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Letter from Damon De Frates District Manager, El Sobrante Landfill

The El Sobrante Landfill has been the focus of various media coverage locally and nationally, but a recent visit by journalist Valentina Martelli brought the landfill onto the international stage. A Los Angeles-based reporter for an Italian television program, Valentina wanted to see how trash can be handled in a safe and environmentally friendly manner. The Italian city of Naples has been facing a trash crisis for almost a year and we are proud that our landfill could serve as a case study on which other countries can model their operations.

In addition to operating a state-of-the-art landfill, we also have a dedicated litter clean-up crew who looks after six miles of the I-15 freeway. In fact, this is our 12th year of sponsoring Caltrans' Adopt a Highway program. We took over the litter pick-up from a contractor last June and have since picked up more than 1600 bags of trash.

We would like you to meet Dave Hillyer, landfill supervisor at El Sobrante. Dave is also a Sergeant First Class with the Army Reserve and is preparing for his second tour of duty in Iraq.

As always, we are here to take you on a tour of our operations and answer any questions you may have. Please don't hesitate to contact me or Community Relations Manager Lily Quiroa.

Best,
Damon De Frates
District Manager
El Sobrante Landfill

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El Sobrante Landfill Debuts on Italian Television

Last month, Italian television correspondent Valentina Martelli visited El Sobrante Landfill to produce a segment on how Americans handle trash.

Waste disposal has long been a problem in southern Italy, particularly in the province of Naples where 60,000 tons of waste have accumulated on the streets since May 2007. The waste crisis hit a low point in December when all refuse collection stopped as landfills reached maximum capacity, leaving the residents with no choice but to throw trash onto the streets. In some areas, locals resorted to burning the refuse to remove it.

RAI, the Italian nationally owned network, was interested in showcasing an effectively managed American landfill to demonstrate to the Italian citizens how waste can be managed in a safe and environmentally-friendly manner. Los Angeles-based reporter Valentina interviewed us to learn about the stringent regulations El Sobrante meets to maintain its waste permit. We described the cutting-edge technology El Sobrante uses to convert the gas generated by the decomposition of waste into electricity and the state-of-the-art landfill liner system designed to protect the ground water and the surrounding environment.



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Landfill Supervisor Returns for Tour of Duty in Iraq

Landfill supervisor and Army Reserve Sergeant First Class Dave Hillyer is leaving shortly for a second tour of duty in Iraq. Dave joined El Sobrante in 2001 — shortly after serving 14-and-a-half years on active duty — and has been in the Army Reserves since then.

From 2003 to 2004, Dave was deployed for a 15-month tour of duty with the 1498th Transportation Company, as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The unit helped move equipment and supplies from ports to areas of operation all over Iraq and played a crucial role in supporting Coalition forces. While in Iraq, Dave witnessed many life-changing events for the Iraqi people. He observed Iraqi women voting for the first time. He also helped improve the quality of life for many of the Iraqi people by assisting with the opening of new schools, transporting donated supplies into towns and, removing artillery, ammunition and heavy equipment left by Iraqi forces in various towns.

Dave's wife, Kathy, and one-year-old daughter Madeleine Grace will stay behind in the Inland Empire. Although he will be far from home, Dave is grateful for the support Waste Management has provided to him and his family and knows that his family will be looked after in his absence. We'll certainly miss him and wish him the best of luck.





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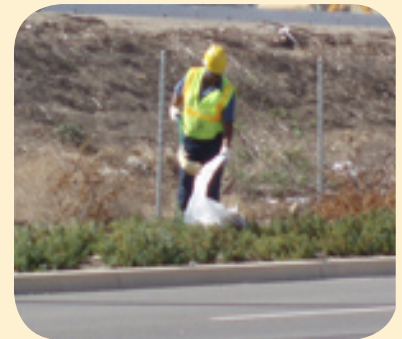
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Litter Crew Keeps Temescal Valley Clean

This will be our 12th year sponsoring Caltrans' Adopt-A-Highway program. We have been responsible for six miles of the I-15 freeway, starting on the southbound side at Ontario Avenue and ending right before the Temescal Canyon Road exit and starting on the northbound side at Temescal Canyon road, and ending right before Cajalco Avenue.



In June 2007, we terminated our contract with the Adopt-A-Highway contractor responsible for our portion of the freeway and took on the litter clean-up task ourselves. We created our own clean-up crew of eight workers and started to pick up litter on our adopted miles twice a month. In January we increased the budget for this project and our litter crew has since been cleaning the freeway on a weekly basis. Since then we have picked up in excess of 1600 bags of trash and committed more than 1200 hours of manual labor to this task. This has resulted in a noticeable improvement along the miles we have adopted.

Other significant efforts also are devoted to keeping the area near the landfill clean. For example, every week, a litter patrol cleans Temescal Canyon Road from the I-15 freeway underpass and continuing to Weirick Road. Our litter patrol also cleans the area around Dawson Canyon Road leading to the landfill.

We want to do our part in keeping our neighborhood — as well as the landfill perimeter — litter-free. If you have any feedback or concerns about our litter management program, please contact Lily Quiroa.