

Drogos, Donna, Env. Health

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Hi Donna,

My husband and I are in escrow of a residential property where a fuel tank was discovered. The tank has been removed but there was some small amount of residual contamination (445ppm) of heating oil/fuel that was discovered and thus the case was forwarded on to your department. We are supposed to close escrow on Monday 5/18 and understand that there is no way we are going to have a specific answer to the question of whether this particular property will need further mitigation after the next round of testing. However, as potential buyers, we are trying to get a sense of our liability/financial risks involved on a more general level. We tried to stop by today and spoke some with Jerry but we had some more questions we were hoping you could help us with. Unfortunately we have the deadline of Monday so we were hoping to speak with your by the end of this week.

We'd be happy to get a response from you via email or phone...whichever is easiest for you. Our phone numbers are listed below.

There is really one main question for us. I know the next step is the drilling of test holes on the property to test if there is ground water/further soil contamination...and that if there is contamination then there would be a need for further drilling of more permanent wells with periodic sampling for 1 year. Our question is...what if there is persistent contamination with the year-long periodic sampling? What is the worst case scenario? Does the property get condemned? Does the whole property need to be excavated? etc. We're just trying to get a sense of how bad it could potentially be before we make a decision on Monday whether we want to take on this burden by buying this house!

Thanks so much and hope to hear from you soon. We are available by phone all day today and tomorrow.

Katrina Rapa
John Morehouse

cell: 415-515-3016 (John)

cell: 415-672-0355 (Katrina)- (I will be unavailable between 5-6:30pm today)