

From: Wickham, Jerry, Env. Health
Sent: Thursday, December 11, 2008 11:10 AM
To: 'Olivia Jacobs'
Subject: RE: RO0000096

Olivia,

I believe that the correct public agency for the issue of health hazards on private property in Oakland is the City of Oakland Code Enforcement, phone number 510-238-3381. It can also be reported through the City of Oakland email oac@oaklandnet.com.

Regards,

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From: Olivia Jacobs [mailto:OJacobs@clearwatergroup.com]
Sent: Wednesday, December 10, 2008 4:19 PM
To: Wickham, Jerry, Env. Health
Subject: RE: RO0000096

Thanks very much for your prompt reply.

We would appreciate your directing the email to someone within ACEH who could address the public health issue(s). While the site owner or operator could engage a security firm, the sanitation issue will simply displace, nearby. A public facility would be an appropriate response; this issue will not evaporate.

Many thanks,

Olivia Jacobs

From: Wickham, Jerry, Env. Health [mailto:jerry.wickham@acgov.org]
Sent: Wednesday, December 10, 2008 4:13 PM
To: Olivia Jacobs
Cc: Rob Nelson; Eric Austin; Gavin Fisco
Subject: RE: RO0000096

Olivia,

Although there is a need for improved sanitation at the site, I cannot authorize steam cleaning of the site to qualify for reimbursement by the UST Cleanup Fund. These types of hazards are not within the realm of our authority. This appears to be an issue for the site owner and operator to address.

Regards,

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From: Olivia Jacobs [mailto:OJacobs@clearwatergroup.com]

Sent: Monday, December 08, 2008 4:28 PM

To: Wickham, Jerry, Env. Health

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Subject: RO0000096

Working at this site (monitoring wells) is proving to present itself as a health hazard for my employees. As an employer, I have an obligation not to put my employees in harm's way.

While this is a bit out of scope for the tasks you are normally requested to give direction on, there is a certain nexus at this site of a health hazard due to the day labor community's daily activities on site and the hazard to my employees in the course of trying to monitor the wells.

While there are primary and secondary engineering responses to this problem, I would like to propose a primary solution as a first response to the hazard. I would like to propose a steam cleaning of the surface of this site; it is virtually impossible to monitor anything but the urine fumes at MW-2, in the corner of the lot. As well, certain other activities make the monitoring of other wells dangerous, either by olfactory nuisance, visual bother or likelihood of encountering bodily fluids. (This does not include the hazard of doing work while milling unemployed persons try to figure out what can be stolen.)

You probably can surmise that this location at 4301 San Leandro Street in Oakland, is the unhappy marriage of the desire for economic improvement and the lack of sanitary accommodations for persons not inconvenienced by releasing their bodily fluids in the environment in an uncontrolled manner.

If you would consider authorizing steam cleaning the entire site preparatory to the next event, most concerned would consider the cost to be a considerable benefit; the less time required to deal with these hazards, the better the USTCF's money would be spent.

This issue has come to a head because the winter rains have not yet washed the site off and the station is shut down for re-piping. There is little urgency, since the QM was performed today, in part; a response in the next three months would be appreciated.

Thanks for your thoughts on this matter.

Olivia Jacobs