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From: Nowell, Keith, Env. Health
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2016 4:01 PM
To: 'Joseph A. Hernon'
Cc: Roe, Dilan, Env. Health
Subject: RE: Quick question, Voluntary Cleanup Program Case RO3192, and GeoTracker Global ID T10000007937, 411 West MacArthur Blvd, Oakland

Hi Joe,

The temporary use of the site as a hand car wash sounds like a great idea. However, I have a few reservations I'd like addressed prior to providing my final input.

I'm am unfamiliar with the term "Hand Car Wash". My concern is the introduction of a significant quantity of water to the subsurface, potentially affecting the established groundwater flow, particularly after the drought we have been experiencing. There are references in the former case file, RO0000251, that pea gravel was used as tank backfill. Pea gravel is pervious and may create a bathtub should the former tank pit fill with water. It has been my experience the "bathtub effect" releases water radially outward, not just in the prevailing direction of groundwater flow. Additionally, if the ground cover is not impervious, dripping of vehicle fluids may entail the removal of near surface soil to eliminate the vertical migration of the fluids into the subsurface.

I see below that the subject of the water run off (and potential percolation) may be addressed by others, hence may not be a concern.

Please provide Alameda County Environmental Health (ACEH) a more detailed description of the proposed "Hand Car Wash" operation for our review prior to making a determination regarding the car wash. Please include a description of the condition of the surface of the site and the location of the proposed car wash.

Regards,
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Hi Joe – on face value the temporary use of the site as a car wash does not seem to present a problem for moving you case to closure. Keith do you have any comment.

From: Joseph A. Hernon [<mailto:joehernon@gmail.com>]
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Subject: 411 W. McArthur. Quick question.

Hi Dilan,

I did not want to raise this at our call on Wednesday and was not sure if I wanted to get involved until had time to reflect on it.

I have been asked by some local politicians if I could help a group that provides work and support to "formerly incarcerated Oakland youth"

The need a space to operate their "Hand-Car-Wash" business for 4-6 months as a Pop-Up until they get a more permanent space, and would like to use 411 W.McArthur.

I want to help BUT, I want to make sure it is NOT going to complicate or interfere with the process of getting site clearance from your office, or require further testing in future.

Please let me know if this will in any way complicate the process you and I are working through now. And if you have any thoughts or ideas to help.

There is a chance that it will not work due to permitting or neighbour objections also

It is a lot of work for a short time, and many good reasons not to get involved, but it could be life-changing for some of the people.

The Oakland Council Staff are going to figure out how to get permits and how to handle the water run-off and other conditions. I believe they are talking to EBMUD about this also.

This is being spearheaded by two Oakland Council Offices, McElhanney and Kalb, and by Alameda County Supervisor Keith Carson's office.

Shomari Carter at Keith Carson's office is leading the effort.

My main question to you, if if this will complicate the clearance for me to develop...

Thanks, and hope you have a good weekend.

Joe

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