

## Detterman, Mark, Env. Health

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**From:** Detterman, Mark, Env. Health  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 29, 2016 10:30 AM  
**To:** 'Teresa Gardiner Grove'  
**Subject:** RE: Well Destruction?

Hi Teresa,

It is good to hear your clients are interested in moving forward with the final bit of work to close out the environmental case.

I took a look at the case file and the consulting company (Gribi Associates; Jim Gribi at 707-748-7743) that did the original work is still in business, have a reasonably consistent work quality, and we are working on a number of other sites with them. Additionally, their records may be the best for relocating the well that may be somewhat difficult to find. I would suggest starting there; however, you or your clients may want three bids for comparison. The good thing is that well destruction is fairly cost competitive as it is fairly simple in the scheme of things. Alameda County can't recommend specific consultants; however, the following link is to the San Mateo County list of consultants that they have found qualified to do environmental work.

(<http://www.smchealth.org/node/402>). The list is a bit dated, but is generally usable. If you have specific questions as to our knowledge of the work quality of a consultant I am willing to provide some feedback. Sorry for the bit of a convoluted approach. You should be sure to verify that the company you select has either a professional engineer or geologist to sign and stamp the final letter report; it is a requirement. Jim Gribi is a professional geologist.

Keep me posted please. It would be great to track this so that we understand where it is at. Thanks and good luck.

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*PDF copies of case files can be downloaded at:*

*<http://www.acgov.org/aceh/lop/ust.htm>*

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**From:** Teresa Gardiner Grove [mailto:[teresa@gglifeservices.com](mailto:teresa@gglifeservices.com)]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 24, 2016 12:53 PM  
**To:** Detterman, Mark, Env. Health  
**Subject:** Re: Well Destruction?

Hello Mark,

Thank you for your offer of assistance. The owner's would like to take care of closing the case by destroying the well. Could you help us locate it and help us with a list of people that would handle destroying it please. I have seen the online PDF files and there's so many that your help would be greatly appreciated.

Best to you,

Teresa

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On Mon, Jun 13, 2016 at 10:23 AM, Detterman, Mark, Env. Health <[Mark.Detterman@acgov.org](mailto:Mark.Detterman@acgov.org)> wrote:

Hi Teresa,

Thanks for your email.

David and Vinitha Watson apparently own the parcel of land that is associated with an environmental investigation for contamination related to a former underground storage tank that was at the site, and associated cleanup. The County has been trying to close the environmental case for a number of years but haven't been able to do so due to the remaining presence of a groundwater monitoring well that was installed at the time. State regulations require wells be destroyed under permit once no longer used. ACDEH is the local agency that is tasked with ensuring these regulations are acted on, and is requesting that the well be destroyed under permit (a county permit) and documented by a brief letter with attachments, so that the environmental case can be closed. This always benefits the property value as the longer a property is not associated with contamination, the lower the associated environmental contamination stigma that invariably lowers the price of the property.

If they would like more information on how to go about this, I would be happy to talk with you or them. Because this does have costs associated with it, I would look at this as an investment into maintaining or increasing the value of the property. When banks loan on a property they want all environmental problems to be closed; they do not want to add the risk of a loan default due to environmental contamination. Situations like this pretty much cause property transactions to be delayed or fall through.

Hope this helps,

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**Sent:** Thursday, June 09, 2016 2:05 PM

**To:** Detterman, Mark, Env. Health

**Subject:** Well Destruction?

Hello!

I am contacting you for the property owners of 1035 7th st, David and Vinitha Watson.

I've attached a letter you sent out May 16th and am responding to it. David Watson asks what does this letter mean? They are not aware of any well, and is there something they are supposed to do now?

Thank you for your assistance.

Teresa

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