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Sent: Tuesday, November 02, 2010 9:04 AM
To: dehloptoxic, Env. Health
Cc: Drogos, Donna, Env. Health; Detterman, Mark, Env. Health; Jim Carro
Subject: RE: ACEH Correspondence for RO3009
Attachments: CORRES_L_2010-10-27.pdf

Ariu, Mark,

I am in receipt of your letter dated October 25, 2010 requesting additional funds.

Western Forge has sent \$11,000.00 to the ACEH so far and now I receive a request for an additional \$6,000.00. Considering the constant battle we have endured just to have someone from the ACEH look at our site, I'm shocked at the request for additional funds. I have requested a detailed accounting for the \$11,000.00. I asked for this accounting over a year ago from Susan. I have yet to receive any information what so ever on how this money has been allocated. Does the ACEH really expect Companies to continue to send them money without some sort of accountability for the funds? We all have been impacted by this recession, money is tight, and Western Forge is no different than any other small company. We are fighting to keep our business solvent in hope for a better business environment in the near future. However, the attitude from the ACEH seems to be that Western Forge has plenty of money and doesn't need to know how the money we send is spent. Furthermore, we are expected to be sympathetic with the excuses for the constant delay of this project. We have been told that the ACEH doesn't have the funds to work on our project and we should understand. I don't understand nor am I sympathetic with your excuses. We have paid a significant amount of money for your group to work on our project and it's time that we receive what we have paid for. I have shareholders and a Board of Directors to report to. Until I receive a detailed accounting of the funds we have sent so far I will not be sending any additional money.

I'm a native Californian, I have lived in the Bay Area for 49 years of the 52 years I have been on this earth. I raised my children in California. I love California. Unfortunately, three years ago we were forced to move our company to Texas, a more business friendly state. I'm disappointed that companies like ours are forced to leave the state to survive. This closure experience is a quick reminder of why we left. We have a property that has some hydraulic contamination. The Regional Water Board has deemed hydraulic oil to not be a constituent of concern, yet your people do. The minimal above ground contamination, is at levels below the guard rails of the highway adjacent to the property, but for some reason your people feel we should be held at a higher standard for our .80 acre than the millions of people that drive your highways. It's been 4 1/2 years and we have spent over \$300,000.00 thousand dollars cleaning up the site with no idea when we will have resolution. This has been a nightmare. We have done the right thing concerning the environmental concerns of this property. We want to sell the property and be done with the ridiculous, unnecessary, red tape involved with this closure.

I would be ecstatic to receive a rational explanation-solution to the above concerns.

Sincerely,

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From: dehloptoxic, Env. Health [<mailto:deh.loptoxic@acgov.org>]
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Subject: ACEH Correspondence for RO3009

Dear Interested Parties,

Attached is Alameda County Environmental Health's (ACEH) correspondence for your case, RO0003009.

Please add our e-mail address to your address book to prevent future e-mails from being filtered as spam.

Sincerely,

ACEH