



Fruitland Magnesium Fire Incident

June 28, 2016

Business Community Site Update

In response to the Fruitland Magnesium Fire Incident in Maywood on June 14, 2016 the Unified Command (UC) has been conducting air and soil sampling throughout the vicinity.

For businesses in the area, unless your building has been red tagged, it is safe to operate your business in a normal manner. To date, only one evacuated business adjacent to the site has been red tagged.

Electricity has been restored to the area; however, communication utilities (phone, internet & cable) may not be working for some neighboring businesses. The fire damaged utility lines and infrastructure, and the UC is coordinating to provide communication utility technician's safe access to evaluate and repair damaged utility poles.

Fruitland Ave. between Everett Ave. and Maywood Ave. remains closed to traffic. Response support, and initial evaluation and subsequent removal actions at the burned facility require the street to be closed. The UC will provide additional information on street reopening when it is available.

Unified Command appreciates the patience and cooperation of area business during cleanup operations. For additional information, please visit: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/fire> or contact 211.

Real-time particulate monitors were placed upwind and downwind of the burned facility during the fire. During the fire, downwind particulate monitors exceeded safe levels. However, after extinguishing the fire, particulate levels were below federal occupational health (OSHA and NIOSH) guidance levels.

Debris evaluation and removal continues. There are also two daily air monitoring locations upwind and downwind of the burned facility to protect residents and businesses.

Site History

On June 14, 2016, a fire started in Maywood, CA. The fire burned Panda International Trading located at 3570 Fruitland Avenue. Fruitland Avenue is a commercial/light manufacturing district and directly bordering the south of the site is a residential neighborhood. The facility holds businesses, Panda International Trading (PIT) and Sokor Metals. PIT is a scrap metal yard that send scrap metal out in bulk for recovery and Sokor Metals is a precious metals recovery operation that recovers precious metals from electronic circuit boards and other electronics. The Unified Command is the US Environmental Protection Agency, the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health, and the Los Angeles County Fire Department.