

To: Glendale City Council

The City of Glendale's EIR for the Scholl Canyon Landfill (*Scholl Canyon Landfill EIR/Draft EIR, March 2014*) should not be approved because of an incomplete analysis of the geology of the site and surroundings of the landfill. The 2014 EIR is seriously flawed based on the following:

I. Water Quality and Monitoring

i. There are over 200 compounds of "concern" reported in the 2014 Draft EIR:

Table 3 Scholl Canyon Landfill Constituents of Concern		Table 3 Scholl Canyon Landfill Constituents of Concern	
Field Parameters	Iron	Dichlorodifluoromethane	Disulfoton
Turbidity (Field)	Lead	Dibromochloromethane	Endosulfan I
General Parameters	Mercury	Dibromomethane	Endosulfan II
Boron	Nickel	Ethylbenzene	Endosulfan sulfate
Conductivity	Selenium	Ethyl methacrylate	Endrin
Cyanide, Total	Silver	Ethyl alcohol	Endrin aldehyde
Fluoride	Thallium	1,3-Dichlorobenzene	Parathion
MHRS	Vanadium	m-p-Xylenes	gamma-BHC (Lindane)
Nitrite as Nitrogen	Zinc	Methacrylonitrile	Heptachlor
pH		Methyl ethyl ketone (MEK)	Heptachlor epoxide (Isomer B)
Total Alkalinity		Methyl iodide	Methoxychlor
Residue, Filterable (TDS)	Volatile Organic Compounds	Methyl Isobutyl Ketone (MIHK)	Methyl parathion
Total Hardness as CaCO3	1,1,1,2-Tetrachloroethane	Methyl methacrylate	Phorate
Anions	1,1,1-Trichloroethane	Methylene Chloride	Technical Chlorane
Bicarbonate Alkalinity	1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	o-Xylene	Thionazam (Zinophos)
Carbonate Alkalinity	1,1,2-Trichloroethane	Propionitrile	Toxaphene
Chloride	1,1-Dichloroethane	Styrene	
Hydroxide Alkalinity	1,1-Dichloroethene	Tetrachloroethene	Semi-volatile Organic Compounds
Nitrite as Nitrogen	1,1-Dichloropropene	trans-1,4-Dichloro-2-butene	0,0-Dimethylphosphorothioate
Sulfate	1,2,3-Trichloropropane	trans-1,2-Dichloroethene	1,2,4,5-Tetrachlorobenzene
Sulfide	1,2-Dibromoethane	Trichloroethene	1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene
Cations	1,2-Dichlorobenzene	Trichlorofluoromethane	1,4-Naphthoquinone
Calcium Hardness as CaCO3	1,2-Dichloroethane	Vinyl Acetate	1-Naphthylamine
Hexavalent Chromium (dissolved)	1,3-Dichloropropane	Vinyl Chloride	2,3,4,6-Tetrachlorophenol
Iron	1,4-Dichlorobenzene		2,3,7,8-TCDF
Magnesium Hardness as CaCO3	2,2-Dichloropropane	Pesticides	2,4,5-Trichlorophenol
Potassium	2-Hexanone	2,4,5-T	2,4-Dichlorophenol
Sodium	Acetone	2,4,5-TP (Silvex)	2,4-Dimethylphenol
Organics	Acetonitrile	2,4-D	2,4-Dinitrophenol
Oil and Grease	Acrolein	p,p-DDD	2,4-Dinitrotoluene
BOD	Acrylonitrile	p,p-DDF	2,6-Dichlorophenol
COD	Allyl Chloride	p,p-DDT	2,6-Dinitrotoluene
Total Organic Carbon	Benzene	Aldrin	2-Acetylaminofluorene
Total Organic Halogens	Bromochloromethane	alpha-BHC	2-Chloronaphthalene
	Bromodichloromethane	Aroclor 1016	2-Chlorophenol
	Bromoforn	Aroclor 1221	4,6-Dinitro-2-methylphenol
	Bromomethane	Aroclor 1232	2-Methylnaphthalene
	Carbon Disulfide	Aroclor 1242	2-Naphthylamine
	Carbon Tetrachloride	Aroclor 1248	3,3-Dichlorobenzidine
	Chlorobenzene	Aroclor 1254	3,3-Dimethylbenzidine
	Chloroethane	Aroclor 1260	3-Methylolathrene
	Chloroform	beta-BHC	4-Aminobiphenyl
	Chloromethane	delta-BHC	4-Bromophenyl phenyl ether
	Chloroprene	Dieldrin	4-Chloro-3-methylphenol
	cis-1,2-Dichloroethene	Dimethoate	4-Chlorophenyl phenyl ether
	cis-1,3-Dichloropropene	Dinoseb	5-Nitro-6-toluidine
			7,12-Dimethylbenz(a)anthracene
			a,a-Dimethylphenethylamine
			N-Nitrosodimethylamine
			N-Nitrosodiphenylamine
			N-Nitrosoethylethylamine
			N-Nitrosopiperidine
			Nitrobenzene
			Nitrobenzidine
			o-Cresol
			2-Nitroaniline
			2-Nitrophenol
			o-Toluidine
			p-Dimethylaminoazobenzene
			4-Chloroaniline
			4-Nitroaniline
			4-Nitrophenol
			p-Phenylenediamine
			Chlorobenzilate
			Chrysene
			Di-n-butyl phthalate
			Di-n-octyl phthalate
			Diallate (Avalex)
			Dibenz(a,h)anthracene
			Dibenzofuran
			Diethyl phthalate
			Dimethyl phthalate
			Diphenylamine
			Ethyl methanesulfonate
			Famphur
			Fluoranthene
			Fluorene
			Hexachlorobenzene
			Hexachlorobutadiene
			Hexachlorocyclopentadiene
			Hexachloroethane
			Hexachloropropene
			Indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene
			Isodrin
			Isophorone
			Isosafrole
			Kepon
			m,p-Cresol
			1,3-Dinitrobenzene
			3-Nitroaniline
			Methapyrene
			Methyl methanesulfonate
			N-Nitrosodi-n-butylamine
			N-Nitroso-n-propylamine
			N-Nitrosodimethylamine

Landfill. See section 2.3.2 Bedrock Units TBR 2003 SECGR).

2.3.2 Bedrock Units

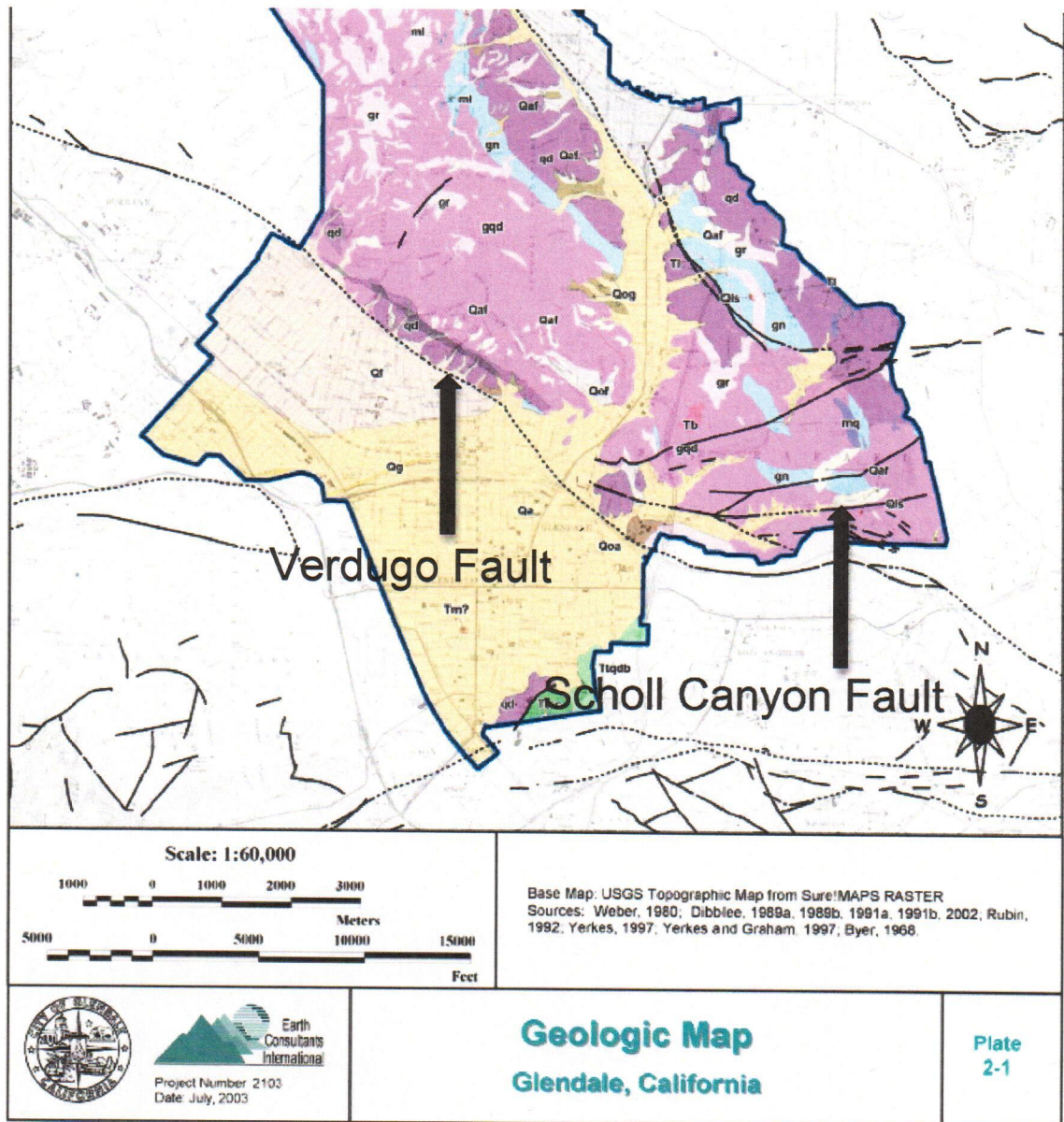
Within Glendale, areas of high relief are underlain primarily by a complex assemblage of crystalline rocks created from multiple episodes of igneous intrusion and metamorphism deep within the Earth's crust. This association represents a long history of such events, and includes some of the oldest rocks (dating back to the Precambrian age) in southern California. The contacts between rock types are approximate and somewhat variable in geologic maps published over the years, reflecting the difficulty of mapping in rugged, brush-covered terrain, as well as identifying rock types that are highly shattered, sheared, and crushed. Many map units include more than one rock type, and the predominant rock type has typically been used to characterize the unit. One unit, the leucocratic granodiorite, occurs as dikes and irregular-shaped lenses intruding into the various different units southwest of the South Branch of the San Gabriel fault. The youngest bedrock unit consists of sedimentary rock formed from deep marine deposits that encroached onto the area where Glendale is now located prior to uplift of the present Verdugo and San Gabriel Mountains.

(b). No impermeable membrane/barrier was installed beneath the landfill as required by the Environmental Protection Agency. "Modern landfill design incorporates liners constructed of soil (i.e., re-compacted clay), or synthetics (i.e., high density polyethylene), or both to provide an impermeable barrier to leachate (i.e., water that has passed through the landfill) and gas migration from the landfill" (EPA, 1998).

3.3.7.1 Liquids Management section of the 2014 EIR states that: "The SCLF (Scholl Canyon Landfill) was developed and the extent of refuse placement was established prior to Subtitle D regulations requiring installation of a composite liner at the bottom of the landfill. Although the site does not have a composite liner, **the existing natural liner of bedrock**, the subsurface barrier at the mouth of the canyon, and the groundwater monitoring and extraction systems collectively provide an equivalent level of protection".

The 2003 SECGR clearly states that the bedrock is "highly shattered, sheared, and crushed". The substances of concern are simply flowing beneath the subsurface barrier at the mouth of the canyon through the fractured bedrock—confirmation of this is provided in Table 2 of the 2014 EIR (above).

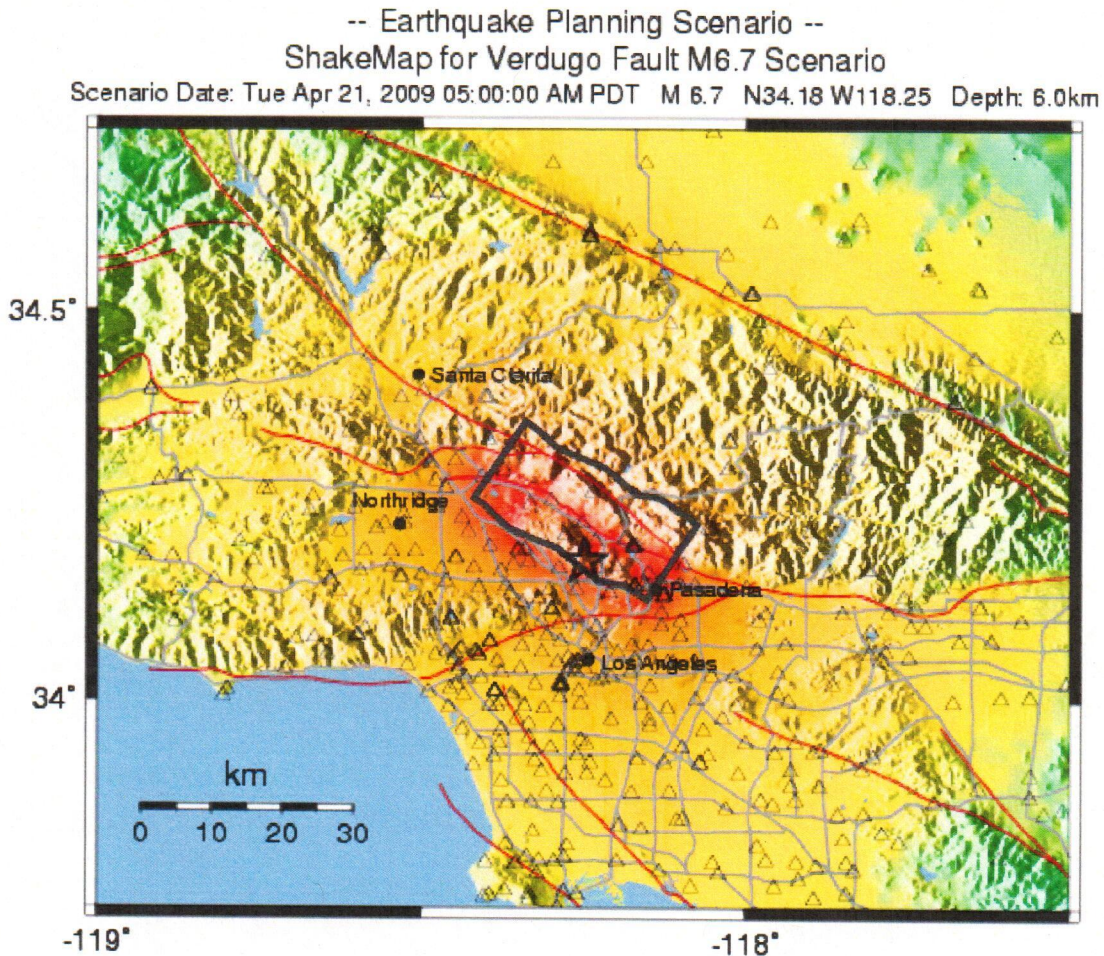
(c) A geologic map in the 2003 SECGR provides evidence of another gateway for contaminated groundwater to flow westward past and beneath the western barrier of the landfill. The fractured bedrock along the fault plane of the Scholl Canyon fault (below, first named in the 2003 SECGR), is perpendicular to the western barrier and along the former westward trend of Glenoaks Canyon. The fault plane provides a pathway for contaminated groundwater to flow westward to Glendale's water wells.



II Geology

The Verdugo fault, with an earthquake capability of Magnitude 6.7 or from 6.0 to 6.7 (Southern California Earthquake Center [SCEC]) is present along the 134 Freeway and less than 1 mile south of the two western barriers (concrete, faced with volcanic ash) located at the landfill. According to SCEC, there will be strong to violent shaking in the epicenter area during an earthquake (see below). The death toll can be between none and 25,000. An earthquake of 6.0 to 6.7 can easily rupture the barriers in the landfill, allowing westward flow of contaminants in the landfill. The extraction wells east of the barriers cannot and do not remove all of the pollutants, and these barriers weren't mandated and installed until after approximately 20 years of rubbish and chemicals had been dumped at the site of the landfill.

The active San Andreas fault (northeast corner of the map below) with a magnitude of 7.8 earthquake capability, the San Gabriel fault with a M 6.7 or higher earthquake capability north of La Canada, and the Santa Monica-Hollywood-Raymond fault with a 6.7 magnitude capability just south of the landfill, and near near Broadway, are all capable of generating ground movement during an earthquake that could rupture any barriers at the landfill.



The 2014 EIR does not consider or adequately consider the earthquake capabilities of these faults that could rupture the barriers and release contaminants into the groundwater and Glendale's water wells.

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