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## Unified Command Site Bulletin: Fruitland Magnesium Fire Incident (Maywood) Response – Update 7/1/16

**MAYWOOD, CALIF.** – The Unified Command for the Fruitland Magnesium Fire Incident in Maywood, Los Angeles County, Calif., continues response operations and assessment of hazardous materials in the aftermath of the fire that began on June 14, 2016. The Unified Command is comprised of representatives from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (DPH), and the Los Angeles County Fire Department Health Hazardous Materials Division (HHMD).

### Response Highlights:

On June 27, 2016, Unified Command and Supervisor Hilda Solis held a press conference to announce the opening of the Community Information Center (CIC) for residents and businesses affected by the fire. DPH, EPA, and HHMD provided an update on community health concerns, information about the incident background, and the assessment and cleanup of homes. Supervisor Hilda Solis opened the press conference with remarks.

The CIC will be open seven days a week at the corner of Everett Ave. and E. 52nd St., in Maywood, CA. The Center will be open Monday through Friday from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Weekend hours will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The phone number for the CIC is 323-267-3843. This weekend the CIC will be operating the following hours:

Saturday, July 2:	9 am-5 pm
Sunday, July 3:	9 am-2 pm
Monday, July 4:	Closed

On June 29, 2016, Unified Command and Supervisor Solis hosted a Community Resource Fair for residents of Maywood and surrounding communities affected by the Fruitland Magnesium Fire. Nearly 300 residents were able to spend as much time as needed at 19 exhibits and tables, exploring information on different topics, having face-to-face discussions with the experts, and gaining access to important resources. Unified Command appreciates the support of the organizations and offices that participated, including Congresswoman Roybal-Allard's and Assemblyman Rendon's offices, and the nearly 300 community members that came to learn more about the incident and response, as well as services that are available from Los Angeles County agencies and community organizations.

The Joint Information Center (JIC) for the Unified Command response is available for media inquiries. The phone number is 323-267-3848

### **Response by the Numbers (Updated 6/29/16)**

- 207 people have been relocated.
- 47 households have been relocated, including 4 on the South side of E. 52<sup>nd</sup> St. (for medical reasons only).
- Outdoor sampling is ongoing on 17 parcels. Some of these parcels include multiple residences.
- Outdoor cleanup has been completed on 2 parcels; 15 cleanups are still ongoing.
- Indoor screening sampling has been conducted at all 43 residences on the north side of E. 52<sup>nd</sup> St.
- 10 residences to date have been identified as requiring indoor cleanup.
- 2 indoor cleanups have been completed to date.
- Indoor air verification samples have been collected at 14 residences; 29 residences are still pending.

### **DETAILED TIMELINE OF RESPONSE**

**June 24, 2016**

Agencies Present: EPA, USCG, LACoFD, DPH, VFD, VPD, LACoSD, and DTSC

Residential indoor sampling continued with 13 residences completed. EPA conducted soil sampling at three residential parcels and continued assessment sampling of facility property. Planning efforts for indoor and outdoor cleaning of properties continued.

The Unified Command Community Relations Team (CRT) continued to connect with displaced families regarding access to the properties which were being sampled.

**June 25, 2016**

Agencies Present: EPA, USCG, LACoFD, DPH, VFD, VPD, and LASD

This was the last day of the first round of residential indoor air sampling. Nine homes were sampled for indoor air quality, completing the 43 affected homes on the north side of E. 52<sup>nd</sup> Street. One yard was sampled that is shared by four residences. Outdoor air monitoring continued.

Installation of temporary fencing with geotextile barrier began around the facility perimeter.

An Ash Cleanup and Assessment Team (ACAT) was created to assess visible ash in outdoor areas, document conditions, recommend cleanup actions, coordinate and communicate with residents during the cleanup process, assess parcels after cleanup, and recommend the parcel for sign-off by Unified Command representatives and residents.

**June 26, 2016**

Agencies Present: EPA, USCG, LACoFD, DPH, VFD, VPD, and LASD

Cleaning of residential yards and outdoor continued. A second round of indoor air sampling was initiated, and two residences were completed. Outdoor air monitoring continued.

ACAT conducted visual ash assessments on nine parcels today. All 17 parcels on the north side of 52nd Street have been assessed. In addition, ACAT completed walk-throughs of outdoor areas with residents/owners of six parcels. Outdoor cleanup operations were conducted at two additional parcels (for a total of three to date).

**June 27, 2016**

Agencies Present: EPA, USCG, LACoFD, DPH, VFD, VPD, and LASD

Secondary indoor sampling was conducted in 4 residences. Outdoor cleanup operation continued at 6 additional parcels (for a total of 10 to date). Several houses awaited final verification of outdoor cleanup activities. Outdoor air monitoring continued.

Unified Command and Supervisor Hilda Solis held a press conference to announce the opening of the Community Information Center (CIC) for residents and businesses affected by the fire. Public Health, USEPA, and HHMD provided an update on community health concerns; information about the incident background; and the assessment and cleanup of homes. The CIC will be open 7 days a week from 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., at the corner of Everett Ave. and E. 52nd St., in Maywood, CA. A total of 32 residents visited the CIC today.

**June 28, 2016**

Agencies Present: EPA, USCG, LACoFD, DPH, VFD, VPD, and LASD

Unified Command responders began the indoor cleanup of impacted residences. In addition, responders conducted secondary indoor sampling on 9 properties and outdoor cleanup operations at 4 additional parcels (for a total of 13 to date with 4 parcels remaining). Indoor cleaning was completed at 2 residences. Installation of the temporary fencing with dust protection was completed around the facility.

**June 29, 2016**

Agencies present: EPA, USCG, LACoFD, DPH, VFD, VPD, and LASD

Indoor and outdoor cleanup operations continued.

Unified Command and Supervisor Hilda Solis hosted a Community Resource Fair for residents of Maywood and surrounding communities affected by the Fruitland Magnesium Fire. Residents were able to spend as much time as needed at 19 exhibits and tables, exploring information on different topics, having face-to-face discussions with the experts, and gaining access to important resources.

Unified Command representatives met with Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard and gave her a response brief and walk-through of the site.