

April 13, 2001

Senator Dianne Feinstein
525 Market Street, Suite 3670
San Francisco, CA 94105

ATTN: MATT ST. JOHN

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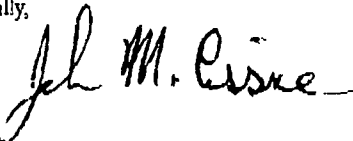
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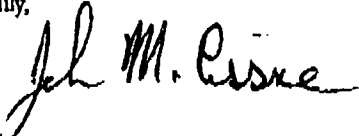
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95437

March 30, 2001

John Short
5550 Skylane Blvd., Suite A
Santa Rosa, CA
95403 - 1084

ATTN: MATT ST. JOHN

Attention: Charles Reed

Dear Sir:

On July 23, 1998 one of my homes was inundated by raw sewage that originated from an impendent bend in a sewer main belonging to the City of Fort Bragg, Inc. This sewage backup flowed, unhooked for more than three hours despite my prompt report to the City of Fort Bragg. The sewage not only ran into my residence but flooded out of a manhole cover on Cedar Street, into the storm drain and, from there, into a tributary of Pudding Creek. This tributary runs through Otis Johnson Park.

Four rooms of my home were damaged and I suffered the loss of many personal items as did my fiancé, Lori Gibson. We were unable to move back in to the home for four months.

Through independent investigation after this incident I found out that at least two of my neighbors had similar problems, the most severe having taken place in 1995 at 1025 Cedar Street. Again, a spill in duration of over three hours flooded a residence, ran into the storm drain and fouled Cedar Creek, a tributary of Pudding Creek. The source of the problem was the same impendent bend located behind my property. This was not the first time my neighbors had experienced problems because of the faulty impendent bend but it was the most severe. The city's response was to install a back check valvo off the main at that location rather than to remedy the true source of the problem.

In hind eight the city's inability or unwillingness to fix the problem put my family, myself, my neighbors and the water thoroughfares in danger.

I asked the city to install a back check off the main to keep the problem from reoccurring. My request was denied by the city's insurance adjustor, an agent of AIMS, Don Dourghan. On August 3, 2000 the sewer backed up once again, breaking a sewer pipe under my home, flooding raw sewage up into my bathtub and, once again, out the manhole cover into the storm drain fouling Pudding Creek. Once again the source was the impendent bend behind my property.

During the course of my independent investigations since these incidents I have made numerous requests for information: maintenanco reports, city sewer elevations, Nute engineering reports, and reports of previous sewer spills. None of these requests have been honored.

It was only after visits to neighbors, Public Health, phone conversations with the State Water Quality Control Board and Terry Oda of the Region 9, San Francisco, EPA that I discovered that neither of the spills of July 23, 1998 or August 3, 2000 were reported through proper channels. The incident occurring at 1025 Cedar, on December 24, 1996 had been reported to the regional board, however I was informed that no action was taken as a result of the report. This leads me to believe that the fouling of Cedar Creek went unmentioned.

This attitude of non-cooperation and ambivalenco towards my plight, the health of the public and that of the environment has prompted me to inform the Regional Board of these NPDES violations.



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CHEMICAL EXAMINATION REPORT

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Fort Bragg CA, 95437
Attn: John

Report Date: 03/28/01 09:47
Project No: Pd. Check 0573 \$60.00 Thank You
Project ID: No Project

Order Number: A103484 Receipt Date/Time: 03/22/2001 13:53 Client Code: ZCISS Client PO/Reference:

Alpha Analytical Laboratories, Inc.

METHOD	BATCH	PREPARED	ANALYZED	DILUTION	RESULT	PQL	NOTE
827 Cedar St. (A103484-01)		Sample Type: Water			Sampled: 03/22/01 10:55		
Fecal Coliforms by SM9221							
Fecal Coliforms	SM9221	AC12605	03/22/01	03/25/01	1	23 MPN/100 ml	2.0
Total Coliforms by SM9221							
Total Coliforms	SM9221	AC12605	"	03/25/01	1	>1600 MPN/100 ml	2.0 >1600

Karen Daly

Karen A. Daly For Lisa E. Jansen
Project Manager

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