

To: California Regional Water Quality Control Board San Francisco Bay Region

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Regarding: Lehigh Southwest Cement Company – Cease and Desist Order

Pertaining To: Violations, Unauthorized Discharges, and Mandatory Minimum Penalties

Proposed Order: Settlement Agreement and Stipulation for Entry of Administrative Civil Liability Order

I would first like to start with the Notice of Proposed Settlement Agreement and Stipulated Order I received stating that \$250,000.00 dollars is a discretionary penalty I looked up the meaning of this word and it states in The American Heritage Dictionary that it means – Left to or regulated by one's own discretion or judgement something that is to be used responsibly as needed. It seems to me to be a problem of who makes that decision is Lehigh deciding if they should pay this \$250,000.00 dollars I would not want to leave it up to them to decide? The \$51,000.00 dollars mandatory minimum penalty is not enough by any means. Lehigh should be charged millions of dollars for the damage they have done and it looks like they may even get out of paying this Settlement Agreement amount total of \$301,000.00 dollars.

The other issue so far as I begin is that Santa Clara County and the City of Cupertino is not going to get any money from the \$301,000.00 dollars in this Proposed Settlement Agreement and I have to ask why not? It seems that they have suffered from the pollution and they get nothing and to allow \$158,000.00 dollars to be suspended pending a Supplemental Environmental Project to fund the San Francisco Bay Regional Monitoring Program, specifically for Lower South Bay sediment transport monitoring is not fair and just.

I would like to see this money going to a fund that would allow for testing of the pollution by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board San Francisco Bay Region office or the State Regional Water Quality Control Board Region 2. This money could be used to contract with a company that could test the water and bring in reports that would make sure the public is protected. I understand that Lehigh is the one who reported themselves to be in violation and I suppose they did their own testing or hired some company to do it. My concern is that there is no verification without the CRWQCBSF or the SRWQCB Region 2 doing water pollution testing, how can we be sure that Lehigh has reported honestly? I would think that there may even be a possibility that there was even more pollution and that they reported what they did which is a lot lower hoping that this would satisfy all concerned. The \$301,000.00 dollars could be nothing compared to what really was the damage and it seems Lehigh is more than happy to pay this amount instead of the millions of dollars they should be paying for this pollution crime and lawbreaking. Lehigh Southwest Cement and Quarry is part of a larger company the Heidelberg Cement who employee 60,000 employees at 3,000 locations in more than 60 countries and have been around for 140 years since 1874, they have 139 cement plants annual cement capacity of 176 million tons, more than 1,500 ready-mixed concrete production sites, and over 600 aggregates quarries.

The question that people I wonder about and that people have been asking is why is Heidelberg Cement the mother company not on any of the paperwork? It seems that the disregard for Heidelberg Cement not controlling Leigh Southwest Cement and the Quarry's pollution and allowing them to break the law is a crime on their part as well. They have been in business for 140 years and counting and they are very able to pay this \$301,000.00 dollars which to them is just an operating business expense and they can just right it off. Lehigh Southwest Cement Company and the Heidelberg Cement Company have never retrofitted the Cupertino Lehigh Southwest Cement and Quarry is a disgrace and a health and safety hazard to the people that live near it and in the Silicon Valley and the SF Bay Area. I have to ask when will the agencies overall really do the job of enforcement and finally realize that real enforcement does not mean just a fine and then look the other way. The fact that Lehigh reports their own violations should send shivers down our spines and tears to our eyes because they are polluting our communities and our children's lives are at stake.

I ask that Heidelberg Cement Company come out of hiding and own up to their responsibility and be recorded as part of this Settle Agreement and that they would have to pay millions of dollars to compensate for their pollution crimes. I ask that this matter be brought before the two boards, that this matter is seriously looked at and rectified with the highest of fines and if necessary allowing criminal charges to be brought against them. The Lehigh Cement Plant and Quarry needs to be shut down and there should be no other application for a permit to mine a new mine in the future in order to protect the public from further harm.

There should also be no settlement agreement if necessary they should be taken to court and strict fines imposed and I would also ask that criminal charges be brought up against the polluters. It is time to protect the public what good are agencies that just impose fines and then allow the polluters to continue to possess Permits as the NPFDES Permit which gives them the right to pollute. The maximum levels set by the agencies are set high and the polluter always seem to come in under the level I have to wonder who sets these maximum levels. The Best Available Technologies are not enough who decides what is best Lehigh or other companies that will pick the least expensive equipment which is not the best, who is monitoring that. Then we have the economic aspect if the company has trouble buying the latest and greatest retrofit equipment than the agencies let them off the hook and Lehigh can buy whatever. The economic factor is a really serious matter how can we allow this pollution just because a company cannot pay to stop the serious pollution they are emitting? This is why the people are sick from all kinds of diseases and dying from these diseases because this sort of thing is being allowed to happen there is no real enforcement and there is no real protection.

Section I: Introduction

Comment: The amount of \$301,000.00 dollars against the polluter is not enough and these violations have been going on for 90 years and counting. I have to ask the question here where has the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region, (Prosecution Team), and Enforcement Divisions been all this time? I worked for 13 -1/2 years and counting trying to get Lehigh fined and closed down and no one would listen to me why is that? Santa Clara County would not fine Lehigh and to this day still will not fine Lehigh why is that?

Section II: RECITALS – more

Comment: The ongoing issues pertaining to the NPDES Permit have been burdensome giving Lehigh Southwest Cement Company a permit to pollute and that is exactly what has taken place and because they continually violated the permit. Item 4 especially mentions – The Facility discharges process wastewater from cement manufacturing, quarry dewatering aggregate materials processing, truck washing, and dust control. The Facility also discharges industrial storm water. Lehigh cannot operate without polluting the Air, Water and Soil. Looking at the Permit and amendments and the disregards taken by Lehigh and the noting of the Permit that contains prohibitions, limitations, and provisions it is obvious to me that there has not been appropriate enforcement in the past. The question in my mind is why should the continuation of paying fines do not do justice the violations are serious and people are subjected to Lehigh's ongoing pollution.

Item 5 States that the Permit contains effluent limitations, including those listed on Table 1 below: more

Comment:

I would like to look at the Average Monthly Effluent Limit and the Maximum Daily Effluent Limit at Discharge Point No. 001 the first question is what is the location is it a pond or what? I would think that the public needs to know. The Parameter list has Chromium (VI), Mercury, Nickel, Selenium, Total Dissolved Solids, Settleable Matter and Turbidity. The Total Suspended Solids does not have an Average Monthly Effluent Limit why not? The others have listed the Average Monthly Effluent Limit and Maximum Daily Effluent Limit. The public must be made aware that this is not what Lehigh is emitting and that we need to know the levels of pollution especially if they are in violation.

Discharge Point Nos. 002, 004, and 005 – this information should be broken out separately for each location and there needs to be a description mentioning the location of these Discharge Points. The Turbidity has not Average Monthly Effluent Limit but does have a Maximum Daily Effluent Limit of 40 NTU = Nephelometric Turbidity Units. The Total Suspended Solids has not Average Monthly Effluent Limit but has a Maximum Daily Effluent Limit of 50 mg/L. The Settleable Matter has a Average Monthly Effluent Limit and a Maximum Daily Effluent Limit. The pH is in between both the Average Monthly Effluent Limit and the Maximum Daily Effluent Limit listed as 6.5 – 8.5 s.u. (2) Unit abbreviations states s.u = standard units. It seems to me this is very unclear and should be made easier to understand.

Note: I believe that the public has a right to know exactly what Lehigh is emitting the levels of pollution and just exactly where the violation is. I would also like to know if Lehigh was tested for other contaminants and if so why have they not included on this report?

Discharge Point No. 006 – Total Suspended Solids there is no Average Monthly Limit and there is a Maximum Daily Effluent Limit at 50 mg/L the question again where is this Discharge Point? I would also like to know why the Average Monthly Effluent Limit was not put in this Table.

7. Per the CDO, page 7, paragraph 1 (b), the Discharger is required to comply with the numeric interim effluent limitations listed in Table 2 below: - more

Comment: The report is difficult to read and a person needs to bounce back and forth to figure out what is taking place. The CDO Discharge point Nos. 002, 004, and 005 under Settleable Matter reads 2.6 mL/L-hr. is what Lehigh is violating Table 1: Permit Effluent Limits reads 0.2 mL/L-hr. Maximum Daily Effluent Limit. I think in order to have made things very clear to the public and the board members this information should have been on one page and the violation should have been in red. This is just one of the items here in Table 2 and the same applies to the others.

Note: Lehigh must have known how much water was coming down to the Interim Treatment System prior to the systems being set up based on 90 + years in operation so why did they not put in a larger capacity system? I find it hard to understand after being told by Santa Clara County all along that the upper and lower interim treatment systems were working and there was no problem that this now is apparent that there was and is a great problem. It is very hard to understand what is and has taken place and it seems that even now Lehigh is still in violation and continues to be in violation. I must state here that the amount of \$301,000.00 dollars is not enough of a penalty for Lehigh to pay and it should be in the millions of dollars.

8. Since the Facility's discharges violated Permit discharge prohibitions and exceeded Permit effluent limitations, (read more)

Comment: The question that people should ask is how did this become a problem the history of water flow at Lehigh should have been adequate and the vendor who sold them the Interim Treatment Systems should have provide large enough of a system to accommodate the need. I have to wonder did Lehigh decide on a cheaper capacity system in hopes that it would do the job. The engineers at Lehigh and at the company that sold them the Interim Treatment Systems must have miscalculated what the Interim Treatment Systems could handle and so who is to blame? I was told by SCC that the Interim Treatment Systems were doing the job and that nothing was wrong this was simply not true. The public is subjected to high levels of pollution and a fine payed is not enough to compensate for the health issued that will come of it.

Note: This ongoing problem needs to end and SCC and the State Regional Water Quality Control Enforcement Division must take responsibility for solving this serious problem. The pollution does not just harm the aquatic life but it is doing great harm to human and animal life. There is no way to control water flow everything comingles under the ground the pollution from Lehigh is going into the Permanente Creek, Stevens Creek and the SF Bay, it is also going into the aquifer below the Silicon Valley. This contamination to our aquifer needs to stop because this water is taken up by the San Jose Water Company and the California Water Service Company who should be complaining about Lehigh.

9. CDO paragraph 16 states, in part: (read more)

Comment: The Best Management Practices are not always the best who decides what the best equipment or Interim Treatment System is? I suppose Lehigh decided on the vendor and no one made sure that what they proposed would do the job. There are many technologies out there new ones every day and so I would think that the State Regional Water Quality Control Board and Santa Clara County would have looked to make sure that Lehigh had found the Best Vendor. This whole matter has been a

disappointment to me and I would imagine the public if they all knew what was really happening. Who decides on the levels Maximum Daily Effluent Limits and how are these levels calculated, what formula is used to calculate them? I think if anyone really tried to look into this that they would find that no one wants to tell people exactly how these levels are calculated.

10. CDO page 10, paragraph 5 states, in part (read more)

Comment: Well here the agency is giving Lehigh a chance to get away with their pollution and it states if the Discharger returns to compliance, Permit violations shall again not be subject to mandatory minimum penalties as of the first day of the first day of the month following the return to full compliance. I see that never mind the non-compliance all these years and the pollution why not just let them off the hook. This kind of politics is criminal and I want everyone to realize that it is breaking the laws that pertain to permits or rules or regulations should have strict consequences so as to insure that the Discharger does not commit the same violations. The State Regional Water Quality Control Enforcement Department and the Boards should not Lehigh get away with this.

11. Water Code section 13350 – (more read)

Comment: I am amazed that Lehigh Southwest Cement and Quarry and Heidelberg Cement the mother company have been allowed to pollute for 100 years and counting and now under the permit Water Code Section 13350 the State Regional Water Quality Control Board Region 2 states as follows:

“A person who (1) violates a cease and desist order or cleanup and abatement order hereafter issued, reissued, or amended by a regional board or state board shall be liable civilly, and remedies maybe proposed, in accordance with subdivision (d) or (e).”

I am concerned that after Lehigh's repeated violations and cease and desist order violations over the years that it is possible the State Regional Water Quality Control Board would allow Lehigh if they return to compliance Permit violations shall again not be subject to mandatory minimum penalties as stated in item 10. What good are permits that have rules and regulations that are not imposed? Why should we bother to set up a system that allows the Discharger/Polluter to continue to pollute and giving them chance after chance to clean up their act and still they do not abide by the Permit? I am sorry but this seems like foolishness on our part and the Governments that regulate the Dischargers and Polluters and it must not continue. The civil liability that can be imposed is just not enough the cost to the Discharger and Polluter is just written off by the company as an operating cost and they can just right it off. Lehigh and Heidelberg Cement know very well what the permit states and can well afford to pay any amount set by the Permit so what is the problem?

The Lehigh Southwest Cement and Quarry cause a great deal of pollution in the Air and also on the ground with the cement dust all over the properties and the dust is flying all over the valley it is every place making people sick and killing the public this needs to stop. The Bay Area Air Quality Control Department will not stop the pollution and they are the regulators the Maximum Level so pollution set by them and the EPA are always way above the Discharger/Polluter levels of course this makes it easy for them to emit with no problems. The levels are false and there is no real science to back them up and

the public is subjected to ongoing dangerous pollution and no one will end the ridiculous lies about the levels they say are safe they are not. It is time to look into the science that allows these so called safe levels to be imposed on the public because we have to ask ourselves, why are people terribly sick and dying if there is no problem? We cannot blame this on genetics or pollution from automobiles.

The pollution that the public must endure is serious and I believe that the Discharger/Polluter's facility or facilities should be closed down until the problem is corrected and if they cannot correct the problem they should be closed down for good.

12. Pursuant to Water Code section 13350 - (read more)

Comment: I think that the mention of either on a daily basis or on a per gallon basis, but not both is wrong it should be based on a gallon bases for a 24 hour period 7 days a week.

13 & 14 Pursuant to Water Code section 13350 – (read more)

Comment: They have put a limit on civil liability calculated on a daily basis “shall not exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for each day of the violation occurs.” I have to ask how does this work in with item 12 which states a per gallon bases maybe we should take both into account and why is there a limit just \$5,000.00 Dollars or \$10,000.00 Dollars? I truly believe that the cost should be based on the seriousness of the pollution, and also if the Discharger has been operating with disregard of the permit than a stronger dollar amount should be imposed. I believe if the Discharger/Polluter is aware of this, they are less likely to violate the law. It seems again that the agencies and Santa Clara County are more willing to accommodate Lehigh the Discharger/Polluter than to take into consideration the real seriousness of the pollution going out to the public.

15. Pursuant to Water Code section 13385 – (read more)

Comment: It seems to me there are too many variances this makes it more difficult to decide on what to actually impose as a penalty. The mention of exceeds 1,000 gallons and where they can clean it up or no is not the issue they are in violation? If they cannot stop polluting or clean up their act close them down. Why are we judging based on gallons instead of the seriousness of the violation the penalty is not sufficient in this regard, not strict enough. The agencies have not real power to enforce and what is real enforcement as the public is subjected to more and more pollution the agencies are fooling around with semantics, how much should we impose as a fine or how much should we not and how should we administer this penalty? When are the issues going to be looked at as a real threat to the future of humanity instead of accommodating the Discharger/Polluter in any way that the Government decides leaving us to constantly question our Government continually?

16. Water code section 13385 – (read more)

Comment: The continued complications are evident the Codes call out for individual occurrences again giving Lehigh the Discharger a way to decide in what area they wish to violate giving them leeway such as in item c. A through D. The State Regional Water Quality Control board has to abide by the Codes but it seems even with that there is a great deal of leeway to their own discretion which is not acceptable.

Giving them a four or more times in a period of six months, except that the requirement to assess the mandatory minimum penalty shall not be applicable to the first three violations is wrong. I want to state again giving Lehigh or any other company such accommodations to pollute and hide what they are doing is wrong. The public is subjected to constant ongoing pollution because of this Code and it seems that no one has had any regard for this crime and no real enforcement has taken place.

17. Pursuant to Water Code section 13385 – (read more)

Comment: I have mentioned before that MMP's – Mandatory Minimum Penalties should apply even if a discharger complies with a cease and desist order because the Discharger/Polluter in this case Lehigh knows what is expected of them and have been in constant violation for 100 years and counting they should have to pay the penalty. I would use the example of a person who breaks a serious law and goes before the judge, and the judge says to that law breaker "are you sorry for your crime and do you say you will not commit this crime anymore" the person say of course judge no problem". The man walks out of the court room free as a bird, of course this does not happen because our laws are just and the man serves time and also pays a fine. My question is why is this Discharger/Polluter Lehigh able to circumvent the system and why would they be allowed to keep breaking the law over and over and even then they may not have to pay for their crimes because they have complied with a cease and desist order? It is no wonder that there is so much pollution in our cities and towns the laws are not protecting the public and they are too lenient something needs to be done about this. The list of a. – d. are stated to protect the Discharger/Polluter Lehigh and not the public.

18. Under Water Code section 13385, subdivision (j) (3), a discharger is only protected from MMP's – Mandatory Minimum Penalties when it is in compliance with the cease and desist order. No MMP protection is afforded when the discharger/polluter Lehigh is not in compliance with the cease and desist order. I added Lehigh because I want to bring attention to the polluter. I do not think this is fair to the public who must endure the pollution and I have stated this time and time again what is going to be done about this ongoing crime that keeps getting committed? With a way out the polluter just keeps obstructing justice to be served are we the public to just stand by why this is happening and not do anything to stop it. Why is the State Regional Water Quality Control Boards not fighting for our lives because that is what is at stake here again there is no real enforcement or justice served.

19. The Discharger Lehigh is subject to four categories of violation: (read more)

Comment: The Interim Treatment System (ITS) Violations of CDO table 3 (i) are very serious the levels of pollution are high see Permit Effluent Limit and then read Reported ITS Effluent Value – note Lehigh reports these levels they are not taken from the State Regional Water Quality Control Enforcement Department. The question here is all of this water where is it coming from and from what I understand it is coming from the Lehigh Cement Plant the Quarry and the any other water that is running on the property. This has been taking place for 100 years and counting the Interim Treatment Systems 2 of them were put in and they were supposed to treat the problem and it looks like they are not doing the job so a cease and desist order was established. Note: there have been other cease and desist orders. Santa Clara County all along informed me that the Interim Treatment Systems were doing a good job of

cleaning up the pollution this was not the case and so it would seem the public was being lied to. I still do not really know if they are even doing the job now and the public continues to be polluted by Lehigh. The Lehigh Southwest Cement plant is a major contributor to the pollution water is used to cool down the kiln and to make cement the toxic waste material from the Cement plant is moved from the site by truck and I am not sure where it is taken but it is removed. I was told for a very long time prior to this information that I received that the Cement plant toxic waste material was burned in the kiln and that there was not waste I believe this to now be a lie. The public and I continually are lied to and Lehigh continues to be subject to investigations that prove that they are a serious polluter, so when will someone shut them down?

e. I am concerned alleged violations of the November 2015 Consent Decree entered into between the United States, the Regional Water Board, and the Discharger in case 5:15-cv-01896-HRL. Any such violations may be resolved in a separate document. Note: This case is between the Sierra Club vs. Lehigh Southwest Cement Company and settled for 7.5 million dollars part of this money about 5 million is now being used to build a large Lehigh Wastewater Treatment Plant. This plant will not be large enough to handle all of the polluted Lehigh Wastewater and the Interim Treatment Plant or Plants will have to be used as well. I am very surprised to hear of this because I have to wonder why the large Lehigh Wastewater Treatment Plant was not designed to handle all of the wastewater it seems someone dropped the ball at Lehigh, Santa Clara County and the State Regional Water Control Boards in Oakland and Sacramento. I believe a great deal of this problem with Lehigh and the reason there is a cease and desist order on the Interim Treatment Plants is that this whole matter was poorly constructed and the overseeing of the project was wrong. I know someone is totally responsible maybe all concerned. I am also worried about how the Interim Treatment Plants and the Lehigh Wastewater Treatment plant will be monitored in the future and can only hope the EPA Region 9 and the Federal EPA in Washington will be involved. It will take the public being involved in order to make sure that the water is being treated properly and I can only hope enough people will join together to make sure that that happens.

20. To resolve the alleged violations in section II – (read more)

Comment: The amount of \$301,000.00 dollars is in my opinion not sufficient to cover the damage done by Lehigh Southwest Cement Company and Heidelberg Cement. The fact that they can even get out of paying this amount by simply complying with the cease and desist order is shameful and a crime. I can only hope that something can be done to change this terrible injustice against the public. My question here also is where was Santa Clara County while all of this, disregard for the permit was going on and why did they not site Lehigh and or notify the State Regional Water Quality Control Board?

21. The Parties have agreed to settle – (read more)

Comment: I do not agree with this settlement on many counts and this matter should have been brought before a criminal court but of course I know with the present system of things this could never happen. I can only hope that somehow some kind of justice can be served here and if nothing else Lehigh will have to pay \$301,000.00 dollars for their crime. I also would hope that going ahead something more can be done if they continue to violate their permit.

22. The Prosecution Team – (read more)

Comment: I do not agree

Section III. STIPULATIONS (read more)

Comments: 1. Administrative Civil Liability: The Discharger hereby agrees to the imposition of an administrative civil liability totaling \$301,000.00 dollars to resolve the alleged violations as set forth in Section II as follows: a. – through d. the penalties are not enough and the implication that Lehigh can even get out of some of the penalties if they comply with the cease and desist order is wrong.

Question – The money taken as penalties is disbursed and some of it goes to the San Francisco Estuary Institute why is this happening and that Santa Clara County and Cupertino are getting none of this money even thou they are the ones who are being affected by this pollution.

2. Payment of Administrative Civil Liability: (read more)

Comment: It states a.to resolve the violations in section II, paragraph 19(b), no later than 30 days after the Regional Water Board or its delegate signs this Stipulated Order, the Discharger shall submit a check of \$45,000.00 dollars made payable to the “Waste Discharge Permit Fund,” referencing the Order number on page one of this Stipulated Order.

Question: I would like to know why the State Regional Water Quality Control Board Region 2 who stated to me at the meeting in Oakland, Ca. just recently that they have money to set up a Television Audio Conferencing System when there is money available going to the “Waste Discharge Permit Fund” and other funds? There is also money available from penalties from other violators and that money could also be used to set up a system. The Television Audio Conferencing System would be used to bring the community together so that at each location in a number of cities could connect with the Boards in Oakland and San Francisco, the people could hear and comment at these meetings without attending and all concerned could be involved. This system would save the public driving time, gas, and help to stop pollution on our highways. The public who is reluctant to show up at these meetings because they are working and have a family to take care of could just go to a local location and attend. Many people who work do not get paid unless they work and this would help because they could use their lunch hour to attend the local location where the Television Audio Conferencing meeting is held. I think more people would attend these meeting if they did not have to drive a long distance and deal with traffic and parking so I hope that the State Regional Water Quality Control Board will try and consider this as an option that would serve all concerned. Note: I have been trying to get the Bay Area Air Quality Management Department to also consider such a possibility.

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Comment: Reading the Violation Date year 2017, Violated Parameter and Unit, permit Effluent Limit, & Reported ITS Effluent Value and seeing the high levels of pollution it is extremely evident that something should have been done back in 2017 and I have to seriously wonder what is being done now. Lehigh Company send in their own reports so how can we be sure they are reporting correctly even if they

report high levels that could even be higher. The State Regional Water Quality Control Board should be the ones conducting the testing or finding a company that can do the tests leaving this up to Lehigh is wrong. I am told by the Water Board staff that this is just the way it is done well it is time to change all of that in order to protect the public. The levels of contamination and pollution are high and it does affect humans, not just aquatic life so please all concerned look at it for what it really is. The public is sick and dying from the pollution and we cannot disregard that it is because of the pollution that is allowed under permits. These violations at Lehigh have been going on for 100 years and counting and they will continue because Lehigh cannot operate without polluting. The Interim Treatment Plants and the Lehigh Wastewater Treatment Plant will not clean the water down to zero pollution they say that they just can't and the laws do not require them to so we the public, animals and aquatic life are left to parish and to suffer with all kinds of disease. I ask no I beg you to hear my cry and to change the system before it is too late if it is not too late already.

I will not further comment on the rest of the report because I believe I have made myself clear on the subjects except that I will say that Lehigh has not only polluted the whole Silicon Valley and surrounding areas but also the SF Bay area for 100 years and counting. It is time to stop this pollution and close them down once and for all and I will not leave out the Steven Creek Quarry who is also a dangerous polluter. The State Regional Water Quality Control Enforcement Department is in the process of investigating them and I can only hope that they will also have to pay for their contamination of the Steven Creek Reservoir and the aquifer below the Silicon Valley.

I hope that all concerned will read my comments and take them to heart because all of our lives depend on it. Please send these comments to the State Regional Water Quality Control Board in Oakland and to the Board in San Francisco.

I would also like to know where and when will the public's comments be listed on the web?

Thank you,

