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HEADLINE: TRASH FIRM TAKES MEASURES TO STOP STINKING, CURB DUST

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SUN VALLEY - A waste processing and transfer facility will enclose its concrete, construction debris, wood waste and soil sorting operation to control dust and odors as part of a settlement announced Thursday by the City Attorney's Office.

The tidy building housing American Waste Industries' Pendleton Avenue garbage operation is expected to be a model and the standard for other Sun Valley waste operators, officials said.

"We want the message to go out to these guys. This is what these facilities are going to start to look like in Sun Valley, not these open-air trash pits," said **Gideon Kracov**, a deputy city attorney working with the City Attorney's Office's environmental justice initiative.

The City Attorney's Office sued American Waste Industries, alleging unfair business practices. The company was receiving and sorting household trash in the open air without a permit, had a rodent infestation and was creating an odor and noise nuisance to neighbors.

As part of the settlement, the company agreed to apply for a permit and enclose its waste-sorting operation to cut odors and dust. The company will also install solar power, construct a special installation system for workers and post a 24-hour community complaint hotline.

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