

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

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April 26, 1984
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Brigadier General Trevor A. Hammond
Vice Commander
Sacramento Air Logistics Center
McClellan AFB, CA 95652

Dear General Hammond:


McCLELLAN AIR FORCE BASE INSTALLATION RESTORATION PROGRAM, AREA D FEASIBILITY STUDY: EVALUATION OF ALTERNATE WATER SUPPLIES FOR OFF-BASE RESIDENCES

This letter confirms the Department of Health Services' request that McClellan AFB evaluate the feasibility of providing full alternate water supplies to affected and potentially affected off-base residences. Potentially affected off-base residences include those which have had trace levels of contaminants measured in their wells or which are located immediately downgradient of the suspected plume where there may be high likelihood of future impacts on water supply wells. Your evaluation should include an identification of the means and cost of providing replacement water supplies, for all uses, to these residences and a discussion of potential funding sources, including Department of Defense sources, for such replacement supplies.

Please include the evaluation of alternate water supplies in your overall evaluation of alternatives for final closure of Area D.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,


James T. Allen, Ph.D.
Chief, Northern California Section

JTA:mr

cc: Members, McClellan Air Force Base Hazardous Waste/Ground Water Contamination Task Force



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May 23, 1984

Hugh V. Johns, Chairman
California Regional Water Quality
Control Board, Central Valley Region
3201 S Street
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Dear Mr. Johns:

At the Council meeting of May 22, 1984 it was brought to the attention of the City Council that your Board would be considering a Cease and Desist Order against McClellan A.F.B. at its meeting of May 25, 1984. This Cease and Desist Order would allow an extension of all parts of Orders No. 82-125 and 82-126 until May 1, 1988. This extension as we understand it is to allow McClellan time to connect to the Sacramento County Regional Sanitation District system. The third recommendation of the proposed Cease and Desist Order is directing McClellan A.F.B. to develop and implement an "Interim Measures Plan" to ameliorate potential harm to downstream beneficial users of the receiving waters until full compliance is achieved. Residents of the City of Sacramento reside along the area adjacent to the downstream receiving waters and the City is concerned about the continued discharge by McClellan Field into these waters.

The City Council has also received a copy of a letter from Dr. James T. Allen, Chief of the Northern California Section, Department of Health Services, Toxic Substance Control Division, to Brigadier General Trevor A. Hammond of McClellan Field. This letter requests that McClellan A.F.B. evaluate the feasibility of providing full alternate water supplies to affected and potentially affected off-base residences (copy attached). Brigadier General Hammond answered by reiterating McClellan Field's policy of providing alternative drinking water only to those residents whose wells had been contaminated above the State action levels.

The clean up at McClellan Field is a long-term project; meanwhile, those residents near McClellan Field and adjacent to the streams that drain from McClellan have trace levels of contaminants measured in their wells. These residents have appeared before the City Council with concerns about the future levels of contaminants in these wells and have stated that their property values have dropped because of contamination and virtually find themselves unable to move from the area should they so desire.

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The City Council has unanimously voted to request that your Board require, as part of your Cease and Desist Order, that McClellan Field evaluate the feasibility of providing full alternate water supplies to affected and potentially affected off-base residents as suggested in Dr. Allen's letter. The City Council thanks the Board for its past efforts in the clean-up program at McClellan Field and strongly urges your Board to consider our request at your meeting of May 25, 1984.

Sincerely,



Anne Rudin
Mayor

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Bob Matsui, Congress
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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James T. Allen".

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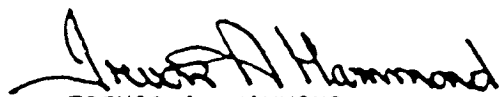
Dear Dr Allen

As you are aware, the Air Force has agreed to finance the installation of a water main from the Rio Linda Water District to supply drinking water to specific residents on 20th street. This action is in consonance with our frequently stated policy: to provide alternate drinking water to residents whose wells have been contaminated above the state action levels by McClellan.

Any future contamination of other areas above the state action levels, caused by McClellan, could result in similar negotiations with water districts within whose sphere of influence the area lies. This type of solution, as well as the possibility of the use of bottled water or filters, is of course dependent upon such factors as location and the extent of any such areas. I believe that the Rio Linda water line demonstrates our total commitment to our previously stated policy.

I'm particularly pleased that our off-base groundwater investigation contract will start this month. This research should help us to jointly identify any future potential trouble areas by delineating the source and rate of flow of the underground plume. We may want to readdress some of our planning when this research data become available.

Sincerely


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