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Mr. Michael Bogert
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Dear Mr. Bogert:

My constituent, (b) (6) has contacted me for assistance regarding concerns that the abandoned Nike Missile site on the Olhava property near Poulsbo has contaminated the area's groundwater with perchlorate and similar chemicals. Please see the enclosed documentation for more information. (b) (6) and others in his community have noted that in the past two years four residents of nearby Karkainan Lane have died of cancer. (b) (6) only has (b) homes located on it and the residents who contracted cancer all had shallow private wells as their drinking water source. (b) (6) and others in his community feel that this is an abnormally high incidence of cancer that warrants further testing and investigation. Enclosed is a short note from (b) (6) regarding the situation as well as a letter from (b) (6) to the Pollution Control Hearings Board

I respectfully request that you make sure this case is given all due consideration under the law and that a decision is made as soon as possible.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please reply to my Mountlake Terrace district office at the phone, fax or address listed above. You may also reply via email to: Jay.Inslee@mail.house.gov. I look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

JAY INSLEE
Member of Congress

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(b) (6) [redacted]

Jay Inslee

Three of us have protested the storm water permit issued by DOE at The Pollution Control Board and Sound They have authority to correct the problem.

We are concerned about the possible contamination from the Mike site on the Olhava development.

Could you contact EPA an USCOE to see if they will investigate and test the area shown on the enclosed letter

Thank you

(b) (6) [redacted]

PS I can provide additional information

(b) (6)

POULSBO, WA 98370

July 25, 2005

William H. Lynch
Pollution Control Hearings Board
P.O. Box 40903
Lacey, WA 98504-0903

Dear Mr. Lynch:

Re: Consolidated PCHB Nos. 03-120,03-123, 03-129

As we have not heard anything from the Pollution Control Board, I thought I would give you some updated information.

In previous letters, I expressed concerns about the abandoned Nike Missile site on the Olhava property. As I have previously stated, after the sampling by the US COE and EPA was completed, other US Army munitions and missile sites began finding toxic chemicals not included in the analyses by these agencies. These chemicals include various forms of perchlorate and nitrosodimethylamine, a by-product of dimethylhydrazine; these compounds are included in WAC173-303-9905 as dangerous waste. In sites sampled around the United States, 25 states have found perchlorate contamination in the ground water. There is a national concern that these chemicals maybe carcinogenic.

Recently, we learned of a higher than expected number of cancer death near this Nike site. Within the past two years, there have been four deaths on one (b) (6) (b) (6) just (b) (6) from the site (see enclosed map where X marks the old Nike Site). These deaths occurred in three homes (see enclosed pictures), all of whom obtained their drinking water from private shallow wells. There are only (b) (6) homes along this lane.

Our pleas to the City of Poulsbo and Wal-Mart (during our failed negotiations) to test local, shallow wells have gone unheeded. So once again I am asking that you recommend Department of Ecology conduct shallow well testing in the area and place some piezometers around the perimeter of the Nike site as WAC 173-200-040 and WAC 173-200-090 assigns the Department the responsibility for water quality in the State. If any pollutants are found, this site should then be reconsidered a superfund site as was the Aberdeen Proving Grounds and the proper remedial action taken. In addition, the any homes within the contaminated area should be connected to the local PUD or City of Poulsbo public water systems at no cost to the homeowner.

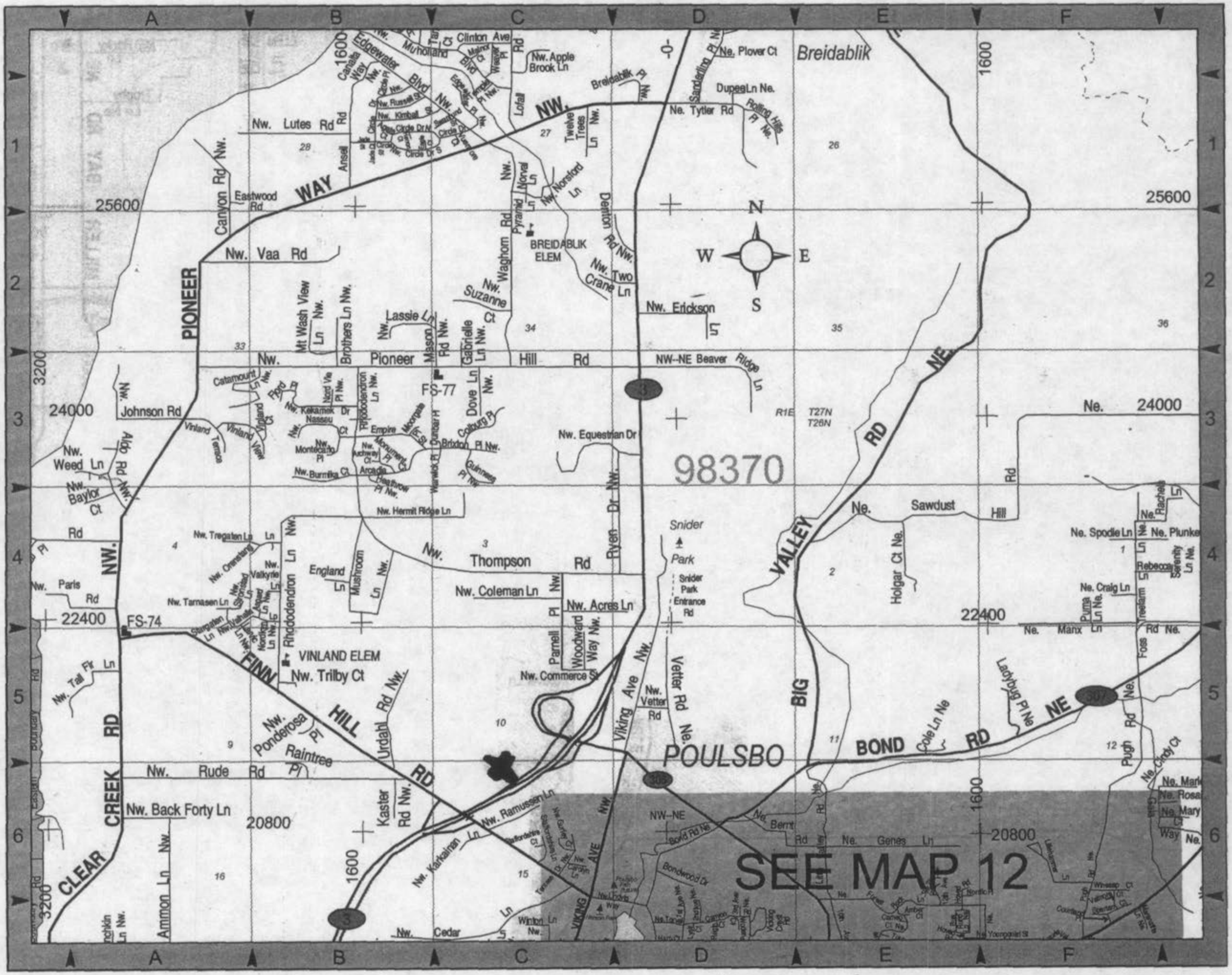
Sincerely

(b) (6)

cc: (b) (6)

Enclosures: Map of Poulsbo, WA
Photographs of houses on (b) (6)

See Map 06



See Map 08

See Map 11

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