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**Subject:** RE: 6501 Shattuck - works in process on contaminated lot  
**Attachments:** DIR\_L\_2011-02-10.pdf; DIR\_L\_2011-05-12.pdf

Dear Ms. Stelzer,

Thank you for your e-mail correspondence. Alameda County Environmental Health (ACEH) is aware of the current excavation activities initiated at the site. It is Alameda County's understanding that the Responsible Party is currently removing contaminated soil from the sub-surface, as described in their approved work plan, as the tanks have been previously removed. Once the contaminated soil has been removed, the excavation is to be backfilled and the site restored. It is ACEH's understanding that Vibeke Norgaard, who appears to represent the 6501-ShattuckWatch Neighborhood Group, was also courtesy-copied on our correspondences to the Responsible Party approving the cleanup and investigation work (see attachments). Additionally, all correspondences and reports for the site are available for review at: <http://www.acgov.org/aceh/lop/ust.htm>.

ACEH acknowledges your concerns regarding the current cleanup activities at the site. Although the excavation activities may be disruptive and an inconvenience at this time, this remedial alternative should quickly remove the contaminated soil and beneficially restore the site. Your understanding in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Please note that Alameda County only reviews and approves the cleanup and investigation of the site and does not issue any permits as the City of Oakland is the permitting Agency.

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** 6501 Shattuck - works in process on contaminated lot

Dear Mr Khatri,

They are currently digging out old tanks from the former gas station at 6501 Shattuck Ave in Oakland. The excavation began a year ago and was not refilled; there is currently a massive pit with standing water at the bottom. I and 14 other people live RIGHT NEXT DOOR at 6525 Shattuck, and we are very concerned about the quality of our air and ground water. We have a garden that is literally 20 ft from this foul, stinking, insect-haven of a pit in which we grow food for our table.

The works have been repeatedly shut down due to lack of permitting, failure to follow legal and environmental process. Their insensitivity to the neighborhood and contempt for the legal process has been repeatedly demonstrated. You know all about this property, as I have been informed by my neighborhood association. I add my voice to respectfully ask you and your office to do anything in your power to insure that the correct legal process is being followed, including thorough environmental review and all necessary monitoring and tests on this (and if necessary adjacent) property, and prevent further works until this has been done.

Heavy machines are digging RIGHT NOW, and there is a sulfur smell emanating from the pit.

I add my voice to ask that legal action and fines be brought against the owner if they are not complying with all official directives and laws protecting the health and welfare of the community.

Please help this neighborhood prevent contamination of ground water, soil & air. This cess pit has been festering for over a year, and now major works have begun anew without any of our previous concerns having been addressed.

Respectfully,

Jessica Stelzer

6525 Shattuck Ave Oakland

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