

## Detterman, Mark, Env. Health

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**From:** Detterman, Mark, Env. Health  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 05, 2009 9:09 AM  
**To:** 'Berg, Michael E'  
**Subject:** RE: Novartis / Chiron / Rifkin (RO237)

Michael,

Here's another link to the state Geotracker database. You can go to - [http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/ust/electronic\\_submittal/index.shtml](http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/ust/electronic_submittal/index.shtml) and open the "Beginner's Guide" under "Getting Started", or just call the toll free number in the upper right corner and the Help Desk can walk you through the process. Since I've not claimed a site, I don't know exactly how it's done; so the Help Desk may be your best bet?

I don't recall if I mentioned the county database of PDF report copies, but see the link below my contact info. There are PDF copies of available reports for all sites including yours. Likely you'll need to temporarily allow pop ups. Don't use the map that will eventually appear. Use the "search" tab at the top of the blue column on the right, then use the following drop down menus: "LOP Document Search" and "Record ID - RO Number". Then type in the last significant digits of your case number (RO 237 for your site). Most likely a number of cases will pop up, but you can see what we have available. It does look like there is a closure summary report (SITE\_SUM\_R...), but it does not look there is anything after that in response from the County. If you have further documents (or I missed one), it would be helpful to obtain copies of those to understand where this sits. It would be great to get the site claimed (and if no work has been done since I think July 2005 (it's in the letter), no reports need to be uploaded - so minimal effort).

The recent State Water Board resolution (Resolution 2009-0042) which attempts to reduce out going expenses associated with the UST Reimbursement Fund by reducing the monitoring interval, which was the other letter you should have received, also mandates that all agencies must review all cases on Geotracker over the next year. Most agencies are attempting to do this in a quicker fashion; however, that requirement is now our primary focus and full technical review of sites must be delayed until that is done. For me with an entirely new case load that may mean I'll need to do a technical review to understand a site, but for "nearly closed" sites like this might be, it will take some time until I can get to them. We need to first prioritize the sites with health risk or sites under active development where current funding actually is present (generally low income, senior housing, or the like, partly as part of stimulus funds).

Should you have questions, let me know.

Best,

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**From:** Berg, Michael E [mailto:michael-1.berg@novartis.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 05, 2009 8:27 AM  
**To:** Detterman, Mark, Env. Health  
**Subject:** Novartis / Chiron / Rifkin

Hello Mark,

Thanks for returning my call. From what I hear, I understand that you are probably swamped with these calls right now. In the short term, I want to be sure I can "claim" the site without issue; however, I can not find the appropriate link/process on the GeoTracker website. Can you point me in the right direction in terms of claiming the site?

Once I claim the sites, I want to review the 1997 Closure Report that was submitted to the County and discuss next steps.

Thanks

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**From:** Detterman, Mark, Env. Health  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 05, 2009 2:29 PM  
**To:** 'Berg, Michael E'  
**Subject:** RE: Global ID T0600101139 (RO237)

Yes in deed the NOV is rescinded. There shouldn't be a problem as the site won't appear when the next download of unclaimed sites is done next week. Thankfully there are fewer and fewer now. I've also just updated Geotracker for the site, but I'm not sure it is apparent on the public side.

But I do appreciate your concern!

Thanks again.

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**From:** Berg, Michael E [mailto:michael-1.berg@novartis.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 05, 2009 1:52 PM  
**To:** Detterman, Mark, Env. Health  
**Subject:** RE: Global ID T0600101139 (RO237)

Mark,

Thanks for the quick reply, so just to be clear, the NOV is now rescinded.

Michael

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**From:** Detterman, Mark, Env. Health [mailto:Mark.Detterman@acgov.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 05, 2009 1:51 PM  
**To:** Berg, Michael E  
**Subject:** RE: Global ID T0600101139 (RO237)

Michael,

Thanks very much; it does make the process go more smoothly! I'll place a copy of this email in the electronic files to further document the case has been claimed.

Best,

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**From:** Berg, Michael E [mailto:michael-1.berg@novartis.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 05, 2009 1:36 PM  
**To:** Detterman, Mark, Env. Health  
**Subject:** FW: Global ID T0600101139

Hello Mark,

Please read the below message from the GeoTracker system.

I would like to confirm that Novartis Corporation has met the obligations outlined in the July 24, 2009 Notice of Violation letter for Fuel Leak Case No. RO0000237 and GeoTracker Global ID T0600101139.

As we discussed, once the site claim issue is resolved, I would like to move on to developing a strategy to accept the 1997 closure report and determine next steps for any outstanding items.

Thank you for your assistance.

Michael Berg

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**From:** GeoTracker [mailto:Geotracker@waterboards.ca.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 05, 2009 10:35 AM  
**To:** Berg, Michael E  
**Subject:** Re: Global ID T0600101139

Michael,  
Your request has been approved and the site has moved from your "Pending Facilities" to your "Associated Facilities" and you have successfully "claimed" your site.

If you need further assistance please call me at 866-480-1028.

Note that I will be out of the office tomorrow (Thursday) so if you need assistance Thursday and don't want to wait until Monday, please call Hamid Foolad at 916-341-5791. Friday is a state "furlough" day so our entire office will be closed Friday. I will be back in the office on Monday.

Brian  
Geotracker Help Desk

>>> "Berg, Michael E" <[michael-1.berg@novartis.com](mailto:michael-1.berg@novartis.com)> 8/5/2009 9:44 AM >>>  
Hello,

I recently received a NOV for not claiming a Fuel Leak Case in the Geotracker system. I have attempted to claim the case but am having problems with the website (the tabs do not seem to work). I have added the site under Facility Management, and it is currently a Pending Facility, but I am not sure if that brings me into compliance with the NOV.

I left a message on the toll-free number and hope for a call-back today so I can resolve this issue.

Thank you in advance for the help.

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