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From: Wickham, Jerry, Env. Health
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2014 8:40 AM
To: Leonard Niles
Cc: Vicki ZumBrunnen; Chris Houlihan; marc cunningham
Subject: Re: RO0002483 Former Grand Auto. 4240 International Blvd., Oakland

Leonard,

I believe that you are correct regarding the DTSC guidance that the intent is to assess seasonal variability. It is also true that the winter season has not been close to normal.

Therefore, it would be preferable to wait two months before proceeding with the indoor air and sub-slab sampling. Hopefully, there will be a change in weather patterns within that time. As such, we will extend the schedule for report submittal by 3 months to May 20, 2014.

Regards,
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Sent from my iPad

On Jan 24, 2014, at 4:08 PM, "Leonard Niles" <leonard@allwest1.com> wrote:

Jerry,

According to your letter dated May 20, 2013, the due date for the Vapor Intrusion Assessment Report for the former Grand Auto at 4240 International Blvd., Oakland is February 20, 2014. This report will include data for both the initial and semiannual sub-slab soil vapor and indoor air quality sampling. However, we did the initial indoor air sampling last August and the sub-slab vapor sampling last September, so it has not yet been 6 months since the last sampling events (only 5 and 4 months, respectively). In order to meet the report deadline, we need to do the sampling very soon. Do we need to wait 6 months between sampling events? If so, we will need to get the report due date extended.

The DTSC 2011 and 2012 guidance for indoor air and soil vapor sampling is somewhat vague on the scheduling. It seems the intent is to account for representative seasonal variations, rather than a set 6-month time period. The samples collected in August and September were obviously representative of summer and early autumn (same thing). So far we have had nothing resembling a normal winter here, with the extended drought and warm weather it's more like summer. Should we go ahead and sample now, or wait for another month or two and see if the weather changes?

Thanks,

Len

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