

Wickham, Jerry, Env. Health

From: Wickham, Jerry, Env. Health
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2015 4:38 PM
To: 'Cook, Brigitte'; Michael J Taffet
Cc: Roe, Dilan, Env. Health; BRiddell@pangeaenv.com
Subject: RO433 Shell Station 1230 14th Street Oakland

Ms. Cook,

I inspected the site at 1230 14th Street in Oakland this afternoon after our telephone call. The excavation has been backfilled with imported base rock. No contaminated soils are exposed at the surface and all contaminated soils have been removed from the site for landfill disposal. I did not observe an odor during my inspection of the site. However, a tractor with a diesel engine was operating at the site, compacting the base rock in upper portion of the backfill material. It is possible that emissions from the tractor may have caused an odor to be observed. However, the emissions from the tractor are not expected to pose a hazard to nearby residents. Based on my discussion with the construction manager, compaction of the base rock and operation of the tractor is expected to be completed by the end of the day today.

It is not clear if future excavation will be necessary at the site. It is possible that additional excavation may be necessary in particular if the on-site building is proposed for demolition. If additional excavation is necessary, the following steps may be taken to mitigate concerns regarding future excavation at the site;

- 1) Alameda County Environmental Health (ACEH) will require 30 days notice to surrounding residents of any excavation work approved by ACEH.
- 2) We will review the proposed procedures for monitoring and mitigating nuisance odor and dust.
- 3) ACEH will conduct a minimum of one site inspection during any future excavation to evaluate dust and odor impacts to off-site residents.

Regards,
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From: Cook, Brigitte [mailto:BCook@oaklandnet.com]
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2015 2:34 PM
To: Michael J Taffet <mjtaffet@gmail.com>; Wickham, Jerry, Env. Health <jerry.wickham@acgov.org>
Subject: RE: Shell Station

I spoke with the owner of the day care center and work is still going on today and she says the odor is still strong around the building. I will call Jerry for more info.

Brigitte Cook, Community Liaison

From: Michael J Taffet [<mailto:mjtaffet@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2015 2:08 PM
To: Wickham, Jerry, Env. Health
Cc: Cook, Brigitte
Subject: RE: Shell Station

Jerry-Thanks for checking with the consultant. The complaint may have been received by Brigitte Cook last week. Michael

Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy S® 6.

----- Original message -----

From: "Wickham, Jerry, Env. Health" <jerry.wickham@acgov.org>
Date: 11/30/2015 1:53 PM (GMT-08:00)
To: "Michael J. Taffet" <mjtaffet@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Shell Station

Michael,

I spoke to the consultant regarding this site and was told that the excavation was backfilled last week.

Regards,

Jerry Wickham

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From: Michael J. Taffet [<mailto:mjtaffet@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2015 1:03 PM
To: Cook, Brigitte <BCook@oaklandnet.com>
Cc: Labayog, Edward <ELabayog@oaklandnet.com>; Deloach Reed, Teresa <TDeLoachReed@oaklandnet.com>; DeVries, Joe <JDeVries@oaklandnet.com>; nancyharveyadvocate@gmail.com; Ray, Cliff <CRay@oaklandnet.com>; Wickham, Jerry, Env. Health <jerry.wickham@acgov.org>
Subject: Re: Shell Station

Hello Brigitte, Chief Reed, Edward, Joe, Nancy, and Cliff-

The excavation at the old Shell station at 14th and Union Streets is being performed under the regulatory authority of the Alameda County Department of Environmental Health (ACDEH). I just spoke to the responsible regulator at ACDEH, Jerry Wickham, and he anticipates a call to respond to this neighbor query. He has always been communicative and responsive to my questions on this site.

Jerry Wickham's direct number is 510 567 6791. I have also cc'd him on this email thread.

I will take a look at the site when I get home from work.

Thanks, Michael

On Mon, Nov 30, 2015 at 12:33 PM, Cook, Brigitte <BCook@oaklandnet.com> wrote:

Hi Chief Reed,

Who should I contact regarding a resident complaint about work at a contaminated gas station? The residents stated that due to the strong odors from the site, that they contacted the Fire Department, but work was allowed to continue. What are the requirements for cleaning a site like this and if the smell is too strong should the residents contact Fire or BAAQMD?

Brigitte Cook, Community Liaison

From: Labayog, Edward
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2015 12:30 PM
To: Cook, Brigitte
Cc: DeVries, Joe; Michael J. Taffet (mjtaffet@gmail.com); nancyharveyadvocate@gmail.com; Ray, Cliff
Subject: RE: Shell Station

There is a grading permit (see below) and it had been inspected by Cliff Ray. I'm not sure if notification was required.

Cliff,

Can you respond?

You can refer the hazardous materials/chemicals to the Fire Department (Hazmat). I'm not sure who is in that unit.

Edward J. Labayog

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Inspection Type	Inspection Date	Inspector	Status	Comments
<u>GR52 - SP INSPECT REPORT</u>	11/20/2015	Cliff Ray	Partial	INSP CORR'S- CONTR SEDIMEN...
<u>GR52 - SP INSPECT REPORT</u>	11/19/2015	Cliff Ray	Partial	CONTR OFF HAULING CONTAMINATED SOI..

File Date: [08/26/2015](#)

Application Status: [Permit Issued](#)

Application Type: [Grading \(Private\)](#)

Address: [1230 14TH ST](#)

Owner Name: [SABERI ANDY & ZAIDA TRS](#)

Owner Address: [1045 AIRPORT BLVD, SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 940801811](#)

Parcel No: [005 037701901](#)

Contact Info:

Name	Organization Name	Contact Type	Relationship
SUSTAINABLE TEC...	SUSTAINABLE TEC...	Applicant	Contractor-Em

Licensed Professionals Info:

Primary	License Number	License Type	Name	Business M
	772329	Contractor		SUSTAINA TEC...

Description of Work: [Grade site to remove contaminated soil.](#)

From: Cook, Brigitte
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2015 12:13 PM
To: Labayog, Edward
Cc: DeVries, Joe; Michael J. Taffet (mjtaffet@gmail.com); nancyharveyadvocate@gmail.com
Subject: Shell Station

I received a complaint that the owner of the Shell Station at 1230 14th Street is conducting work at the site without notifying the community. The smell of gas is extremely strong in the immediate vicinity and the workers are wearing protective gear. All of this is taking place adjacent to Lil Nancy's day care center, Lincoln Child Center and several homes but none of them received notices that this work would be taking place.

Was a permit issued for work at this site? If so, what is it for and what is the duration. What were the resident notification requirements and did the contractor and/or owner provide any proof that the notification was done? What type of toxins or chemicals could potentially become airborne during this process and what mitigations are being used to avoid contaminating the surrounding homes and businesses? Since the odor was so overwhelming the residents called the Fire Department, what type of fines can be issued?

Brigitte Cook, Constituency Services Director

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