

# Statement from the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts Regarding Clearwater Tunnel Incident

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Last night at approximately 7:45PM, an incident occurred during construction of the Clearwater Tunnel in Carson. The Clearwater Tunnel shaft site and point of access is located on property owned by the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts, adjacent to our A.K. Warren Water Resource Facility. This facility receives and treats wastewater from approximately 3.5 million county residents. A portion of the tunnel collapsed at approximately the 5-mile mark. All 31 workers inside at the time were able to safely exit the tunnel and be lifted from the shaft entrance where some were evaluated and treated for minor injuries. All workers were recovered safely. Emergency response teams from the Los Angeles Fire Department, including Urban Search and Rescue units, responded immediately and assisted construction crews onsite with successful rescue operations.

We are very pleased and relieved that all tunnel workers were brought safely back to the surface. We deeply appreciate all first responder agencies for their swift and professional efforts. No major injuries have been reported at this time.

The Clearwater Tunnel is still under construction and was not expected to enter service for several more years. It is designed to carry treated effluent, not sewage, and there is no risk to the environment. The project is being constructed by Flatiron West and Dragados USA, operating as a joint venture under contract with the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts. We are working directly with the contractors to conduct a full investigation of the cause of this incident. The investigation will look at the safety, engineering and structural integrity of the tunnel and has already begun. Clearwater Tunnel operations have been halted while this investigation takes place and there is no timeframe for how long the process will take.

Safety remains the highest priority of the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts. We will continue to coordinate with all relevant agencies and provide updates as they become available.

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