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Sent: 2/24/2015 1:50:03 AM
To: Fenix.Grange@doh.hawaii.gov
Subject: FW: Pesticide Environmental Action Levels (EALs)

I wasn't able to send the attachments because the files are too large. Let me know if you like me to find other ways to send them.

From: Herrera, Angeles
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2015 5:40 PM
To: Personal Matters / Ex. 6
Cc: Wilson, Patrick; 'Fenix.Grange@doh.hawaii.gov'
Subject: FW: Pesticide Environmental Action Levels (EALs)

Mrs. Personal Matters / Ex. 6

Thanks your reaching out to us. The issues that you raised are dealt by HDOH and Fenix Grange will follow up with you directly. Thanks. Angeles

Angeles Herrera
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From: LaDean Personal Matters / Ex. 6
Sent: Sunday, February 15, 2015 12:43 PM
To: Wilson, Patrick
Subject: RE: Pesticide Environmental Action Levels (EALs)

Mr Wilson,

We (my husband and I) had a meeting with Jim Switzer and Grant Arnold with Lend Lease (Hickam Communities) on Friday at 1 pm during that meeting, they explained to us that they had no issues with doing soils sampling around our home but needed HDOH guidance on the methodology so that they could "get as much for their money as possible without having to go back and redo sampling" and also mention that "We know the pesticides are there, why test for them" when we explained that the Dr wanted to know WHAY pesticides and at what levels we may have ben exposed to they said they understood and that they were still willing to do the sampling but again "needed HDOH to guide them in the methodology" They told us that Fenix Grange was "out of the equation" in decision making and that the our area was not "in HDOH jurisdiction" They had mentioned to us having our Dr that had asked for the sampling to call Dr Brooks to talk about what he wanted out of the sampling to help determine a methodology, so we suggested Dr Cassidy call her since he was a Toxicologist and they said "yes that would make more sense" I am attaching pictures of the area in my back yard where the soil is and has been disrupted on a continuous basis, one area is where the dogs had disturbed the soil by digging in it (after the stray cat feces :( ) and the other is the area around our A/C where I actually forgot that OVERTIME it rains...the soil is shifted and moved around, then when it dries it blows around because that area is where the wind comes in and sometimes you can see little dust devils..and the

dogs would walk around in it dragging it around on their feet and into the house ect....The back of the house next to our sons room, there is a foundation settling crack there where the soil is bare...the planter box in the front of the house and below our bedroom window in the front of the house...again, where the stupid stray cats like to dig and go to the bathroom :(The lawn people come around and they blow all the dust from these bare areas everywhere....it settles on our cars on our kids bikes...it comes through the windows into the house...Our area, from our knowledge the PI soils are "presumed at surface level" So, since NO soils sampling has ever been done.....who do we turn to? Can you and the EPA help if the HDOH has no jurisdiction? Since there was NO sampling done ANYWHERE in Hale Na Koa area where WE live? And there are MANY other yards that are even WORSE then ours...and I KNOW of at least ONE family just down the street that is sick I will attach a pif of their yard as well...their dog was very sick as well. Theirs is the last on, with the tree...their dog was VERY sick and the vet told them NOT to let it on the soil and that is only the tip of the iceberg.....please help.....

I wrote Fenix Grange and asked her if this meant that they could do any testing requested independently without needing permission form HDOH if they wanted to since they told us they had no problems doing so and also if before writing Dr Cassidy it would be productive to have him write Barbera and she wrote me back with this:

Aloha LaDean,

HC is willing and able to help you so working primarily through them is appropriate.

Your physician, not Dr. Cassidy who provides the air test kits, would be the one to talk with Barbara Brooks. She routinely talks with physicians who have concerns about their patient's environmental exposures. They would not be talking about how to do the sampling, but about the toxicology of the pesticides used and how your symptoms may or may not relate to measured pesticide concentrations.

DOH has written extensive technical guidance on how to conduct scientifically defensible, highly reproducible soil sampling. We recommend this guidance be followed for any contaminant soil sampling, whether it is directed by the DOH or done independently. In any event, we would provide assistance to interpret results if needed.

I wrote her for clarification, but...and I am sorry for this, but we feel that these two organizations are just running us in circles. IF HDOH does not have jurisdiction and IF HC can do the testing on their own, I DON'T want to continue bothering HDOH and we will press harder on HC to do what they say they are willing to do which is perform the testing....because that is how it sounds in Fenix's email to me...I wanted to know if you have ever encountered this situation before?

On a side note: Has anyone with your agency every read over all of HC/Tetra Tech's/HDOH's remediation documents? I as well as others believe that it would be beneficial to ALL military families (since there are so many that have gotten sick since moving here) if someone of authority that is NOT linked to HC/The State of

Hawaii look them over REALLY look them over to ensure that everything was done correctly...because there have been a couple people (who these plans would be of NO benefit financially or otherwise) have looked at them, and they do not seem to be all inclusive in what should have been done for a PROPOR Human Health Risk Assessment.

We are working on building the trust of the families that we know who have become sick since moving here, who's Drs have so far not been able to determine a cause, to get them to come forward...but some are reluctant because they are afraid they will get in trouble because they think they will be speaking out against the military...when it is the privatized housing company that are the ones that need to take responsibility..so helping them understand that, is a slow process.

We are having a resident meeting on the 26th of Feb at 7 pm if (I don't know if you do stuff like this) but if you would like to attend?

Thank you for your time and I look forward to your reply,

LaDean Personal Matters / Ex. 6

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From: Wilson.Patrick@epa.gov
To: Personal Matters / Ex. 6
CC: SHOJI.KERRY@EPA.GOV; Cohen.Deborra@epa.gov; Grisier.Mary@epa.gov
Subject: Pesticide Environmental Action Levels (EALs)
Date: Mon, 9 Feb 2015 19:25:18 +0000

Good Morning Personal Matters / Ex. 6

Your question or inquiry to the "EPA Information Contact Form" regarding health-based action levels for several pesticide compounds has been referred to my office. I just attempted to phone you directly via the contact information provided (Phone number: Personal Matters / Ex. 6

Please feel free to contact me directly via the contact information provided below. I would be happy to speak with you about various environmental screening action levels & their derivation. For your convenience, U.S. EPA's health-based Regional Screening Levels (RSLs) can be found at:

http://www.epa.gov/reg3hwmd/risk/human/rb-concentration_table/Generic_Tables/docs/master_sl_table_run_JAN2015.pdf

Best Regards…

..patrick wilson

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