue another sincere apology. 2. Outline clearly the steps that you will take to ensure that A. This does not

happen again. B. If another spill happens that is reported quickly, widely and thoroughly to the public ASAP so that we can all ensure families and residents are safe. 3. Release all internal documentation from the hyperion plant to the public domain so that it can be reviewed in the public eye. 4. How we can ensure the beaches are tested for bacteria more frequently so we can find out about unsafe ocean conditions faster. Thank you, Dave Schwartz Mar Vista

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Name: James wolfe

Date Submitted: 08/09/2021 08:45 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: To whom it may concern- pls explain to the residents of Los Angeles the extent of the recent spill and how it will not happen again. Best- James Wolfe

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Name:

Date Submitted: 08/09/2021 09:16 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Take immediate action to improve public notification protocols and implement preventative measures so situations like this never happen again.

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Name:

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Comments for Public Posting: I have concerns about the emergency public notification protocols for the hyperion plant in El Segundo, CA. I have lived in the South Bay my whole life and I currently work within 1/2 a mile of the plant. We did not receive any warnings about the sewage spill and I saw a lot of people in the water at Dockweiler Beach. I live within 2.5 miles of the plant and at night you could barely breathe because of the smell. I only learned through heal the bay that the plant was still leaking sewage. How much damage is this doing to the ocean? This is very concerning because I have family without social media that are not following heal the bay or council members to get alerts. We are also dealing with flare up from the refinery at Chevron without warnings. On 8/8 many people were concerned that there was a major fire going on but it was the refinery. Between the hyperion and refinery not giving proper warnings and releasing so many toxins we are really going down a slippery slope of messing with our environment and the health of our community. The community needs to be alerted if they need to stay out of the water or inside because of water and air quality issues.

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Name: Matthew Pugmire

Date Submitted: 08/09/2021 08:26 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The negligence that led to a spill of this size is completely unacceptable and incredibly dangerous to the communities and recreational resources of our coastline. It is such a jewel of a natural resource that the city of LA has abused and neglected far too long. Put our tax dollars back into the planet and protect the natural beauty of the California coast, it's not a toilet!

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Name:

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Comments for Public Posting: what are your plans to stop partially untreated sewage in our oceans? It has to stop. We demand you take immediate action to improve the emergency public notification protocols and implement preventative measures so this never happens again.

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Name: Adam Pelley

Date Submitted: 08/09/2021 09:26 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The current procedures for notifying the public of hazardous sewage spills are shamefully inadequate. The citizens of Los Angeles demand that the entities responsible are held accountable for their actions. Furthermore, proactive action must be taken to avoid future incidents that will inevitably lead to the degradation of public health and the stability of our vital coastal ecosystems. Inaction is inexcusable.

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Name: Ross

Date Submitted: 08/09/2021 09:45 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: After the massive sewage leak into the bay I am greatly concerned about the protections in place and the accountability for this atrocity. People were not informed soon enough about this leak and I demand that the city take immediate action to improve emergency public notification protocols.

Communication from Public

Name: Luke Goldstein

Date Submitted: 08/09/2021 09:47 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The 17 million gallon sewage spill from Hyperion into Santa Monica bay is a huge health hazard to the ocean, it's marine life and the livelihood of the residents who live by the water. Allowing Hyperion to continue to mismanage waste is a poor form of social leadership and signifies a total disregard of public safety on the part of the local Los Angeles government. At the very least, the City should take immediate action to improve the emergency public notification protocols so that residents stay informed. That said, there needs to be a focus on immediately implementing preventative measures to ensure that a spill of this magnitude never happens again.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 08/09/2021 10:45 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing out of concern for the sewage spill into the bay. I demand that the city take immediate action to improve the emergency public notification protocols and implement preventive measures so this never happens again.