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From: Detterman, Mark, Env. Health
Sent: Monday, November 29, 2010 4:47 PM
To: 'Markus Niebanck'
Subject: RE: Wareham Projects (RO2621 and RO201)

Hi Markus,

Thanks for your thoughts; they largely mirror mine. I don't think either site is significantly difficult, but have presumed the meetings have been set up as a forum for Wareham to discharge that frustration. Like you, I sympathize with Wareham on the slowness of responses; unfortunately most of the recent ones have been imposed by contract (SWRCB). I expect that the meeting will allow communication to move forward for the Hydraulic Electric site, and on the 5885 Hollis site, I already had a draft response letter before this meeting was setup; it comments on the recent SWI and on the WP you referenced. It should be out this week(?) so hope that will help move that forward, or at least be a source of further discussions for the meeting! There is also a draft letter ready for the Tosco site that sites to the immediate south of 5885 Hollis that I hope to get out as those two investigations are somewhat intertwined.

Otherwise, I'm not sure what you might be able to do before the meetings. We'll see you then!

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Hi Mark. I hope this finds you well after a pleasant Thanksgiving.

We'll be visiting yet again in a week, this time on the Wareham Emeryville projects. I will be there only to lend a hand as a representative of a concerned City.

In conversations with the project proponent I think I've made some headway explaining the root causes for some of the events that give him the frustrations. I appreciate the position of ACEH in these cases; at the same time I can sympathize with him. He's no expert in the matter and can only draw his conclusions based upon the reports he receives from his service provider. I've read the record and think I have a pretty good understanding as to how things have not gone perfectly.

But what has brought us to this point is less important than the direction headed from here. You may have already described to the consultant your sense of the work that preceded your arrival and what must be done to bring the sites to an appropriate conclusion; if you did I'm not certain this was accurately conveyed to Wareham.

The former Hydraulic Electro site is clearly the more pressing of the two, as all work was stopped after the discovery of the second tank. Its unpaved state (with two deep holes) makes it unsafe for a variety of reasons. From my admittedly

removed perspective it would seem that whatever lingering questions remain to be answered (even if they're "if this then this" kind of answers) can be easily addressed at our meeting. This isn't a complicated site.

The 5885 Hollis site has a longer history and as a consequence is a little more involved, but still seems pretty straightforward. The most recent document or correspondence I see in the on-line file is the T & R workplan from July 12, 2010.

Is there anything I can do ahead of these meetings to lay groundwork for a productive get-together? Let me know and I'll set to it. If there isn't, that's certainly OK too. I'll just see you in a week.

Many thanks.

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