



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION IX
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

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San Miguel Neighborhood Community
Sunnyvale, California

Dear Resident:

We are reaching out to you a third time to request your participation in an environmental study being conducted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in this part of Sunnyvale. The purpose of the study is to investigate the potential for trichloroethene (TCE) vapor intrusion (a process where vapors from groundwater contamination may migrate into the indoor air of nearby buildings).

After requesting permission from property owners and tenants, EPA has conducted several rounds of sampling this year in buildings and homes in your area. **During these rounds of testing, EPA found evidence that vapor intrusion may be occurring in some buildings on the south side of Duane Avenue and in certain homes on San Miguel Avenue (odd-numbered side) and San Luisito Avenue (even-numbered side).**

The results of the majority of home sampling, however, do show that TCE levels indoors meet EPA's health protection requirements. *Some elevated levels of TCE vapors were found in crawlspaces underneath some buildings, which may indicate a potential for vapor intrusion to occur in the future (for example, during the wintertime when doors and windows are opened less frequently and houses are more tightly sealed).*

EPA would like to continue investigating to better understand what is occurring and plan next steps. In the meantime, EPA recommends testing at all residences in the area. *There is no cost to you for this testing, which we would like to do in the next few weeks.*

EPA's Sampling Access Agreement is attached to this letter. **Property owners who wish to participate in the testing should sign the Sampling Access Agreement and return it to EPA as soon as possible at the following address: Melanie Morash, U.S. EPA Region 9, 75 Hawthorne Street (SFD-7-1), San Francisco, California 94105.**

The process for testing for TCE in indoor air is not disruptive, and simply involves placing a small sampling device in your home and in the crawlspace beneath your home over a 24-hour to 2-week period. If we identify any products in your home that contain TCE or similar chemicals, we will ask your permission to temporarily remove these from the home before putting out our samples. EPA's goal is to conduct two sampling events, including at least one during the winter, however, we can work with you on your preferred sampling time. After testing, EPA will notify you of the results within a few weeks. If levels exceed EPA's health-based screening levels, we will present options to you on how to proceed.

Please note that your drinking water does not come from groundwater in this area. Neighborhood drinking water comes from the Hetch Hetchy Reservoir in the Sierra Nevada Mountains and meets all state and federal drinking water standards. If you have any questions, please contact me at (415) 972-3050 or e-mail me at morash.melanie@epa.gov. You may also contact EPA's Community Involvement Coordinator, Alejandro Diaz, who is fluent in Spanish, at (415) 972-3242 or by e-mail to diaz.alejandro@epa.gov. EPA also has a website for the project: www.epa.gov/region9/triplesite which has additional information. We greatly appreciate your cooperation. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melanie Morash".

Melanie Morash, EPA Project Manager