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Attn. Steve Chao, Code 60E

Dear Mr. Chao

The Air Force Base Conversion Agency (AFBCA) is requesting your action to characterize and remediate, as required, TCE groundwater contamination under the Orion Park Housing area (see attached NASA report). The Air Force received this property from the Navy in 1995. At the time of the transfer, the Navy retained full responsibility for all environmental requirements arising out of or related to their activities including remediation of any soil or groundwater contamination. Since the transfer of the property to the Air Force it has been used only for housing and no Air Force activity is known to have occurred on this property that would have caused this contamination.

On Dec. 9, 1999 Dr. Janice Blake and Anthony Wong from the AFBCA visited Sandy Olliges and Claudia Hirotsu of NASA to discuss this contamination. They provided us with four quarterly well sampling results starting from 1991. Those wells (14L32A, 15B02A, 15A06A and 15B03A) have shown detections of TCE dating back as far as 1992. Well 15B03A has a 5.1 ppb detection of TCE in first quarter 1992 and these detections have steadily increased in concentration to 36 ppb in first quarter 1999.

Based on this information it appears that the TCE contamination is a pre-existing condition and the Navy is responsible for the characterization and remediation of this plume.

Time is of the essence on this request. The Air Force, through AFBCA, is currently working on transferring this property to the Army this summer. The Corp of Engineers, who are working the Army portion of the transfer, is working with Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) on siting a new commissary/Navy Exchange in the Orion Park area. The preferred location for this building is in the area of this TCE contamination. The Corp of Engineers needs to know the extent of the TCE contamination and a schedule of the investigation to help in their discussions with DeCA.

The AFBCA McClellan Regional Operating Location has been tasked to oversee the environmental issues related to the transfer of the Onizuka housing area from the Air Force to the Army. Therefore, please contact Mr. Anthony Wong of my office regarding this request at (916) 643-1165.

Sincerely,



Thomas Kempster  
Senior Representative  
McClellan Regional Operating Location  
Air Force Base Conversion Agency

Cc: Hank Gee, EFA West, Code 60E w/o attachment

1 Attachment: NASA Report