

January 14, 2004

Bruce K. Daniels, Chair
California Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB)
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101
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*RE: Specific requests from the Perchlorate Community Advisory Group (PCAG)
to the RWQCB for consideration and incorporation into the Board's
Perchlorate Clean-up Request to be presented to the Olin Corporation.*

Dear Mr. Daniels:

First of all, we want to convey to you and your diligent staff our appreciation for the RWQCB's commitment to resolve, in a thorough yet timely manner, the perchlorate contamination clean-up issues with Olin. We are also grateful the RWQCB established the Perchlorate Community Advisory Group (PCAG) and we value the close working relationship with members of your staff, namely Harvey Packard and John Mijares and their successors, Eric Gobler, and David Athey. Their presence and input at our meetings are invaluable to us as we work together to ensure that the remediation of the perchlorate contamination restores the quality of the groundwater and the soil to all beneficial uses for the affected South Santa Clara County community.

Secondly, we want to present to the RWQCB some specific requests. PCAG has been diligent in its mandate from the RWQCB to provide community input regarding the perchlorate contamination in our soils and our groundwater. Due to the variation of lifestyle in the affected area plus the fact that wells provide our only water source, the water quality in the municipal, agricultural and private well water supplies critically impact the quality of our lives. Contaminated soil and the continued leaching of perchlorate into our ground water basin are also major concerns due to the commercial crops, livestock, and many private vegetable gardens used as a food source. By accessing and disseminating available information regarding both onsite and offsite groundwater and soil remediation, PCAG has arrived at some specific requests of RWQCB to more fully address our concerns. The following is our list:

- 1) Require Olin Corporation to completely define the vertical and lateral extent of the perchlorate plume by providing additional wells capable of determining basin stratigraphy that would be monitored frequently to provide valuable on-going, updated data.

- 2) Require Olin Corporation to prepare timely interim and long-term perchlorate remediation plans for the valley basin residents which carefully reviews, considers and reports findings on ALL possible technologies capable of perchlorate removal at the wellhead. We request these plans include a six-month timeline beginning in January 2004 with periodic updates for the duration.
- 3) Require Olin Corporation to provide all PCAG members with hard copy of ALL reports, documents and plans relevant to their remediation of the perchlorate contamination.
- 4) Request that the RWQCB continue to keep PCAG apprised and involved in establishment of remediation methods and strategies being considered for the cleanup of Perchlorate. PCAG has first-hand knowledge of the effects of the perchlorate contamination on the local residents, business and property owners and, as a result, can be a very effective liaison between the problems identified, the solutions proposed and their specific benefits to the needs of the community.
- 5) Request the RWQCB continue to keep PCAG apprised of the on-going negotiations with Olin Corporation and provide our affected community opportunity to preview and comment on all clean-up policies to be presented to Olin Corporation.
- 6) In regards to Olin's recent Soil Feasibility Study and recognizing time is of the essence, the PCAG strongly advocates excavating and hauling the highest concentrated soils from the Tennant Site to a proper off-site facility unless Olin can demonstrate that bioremediation is a more timely and effective solution for onsite cleanup.

PCAG is committed to our perchlorate-affected community. It is important that we know our concerns and requests are being considered and that the solutions instituted to effectively remove perchlorate from our valley basin are in the best interests for our present circumstances and for our future.

Thank you for this opportunity to be part of the solution.

Sincerely,



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Perchlorate Community Advisory Group

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