



City of Pittsburg

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May 1, 2018

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Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors
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Supervisor Candace Anderson, District II
Supervisor Diane Burgis, District III
Supervisor Karen Mitchoff, District IV
Supervisor Federal D. Glover, District V
651 Pine Street, Room 107
Martinez, CA 94553

Re: **May 1, 2018 Board of Supervisors Meeting, Agenda Item D7 –
Report regarding media coverage asserting that loads of soil that may not have been
adequately screened for radioactivity were trucked from Hunters Point site to multiple
different landfills in the state, including Keller Canyon Landfill**

Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors:

The City of Pittsburg is highly concerned about the articles regarding the contaminated radiological loads of soil that have been alleged to have been buried at Keller Canyon Landfill. The City and its residents have a right to know what has occurred since the original reports from 2014 and demands full disclosure of how the material accepted from Hunters Point Naval Shipyard has been managed.

Before the Board of Supervisors, April 11, 1995, there was a "Staff Report on the Scope and Nature of Special Waste Disposal at Keller Canyon Landfill," and from that report the Board of Supervisors requested a follow up report regarding the use of special waste and its acceptance. In addition, there was a critical item that was approved which county staff has not acted upon. It states:

(3) Direct all county staff to *automatically* notify the City of Pittsburg and the Bay Point Municipal Advisory Council of all applications for special waste or any changes in operating conditions or permit conditions and matters related to Keller Canyon Landfill.

This did not occur as City staff had to contact county staff regarding this issue. At this point, based on the report in 1995 and issues today, the City demands that contaminated soil not be allowed to be used as cover at Keller Canyon Landfill immediately and in the future.

In addition, since there has been a lack of communication and no regard for the fears and concerns of residents especially with the offensive odor endured over the last two years with no resolve, the City demands that the Board of Supervisors direct county staff, in order to alleviate some discord with the City and residents in the community, the following:

- Close the landfill until the investigation is complete and the safety of the community is ensured to the satisfaction of the City

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- Require US Nuclear Regulatory Commission / California Department of Public Health Radiological Branch perform swab testing in neighborhoods surrounding Keller Canyon Landfill to ensure that radiological material has not contaminated the community as well as the peripheral area and landfill itself
- Require US Navy / Tetra Tech have third party entity approved by City to perform core samples in the landfill where any and all Hunters Point material was buried to confirm or deny radiological material is present at Keller Canyon Landfill
- Provide the City a full report of all material accepted by Hunters Point Naval Shipyard indicating when loads were first accepted and how long this has been occurring, how many tons and what types of material, analytical associated with disposed material, and follow up samples of verification reports as well as profiles that occurred at Keller Canyon Landfill
- Provide the City with copies of all testing performed of the radiation monitor at Keller Canyon Landfill, all calibration reports, and verification of these actions by the county Local Enforcement Agency
- Require air monitoring throughout the surrounding community, as requested when the landfill was permitted, to monitor for PM 2.5 as well as other contaminants such as methane and hydrogen sulfide
- Require a community meeting to report back on all these issues and findings with a document for the City and its residents to review
- Provide the City and Board of Supervisors a report and protocol on how there will be better monitoring and accountability in the future to ensure this does not happen again
- Do not accept any future waste material from decommission military bases
- Designate City as Local Enforcement Agency as well as City Planning Department with oversight of Keller Canyon Landfill

The lack of trust and discord now about the oversight and management of the landfill has now caused irreputable harm. The City of Pittsburg's residents are directly adjacent to and subject to impacts from Keller Canyon Landfill. These reports, lack of responsibility and actions have not only caused duress and fear in the community but have also tainted the reputation of this City.

The City request swift action and follow through on the items noted in this letter.

Respectfully,



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City Manager

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February 24, 2015

Keller Canyon Landfill Company
Attn: Rick King
901 Bailey Road
Pittsburg, CA 94565

Subject: Facility Number – 07-AA-0032
Keller Canyon Landfill – LEA Inspection Report

Dear Mr. King:

An inspection of the Keller Canyon Landfill was conducted on **February 23, 2015**, to ensure compliance with the Public Resources Code, Title 27 of the California Code of Regulations, the Solid Waste Facilities Permit, and other applicable codes and regulations within the purview of the Contra Costa Environmental Health Solid Waste Unit/Local Enforcement Agency (LEA). A copy of the inspection report is enclosed for your records.

Should you have any questions regarding the report, you may contact me at (925) 692-2549.

Sincerely,

Timothy R. Kraus, R.E.H.S.
Environmental Health Specialist II

Enclosure

cc: Lochlin Caffey, Keller Canyon Landfill Company
Keith Roberson, Regional Water Quality Control Board – SF Bay Region
Garrett Evans, City of Pittsburg
David Brockbank, Contra Costa Community Development

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Disposal Facility Inspection Report (52)

Enforcement Agency:		County of Contra Costa			
SWIS Facility File Number (99-xx-9999)		Inspection Date		Program Code	
07-AA-0032		2/23/2015		LEA Periodic	
Time In	12:50 PM	Time Out	2:00 PM	Inspection Time	1 Hour 10 Min
Facility Name			Received By		
Keller Canyon Landfill			Mail - Rick King, Keller Canyon Landfill		
Facility Location			Owner Name		
901 Bailey Road, Pittsburg 94565			Allied Waste Industries, Inc		
Inspector			Also Present (Name)		
Tim Kraus			T. Pattee - Allied Waste		

THE ABOVE FACILITY WAS INSPECTED FOR COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE SECTIONS OF THE DIVISION 30 OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE (PRC) AND TITLE 14 AND TITLE 27 CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS (CCR)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No Violations or Areas of Concern
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Regulations

Inspection Report Comments:

- 1) A review of records was conducted with Todd Pattee. Records reviewed included daily tonnage, special occurrences, manifests, radiation monitoring logs, load screening, site inspection, site inspection logs (daily, weekly, monthly), waste discrepancy logs, waste receipts, weather records, employee training, flare logs, fire pump house log, SWPPP, SPCC, wet season run off monitoring, ADC log, etc.
- 2) Monthly training conducted on forklift safety and the global harmonized system.
- 3) Hazardous waste storage accumulation dates: Waste oil - 1/20/2015, Antifreeze - 6/26/2015, Used Oil Filter Drums - 2/11/2015
- 4) No batteries in storage locker at time of inspection.
- 5) Radiation monitor calibrated on 1/31, 2/7, 2/14, 2/21