



The L&R Group, LLC

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PRESS RELEASE

Source of Unidentified Odor in Kuna

L&R is a non-hazardous soil and wastewater treatment and recycling facility located at 1100 W Thompson Rd, Kuna ID. We have been in operation since 2004.

We have been contacted by the city of Kuna and Intermountain Gas concerning an unpleasant odor that was recently experienced by some in the Kuna ID area. We have had a third-party tester at our facility to determine if we are the cause of that odor. These tests have been inconclusive.

While our facility does produce odors under certain conditions, we have never had any complaints of smell outside a two-mile radius of our facility. Based on historical information it is unlikely that the smell at our facility is traveling as much as twenty miles, as reported by some.

Several weeks ago, L&R took two of its solar distillation ponds offline in order to complete DEQ required leak testing. This is a standard process that is done once every 10 years. During this period no product can be added or removed, and no treatment can be conducted. L&R has completed these tests and has begun treatment on these ponds.

Due to the unusually hot conditions encountered in the Treasure Valley recently, numerous wastewater treatment facilities in the area are experiencing bacterial “blooms” that contribute to odor reports. L&R is making every attempt to maintain and treat its wastewater in accordance with its DEQ approved odor management plan.

While L&R does not believe that it is the only source of the odor in Kuna, we have taken the following corrective actions:

- All ponds have been treated with chlorine to disinfect and eliminate odors.
- We are working with our engineers and consultants to mitigate any odors that may leave our facility as instructed in our odor management plan.

L&R employs over 30 people in the local community and has a spotless record with the EPA and the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality. We live here and care about our community. The wastewater we recycle at our facility comes from businesses you visit every day, like grocery stores, restaurants, carwashes, and parking lots. For over 14 years our facility has provided a place to manage these wastewaters in an environmentally responsible manner. We appreciate our community and our customers and will continue to mitigate any unintended impact we may be having on our community and neighbors. Please report any odors to info@thelandrgroup.com.

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