

PUBLIC NOTICE OF UPCOMING SOIL VAPOR SAMPLING IN THE CITY OF LOMITA

On Saturday, November 28th, 2020, Lomita residents can expect to see representatives from Genesis Engineering performing soil vapor sampling at varying points throughout the city. This is a second round of sampling in order to confirm previous findings related to the presence of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) underground.

Timing and Locations

These sampling activities on November 28 will take place primarily on public right of ways to include mostly streets in addition to some sidewalks, and every effort will be made to minimize any inconvenience. The entirety of the sampling is estimated to take place over eight to nine hours and be completed on the 28th.

Areas where sampling will take place are: Between Cypress Street to the east, Crenshaw Boulevard to the west, 246th Street to the north, and 250th Street to the south. At no time should residents expect any commercial or residential driveways to be blocked.

What You Will See

Members of the public can expect to see Genesis Engineering staff sampling from previously-installed soil vapor probe locations. Some traffic control signs and cones may be seen to alert vehicle traffic where needed.

Field tests will be conducted on site by Genesis staff in a mobile lab which will also be present during the course of the day. Genesis staff will also be seen in trucks overseeing the work of the mobile lab subcontractor.

More Information

Previous sampling revealed data which has shown that contamination is present beneath the Torrance industrial area, however it has not impacted Lomita's drinking water supply.

While the presence of VOCs has been detected in the soil vapor east of Crenshaw Boulevard, the data indicate that the exact source of contamination is not yet known; it may be coming from multiple locations and with responsible parties yet to be named.

For more information please visit the Skypark/Crenshaw Environmental Task Force website at <https://www.scetaskforce.com>.