Drogos, Donna, Env. Health

Subject:

RO2894 - 909 Bluebell,

Entry Type:

Phone call

Start: End: Thu 9/22/2005 3:02 PM Thu 9/22/2005 3:02 PM

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RO2894 - 909 Bluebell, 09/08/05, 444p, paul smith, 925-454-2339 Mike Amini, no URF, called him, have only piece of report too, installed treatment system

RO2894 - 909 Bluebell, Livermore 09/18/05, 451p, Paul Smith, 925-454-2339 Called Mike Amini & asked for URF & full report, Who should go after him?

09/22/05, 1135p, Ift msg, wanting info so can ID RP & complete case listing, willing to discuss other options, call me back

3p, Paul called back, will send me UST A & B forms along with copy of fule UST remoal report

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Paul Smith, 8/10/2005 re 909 Bluebell Drive

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Mohssen Amini, son of owner/RP called on 11/3/2006 cell 925-487-2598. They visited our office today to see me but I was out in the field. Wanted to know what the process was for cleaning up site. I told him he needed to find a qualified and registered professional who could evaluate the site data and prepare a Work Plan for site invsetigation. His father is Massood Amini and he wanted to know how bad site was. Could not evaluate but observed that there were multiple detections of fuel and oxygenates in soil across site. Indicated that he would begin looking for a consultant on Monday. Believes that release was somehow related to a clay pipe. He has installed slotted 4-inch PVC beneath the piping trenches that could be used for remediation.

Masood Amini called on 1/18/2007. Calling re claim 118163 from 9/20/2006. Contractor has responded to our letter on 12/26/2006. Wants us to respond to this paperwork so contractor can start work because bank will not give them a loan. Phone number is 925-484-1966 or cell 925-487-2598. Spoke with Mr. Amini later in the day. No banks will loan him money due to the soil contamination. He was supposed to pay back the money from station upgrade but cannot get a loan due to contamination. He asked if we can respond to submittal of Work Plan. I indicated that we will review Work Plan and provide him comments by end of day Friday or next Tuesday. His fax number is 925-371-0615. He is concerned that his property will be sold if he cannot show progress to the bank. He hopes that bank will move forward with loan if he shows progress.

Discussed case with Paul Smith on 1/19/2007. He reviewed his field notes of the dispenser upgrade.

Site visit on 2/2/2007 to observe drilling and sampling.

Massood Amini came in for a meeting with Jerry Wickham and Donna Drogos on 3/1/2007. He wanted us to write a letter to his bank to indicate that the site was under our oversight and to provide assurance that site would be cleaned up. We indicated that we could not write a letter that provided that kind of assurance to a lender. We can only say that the process was under way but can not say that the site will be closed or that contamination is minimal.

Jim Harrow of Alamo Mortgage called on 3/1/2007. He is trying to get a loan for the Aminis. He asked many general questions about how to deal with contaminated sites such as what would be a typical method for dealing with contamination in a small area. I indicated that most decisions were case specific. He questioned why only MTBE and ethanol were detected. I indicated the possibility of a vapor release. He also questioned why contamination was remaining after soil was removed and wondered whether current equipment was leaking. I indicated that the equipment should have been inspected and tested after installation and that a leak in the new equipment should have been detected at that time. He seemed to be trying to establish whether the installer may be liable for discharge. Jim Harrow indicated that some lenders will not work with contaminated site and that he may have to go to other lenders who are willing to deal with contaminated sites. However, the rate may be 9 to 11%, which is too high to make the loan feasible.

Jim Harrow or Harlow 510-708-1872 called on 4/23/2007. Returned call on 4/24/2007. He said he will fax information on tank removal. Never received a fax.

Jim Harrow called on 5/8/2007. He asked a series of questions regarding the last letter I sent. No new information discussed. There is concern that site will go through foreclosure.

Jim Harrow called on 5/9/2007. Tank tops were exposed for 8 to 9 months during construction and were vented into surrounding soil. Vapors would be heavier and sink to ground from vent. He will provide photos and documentation. He will submit the pressure and tracer tests but I did not request routine monitoring data. I would not comment on concentration data and what was acceptable because individual concentrations could be take out of context. More likely to close the site if don't have a major source and don't have a long-term groundwater problem.

Masood Amini called on 8/6/2007, 8/10/2007, and 8/13/2007. I returned his call on first day back in office on 8/14/2007. He indicated that he has financial problems with loan and requested that we respond with letter stating that site will be cleaned up. I indicated that we cannot state site will be cleaned up but will respond to the Site Investigation Report. Will try to complete review by end of this week.

Phone call with Masood Amini on 8/16/2007. I have reviewed the CPT report and did not understand why only two CPT borings were drilled since Mr. Amini had previously indicated to me that he must expedite the investigation. The Work Plan, which ACEH approved, proposed two CPT borings, 4 Geoprobe borings, and 4 wells but only the 2 CPT borings were completed. Mr. Amini had complained to Enviro Soil Tech about this but they indicated the work must be completed in phases. I asked Mr. Amini what advice Enviro Soil Tech is giving him and indicated that they should be advising him on how to proceed toward closure. Mr. Amini is concerned that Environ Soil Tech is not giving him good advice. Jim Harrow will call me later today.

Phone call with Jim Harrow of Alamo Mortgage on 8/16/2007. Discussed frustration regarding not completing the Geoprobe borings. He will speak with Frank Hamedi. He indicated that he still believes that there was a vapor release from open vent on UST during construction.

Phone call with Jim Harrow on 10/19/2007 at 510-708-1872. Consultant is not doing what he asked. Lenders may foreclose on 11/19. Lender now willing to move forward with loan if quarterly monitoring is recommended. Wants me to review report sooner rather than later. I try to review reports within 30 days but have many reports ahead of this one.

Phone call to Masood Amini on 10/26/2007. Set up meeting with Mr. Amini on October 30 at 11:00 am. Mr. Amini hoped that site would be closed. I indicated that the site is not ready for closure, will discuss further in meeting.

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