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Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2013 4:55 PM
To: 'Tim.Costello@tetrattech.com'
Cc: Roe, Dilan, Env. Health
Subject: Saklan Road Site (RO2795; Ventura Properties); Septic System Followup

Tim,
I wanted to contact you in regards to the three potential septic systems at this three parcel site. I have had a chance to discuss recent activities at the site with our new Supervisor, Dilan Roe (Donna has moved up to another position). She is also in charge of the Alameda County Land Use Program, and Land Use has very specific requirements for septic systems in County jurisdiction that prohibit disturbance of surface soils within the septic system area (such as is caused by drilling and heavy equipment). The regulations also require system destruction at the time of disuse, which we have incidentally discussed was planned at the site upon site grading / redevelopment. Another concern related to the septic system is the potential for contaminants to have been discharged to the system, in particular, but not limited to, business uses of the parcels. I do not believe this has been addressed at the site yet?

In checking the approximate location of the site, it appears to be in unincorporated Hayward and thus in County jurisdiction. I am informed by Land Use's Senior Hazardous Material Specialist that most areas in Hayward, but not all, have had or are having sewer lines installed, thus this may be a moot concern. He has provided a Hayward city contact that should (may?) be able to determine if the septic systems on these sites are in active use, or if the houses are plumbed to sanitary sewer. Contact information: Al Swithenbank, Senior Utility Leader, Field Engineer, 510-881-7970.

In an attempt to address the various potential issues at the site, do you have a timing as to when the three water supply wells will be destroyed (under Alameda County Public Works Agency permit, as you are very likely aware)? I don't recall that we spoke of this in our recent conversation.

Please investigate and let's determine how these issues should be handed so that the site can continue to move forward to resolution (and closure).

Thanks,

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