

From: [Hugo, Susan, Env. Health](#)
To: ["Jim Carro"](#)
Cc: ["Michele McSweeney"](#); ["Walt Pierce"](#); ["Fred Hoffman"](#); ["Francisco Macuer"](#); [Firth, Daniel, Env. Health](#); [De, Sukla, Env.Health](#); [Drogos, Donna, Env. Health](#)
Subject: Western Forge & Flange Albany Closure
Date: Friday, January 23, 2009 2:18:42 PM
Attachments: [540 Cleveland Ave 1-23-09.pdf](#)

Hi Jim -

Attached is a copy of ACDEH response regarding the site closure.

Please call or e-mail if you have any questions.

Thanks

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-----Original Message-----

From: Hugo, Susan, Env. Health
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2009 11:01 AM
To: 'Jim Carro'
Cc: 'Michele McSweeney'; 'Walt Pierce'; 'Fred Hoffman'; 'Francisco Macuer'; Firth, Daniel, Env. Health; De, Sukla, Env.Health; Drogos, Donna, Env. Health
Subject: RE: Western Forge & Flange Albany Follow Up
Importance: High

Hi Jim -

These documents are related to soil / groundwater investigation and clean-up and will be handled by our Site Remediation Group. Donna Drogos is the program manager. This site has not been officially transferred to her group.

Prior to transferring this site to the Site Mitigation Group, all data and information regarding the facility site closure should be reviewed and approved.

I will advise to hold off implementing any additional work at the site. We have not completed our review of all the documents submitted for the site.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Jim Carro [<mailto:jim@cdms.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2009 10:41 AM

To: Hugo, Susan, Env. Health

Cc: 'Michele McSweeney'; 'Walt Pierce'; 'Fred Hoffman'; 'Francisco Macuer'; Firth, Daniel, Env. Health; De, Sukla, Env.Health

Subject: Re: Western Forge & Flange Albany Follow Up

Hi Susan,

Thank you for you reply on the status of our report. We await your formal response.

In an effort to keep the project advancing forward we have moved to the next step of clean up knowing that it would probably not deviate much from the County's plan as it relates to soil clean up. Our plan is to remove the potential contaminated soil based on the recent sampling results. I have attached a one-page plan of the excavation work that will commence on Wednesday, January 21, 2009.

Can you please take a moment to review the plan to make certain that there are no reason not to proceed with this step. Please let me know your thoughts.

The County is also welcome to observe this excavation.

On Jan 20, 2009, at 9:52AM, Hugo, Susan, Env. Health wrote:

> Hi Jim -

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> Just an update - ACDEH is completing review of the document.

> Response letter will be issued by January 23, 2009.

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> Thanks

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

> From: Hugo, Susan, Env. Health

> Sent: Wednesday, December 24, 2008 1:02 PM

> To: 'Jim Carro'

> Cc: Michele McSweeney; Walt Pierce; Fred Hoffman; Francisco Macuer;

> Firth, Daniel, Env. Health; De, Sukla, Env.Health

> Subject: RE: Western Forge & Flange Albany Follow Up

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> Hi Jim,

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> Just confirming that ACDEH is in receipt of the attached document.
> We have not reviewed the subject document.
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> ACDEH will issue a response to the submitted document by January 20,
> 2009.
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> Thanks
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Jim Carro [<mailto:jim@cdms.com>]
> Sent: Monday, December 22, 2008 2:42 PM
> To: Hugo, Susan, Env. Health
> Cc: Michele McSweeney; Walt Pierce; Fred Hoffman; Francisco Macuer
> Subject: Western Forge & Flange Albany Follow Up

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> Hi Susan,
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> I have prepared a follow up memo to your November 20, 2008 letter on
> the subject site. Please see the attachment and confirm that you were
> able to retrieve.
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> Thanks and have a Happy Holiday.

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January 23, 2009

Mr. Walter Pierce
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RE: Western Forge & Flange Facility Closure at 540 Cleveland Ave., in Albany, CA

Dear Mr. Pierce;

Alameda County Department of Environmental Health (ACDEH) has reviewed the closure response letter submitted electronically by CDMS on December 22, 2008.

Based on our review, the following issues and comments are to be addressed regarding the facility closure:

1. CDMS has referred to an un-audited sampling result that was shared with the County during the sampling event on November 14, 2008. According to CDMS, this result should not be used to determine if the site is contaminated or not.

Please submit a copy of the original laboratory analytical results. Any audit to the laboratory result is done by the certified laboratory and not by the responsible parties / consultants; the laboratory will provide proper explanation/interpretation.

2. CDMS has referred to soil samples collected on November 14, 2008 without county oversight.

Please be reminded that these samples were collected by CDMS. ACDEH did not require these samples.

3. The October 10, 2008 sampling results have been discussed with Test of America Lab (Melissa Brewer) to clarify the results submitted -
 - i. The samples were not filtered by the laboratory because they were preserved in HCl.
 - ii. This may or may not result in a small elevation in the metal concentration if particulates are present in the aliquot

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- iii. Regarding the QC analysis, the report stated that the original sample was 4 times greater than the matrix spike concentration; the control limits were therefore not applicable.
- iv. ACDEH were told in the field that diesel could not be analyzed because of inadequate sample volume collected. The water sample collected was however, analyzed for diesel and was non-detect. Only the oil and grease could not be analyzed.
- v. The lab provides equipment for field filtration during sample collection. No filtration was observed during sample collection on November 14, 2008.

The audited result does not comply with the regulatory requirements. The data submitted shall be supported by a copy of the actual lab report. This is a standard procedure for any sampling data to be valid and submitted to ACDEH.

4. Reference is made to a September 1983 clean up initiated by the Department of Fish and Game. "On August 16, 1985, the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board expressed their satisfaction for the clean up".

Please submit a copy of the referenced report.

5. Reference is made to the clean up levels and area ground water designation criteria established at that time.

The current soil and ground water contamination clean up criteria established by the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) will be used for determination of contaminants and subsequent clean up requirement.

6. Soil and/or groundwater contamination, assessment and cleanup will be overseen by ACDEH Site Mitigation / Local Oversight Program (LOP).

Any future soil and / or groundwater sampling will be directed by the Site Mitigation / LOP.

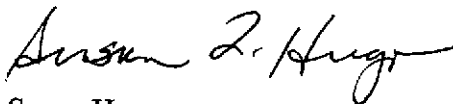
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To facilitate the transfer of the site to the Site Mitigation/LOP group, the facility closure needs to be completed. In the December 22, 2008 response, CDMS indicated that the structure had been cleaned up and sampling oversight was requested. Please contact our office for the possible dates of sampling (preferably Wednesday or Friday).

A final report will be submitted for the closure of the facility. Your report should be signed and shall include at a minimum the following – description of all activities performed at the site, copy of manifests, bill of lading for the equipments transferred, laboratory analytical results of all samples collected along with the laboratory QC/QA and chain of custody. ACDEH will review and approve the final report and the site case will be transferred to the Site Mitigation / LOP group.

If you have any question, please contact me at 510-567-6780 or e-mail at susan.hugo@acgov.org.

Sincerely,



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