# Appendix F

Regulatory/Historical Review and Environmental Opinion



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Re: Regulatory/Historical Review and Environmental Opinion

15749 Grand Avenue Lake Elsinore, California AEC Project No. 19-315SD

Dear Mr. Kinsinger:

Advantage Environmental Consultants, LLC (AEC) has completed an environmental review of the property located at 15749 Grand Avenue in Lake Elsinore, California (Site). The Site is a reported 12.55 acres in size and is further identified by County of Riverside Assessor's Parcel Numbers 381-320-020 and -023. The Site is situated generally north of Lake Terrace Drive, south of Grand Avenue, east of Macy Street and west of Ortega Highway (Highway 74).

## Site Reconnaissance

A reconnaissance of the Site was conducted by Kinsinger Environmental Consulting. The Site was examined for evidence of the following potential environmental concerns:

Conditions	Not Observed or Noted	Observed or Noted	Significant Concern?
Hazardous Substances/Petroleum Products	Х		
Waste Generation/Storage/Disposal	X		
Aboveground Storage Tanks	X		
Underground Storage Tanks	X		
Polychlorinated Biphenyl Containing Equipment	X		
Chemical/Petroleum Odors	X		
Pools of Liquid	X		
Floor Drains/Sumps/Wells	X		
Drums	X		
Stains or Corrosion	X		
Unidentified Substance Containers	Х		
Stained Soil or Pavement	Х		
Stressed Vegetation	Х		
Pits, Ponds or Lagoons	Х		
Wastewater Discharges/Disposal Systems	Х		
Septic Systems/Cesspools	Х		

Conditions	Not Observed or Noted	Observed or Noted	Significant Concern?
Non-Hazardous Solid Waste Disposal Areas	X		
Drinking Water Systems/Water Wells	X		
Other Wells		Х	No

No significant environment concerns were noted during the Site reconnaissance. Several groundwater monitoring wells were observed on site that were drilled to document depth to water table.

# Regulatory Database Review

AEC reviewed Federal, State and local-level environmental databases searched by Environmental (EDR) for information pertaining to documented and/or suspected releases of regulated hazardous substances and/or petroleum products at the Site and within specified search distances from the Site.

AEC also reviewed unmappable sites listed in the environmental database report by cross-referencing addresses and site names. Unmappable sites are sites that cannot be plotted with confidence, but can be located by zip code or city name. In general, a site cannot be mapped because of inaccurate or missing location information in the record provided by the regulatory agency. Any unmappable sites that AEC identifies within the specified search radii were evaluated as part of the preparation of this report.

The following Federal databases related to potential on-site and off-site sources of contamination were reviewed and interpreted by AEC:

Federal Databases	Search Distance From Site
National Priorities List (NPL)	One mile
Delisted NPL	One mile
Superfund Enterprise Management System (SEMS) Former CERCLIS	One-half mile
Superfund Enterprise Management System Archive (SEMS ARCHIVE) Former CERCLIS NFRAP	One-half mile
Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) CORRACTS Hazardous Waste Treatment, Storage and Disposal (TSD) Facilities	One mile
RCRA non-CORRACTS Hazardous Waste TSD Facilities	One-half mile
RCRA Hazardous Waste Generators (RCRA GEN)	One-eighth mile
Emergency Response Notification System (ERNS)	One-eighth mile
Federal Institutional/Engineering Control Registries (IC/EC)	One-half mile

The following State/local databases related to potential on-site and off-site sources of contamination were also searched and reviewed:

State/Local Databases	Search Distance From Site
State-equivalent NPL and CERCLIS (RESPONSE and Envirostor)	One mile

State/Local Databases	Search Distance From Site
State Voluntary Cleanup Sites (VCP)	One-half mile
State Landfill and/or Solid Waste Disposal Sites (SWF/LF)	One-half mile
State Leaking Storage Tank (LUST, SLIC, SAM)	One-half mile
State Registered Storage Tank (UST, AST)	One-eighth mile
State Brownfields	One-half mile

Descriptions/sources of each of the above referenced regulatory databases and the dates these databases were last updated by the applicable regulatory agencies are included in the EDR reports In addition, several non-ASTM databases were searched that are not listed in the table above. Descriptions of these databases and dates that these databases were updated are also included in the EDR report.

The Site is not listed on any of the standard ASTM or non-ASTM databases searched by EDR. Several listings mapped between one-eighth to one mile from the Site were listed on various regulatory databases. Such properties are not considered to be of likely environmental concern to the Site. This opinion is based on several factors including the nature of the regulatory database listings, distance of the off-Site listed properties from the Site, orientation of the listed properties relative to the Site, interpreted direction of groundwater flow, and/or regulatory case status information for the various properties as described in the databases.

## Historical Review

A review of a historical aerial photographs and topographic maps indicates that the Site was formerly utilized for agricultural purposes prior to its current condition. During historical agricultural activities throughout the State of California, various pesticides and more specifically organochlorine pesticides were commonly applied during the normal course of agricultural operations. Such compounds have since been banned from production and use in the United States. Section 105215 of the California Health and Safety Code discusses the regulatory reporting of incidents that pertain to pesticide spills and accidental releases of pesticide products. Based on the regulatory and historical research completed during the preparation of this assessment, no information has been revealed that would lead AEC to believe that an accidental spill or release of pesticide products has occurred at the Site. In addition, neither stressed vegetation, nor evidence of the storage of pesticides was observed on the property during the Site reconnaissance or based on regulatory and historical research reviews. However, if the client desires a higher level of confidence regarding the potential presence of residual agricultural chemicals in Site soils, sampling and analysis can be performed.

#### Site Owner Interview

The Site owner is unaware of environmental concerns in connection with the Site.

# **Environmental Opinion**

Based on the resources consulted during this assessment, AEC has not identified significant environmental concerns associated with the Site. As stated previously, if the

client desires a higher level of confidence regarding the potential presence of residual agricultural chemicals in Site soils, sampling and analysis can be performed.

### **User Reliance and Limitations**

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# Closure

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service on this project. If you should have any questions regarding this report, or if we can be of further assistance, please contact me at (760) 744-3363.

Sincerely,

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Attachment:

Regulatory Database Report

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