

Khatri, Paresh, Env. Health

From: Mehrdad Javaher [mehrdad@endpoint-inc.com]
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2010 11:08 AM
To: Chan, Barney, Env. Health
Cc: Khatri, Paresh, Env. Health; TianaCJenkins@aol.com
Subject: 2960 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley, CA]

Hi Barney-

As an authorized representative of Mr. Gabriel Chiu and Ms. Tiana Jenkins, please note that neither Endpoint Consulting nor the property owner are aware of the source of the second 5-gallon bucket referred to by the County as being present outside of the above-captioned property.

We are also unaware of its current status and/or how and by whom it was removed. As previously reflected by the information we provided, Endpoint did remove the single, non-hazardous bucket of investigation derived waste (IDW) which we generated as part of our October 2009 investigation.

Please let us know if you have any further questions.

Thank you.

Regards,
Mehrdad

Mehrdad Javaher wrote:

> Hi Barney-
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> Our October 5, 2009 investigation only generated a single 5-gallon
> container of soil, for which we've provided the profiling results and
> have since disposed the container as non-hazardous waste (work
> conducted by Asbury Environmental). The generation of a single
> 5-gallon container of IDW was documented on Page 5 of our October 2009
> technical report approved by Alameda County. We are unaware of a
> second 5-gallon container of "oily waste". I have spoken to our CEG
> on site during the investigation, Mr. Joel Greger; he has confirmed
> his lack of knowledge of a second 5-gallon container generated during
> the investigation. Lastly, please note that the presence of "oily
> wastes" is further inconsistent with any of the past and present field
> observations and lab results documented in our report.
> As an aside, the only information we received from Mr. Seary to date
> regarding this site was a September 30, 2009 email (prior to our
> investigation) forwarded by Mr. Paresh Khatri, indicating Mr. Seary's
> interest in us ensuring the protection of the storm water inlet near
> the sole soil boring proposed at the site. The email contained a
> picture of the inlet and its proximity to our marked boring location,
> and was unrelated to IDW.
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> Please let me know if you have any additional questions. I will
> follow up with you via telephone as well.
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> Thank you
> Regards,
> Mehrdad

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> On 4/8/2010 2:14 PM, Chan, Barney, Env. Health wrote:
>> Mehrdad: Thank you for the information. The other 5 gallon
>> container, the one with the apparent solvent waste material is the
>> suspected hazardous waste which our office requests documentation of
>> disposal. It was first noted on 10/16/09 by Scott Seery. It was
>> noticed to be gone on 10/20/09 when the 5 gallon bucket which
>> contained soil appeared. So, we still need documentation for the
>> disposal of the original container. Please provide immediately.
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>> Sincerely,
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>> Barney M. Chan Sr Hazardous Materials Specialist Alameda County
>> Environmental Health 510-567-6765
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>> -----Original Message-----
>> From: Mehrdad Javaher [mailto:mehrdad@endpoint-inc.com] Sent: Friday,
>> April 02, 2010 7:14 PM
>> To: Chan, Barney, Env. Health
>> Cc: Khatri, Paresh, Env. Health; TianaCJenkins@aol.com
>> Subject: [Fwd: 2960 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley, CA]
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>> Hi Barney-
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>> As the consultant of record for the above-referenced (and for Mr.
>> Gabriel Chiu and his property manager, Ms. Tiana Jenkins), this email
>> is in response to your most recent letter to Mr. Chiu dated March
>> 26th, 2010. Your letter is related to IDW disposal at the above
>> referenced site, wherein you refer to a lack of response on Mr.
>> Chiu's part to your original letter dated October 21, 2009,
>> requesting information regarding a 5-gallon bucket of IDW soil from a
>> recent investigation at the site. However, on Mr. Chiu's behalf, we
>> did respond to your October 21, 2009 letter via the November 4, 2009
>> email forwarded below. As indicated in that email response, which
>> also included Mr. Paresh Khatri, the case officer for this site, we
>> provided information related to the disposal of the 5-gallon bucket
>> of soil, including providing the soil analytical results used to
>> profile the soil as non-hazardous waste (see attached lab report
>> which was included in our November 4th, email response). In short,
>> the soil analytical results yielded non-detect values for VOCs and
>> non-hazardous levels of lead, resulting in a corresponding disposal
>> by our contractor, Asbury Environmental. Please also note that the
>> November 4th, 2009 email concluded with a note asking you to notify
>> us if any additional information is required, to which we did not
>> receive any response.
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>> As an aside, I also noticed that in your most recent letter of March
>> 26th, 2010, you now refer to two 5-gallon buckets of soil IDW; yet,
>> in your original October 21, 2009 letter, you refer to a single
>> 5-gallon bucket of IDW soil. Indeed, we only generated and disposed
>> of one (1) 5-gallon bucket of IDW soils, generated from drilling of a
>> single shallow boring . Worth noting is that both the soil and grab
>> groundwater samples from this boring were non-detect for VOCs.

>> With the above information in mind, please let me know if you need
>> any additional information regarding the disposal of the single
>> 5-gallon bucket of non-hazardous IDW soils at the site.
>> Thank you.

>> Regards,

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>> ----- Original Message -----

>> Subject: 2960 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley, CA
>> Date: Wed, 04 Nov 2009 15:12:29 -0800
>> From: Mehrdad Javaher <mehrdad@endpoint-inc.com>
>> To: Khatri, Paresh, Env. Health <paresh.khatri@acgov.org>
>> CC: barney.chan@acgov.org, TianaCJenkins@aol.com

>> Hi Paresh (and Barney)-

>> Please find attached a letter from Barney Chan of the ACDEH, on which
>> you were cc'd, regarding the status of a five-gallon container of
>> investigation-derived soils from our recent soil vapor (6 shallow
>> probes) and grab groundwater (one soil boring) investigation at the
>> subject site, the results of which were recently submitted to you.
>> The letter refers to the status of the 5-gallon container, as it has
>> since been removed from the site.
>> In response to Barney's inquiry, please also find attached laboratory
>> analytical results which confirm that the soils in the container were
>> non-hazardous (see sample results for Sample ID CompS1 on Pages 4 and
>> 10 of the attached lab reports) . Accordingly, we have contracted
>> Asbury Environmental, whom has since removed the container from the
>> site.

>> Please let me know if you or Barney need any additional information.

>> Thank you both.

>> Regards,
>> Mehrdad