

# Los Angeles Wildfires

## Phase 1: Hazardous Material Removal

### Staging Materials Safely at Topanga Canyon Blvd.



EPA will use staging areas to temporarily sort and package hazardous materials from properties affected by the Eaton and Palisade Fires.

The staging area used for the **Palisades Fire** is called the Topanga staging area. The property is owned by the California State Parks. It will be secured and partially-illuminated seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

The area— located at the intersection of Pacific Coast Highway and Topanga Canyon Blvd. —is:

- highly-controlled with fences and
- limited to EPA staff, EPA contractors and partner agencies only.



*Photo of the Palisades staging area under construction.*

Hazardous materials collected and packaged from properties will be brought into the staging area daily. Once there, materials will be:

- separated into waste streams,
- packaged for safe shipment and
- transported from the property for safe disposal.

**EPA will safely move materials on-and-off the site on routes that will minimize disturbances.**

**EPA will ensure hazardous materials are stored and packaged safely. We will ensure the area will be left as we found it.**

- We pre-sampled the staging area before work started to know what it was like before we got there.
- All areas of the staging area are highly-controlled. **No hazardous materials will ever touch the ground at our staging area.**
  - Areas where we will process materials are:

- lined with plastic and
- spill control measures—including wattles, booms, earthen berms, gravel and other items—are in place to prevent anything leaving the processing area.
- o Around the entire staging area:
  - continuous perimeter air monitoring (24/7) will be done and
  - a water truck will suppress dust in the morning, lunchtime and evening to reduce visible dust emissions.
- We will sample the staging area after using it to verify we did not create a negative impact.

**All transportation is planned by EPA to ensure hazardous materials are highly-contained and that we maximum safety while minimizing environmental risk.**

- Our protocols strictly adhere to Department of Transportation shipping regulations.
- We will use required specialized containment methods to prevent any material dispersal during transit.



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