Message

From: Rao, Kate [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=2BA7867156604CCF99AD869E8F00C059-KRAO]
Sent: 5/30/2019 3:41:00 PM
To: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
Subject: RE: Status of Kozuma LCC

Mr. Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) -

Thank you for your email and information. I have not had any recent correspondence with Mr. Kozuma. I will look into my records and discuss this situation with my colleagues.

If you see water surfacing from the cesspool on his property, you should immediately contact the Hawaii Department of Health (DOH). DOH has the ability to conduct onsite inspections and determine if a wastewater system is not functioning properly and causing a health issue.

Regards. Kate

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-----Original Message-----
From: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
Sent: Monday, May 20, 2019 1:29 PM
To: Rao, Kate <Rao.kate@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Status of Kozuma LCC

Aloha Kate,

I last contacted you in March 2018 to get updated on Richard Kozuma's LCC at his residence located at 46-093 Lilipuna Road, Kaneohe Hawai'i, 96744. The Kozuma's have vacated their property but still have their cesspool pumped every 30 days. I'm not sure why he would move his family so abruptly yet still continue to pump their cesspool regularly when they only visit the property from time to time.

Since he has not made any effort to resolve the matter of the LCC on his property after you notified him of in January of 2017 I am curious to know whether he is going to upgrade his LCC as ordered by the EPA or vacating because of it.

I'm not sure what Mr. Kozuma communicated to you about the filing of his lawsuit against me but my issue with the constant leaching of cesspool matter from his property to mine which lead to the discovery of of the LCC had nothing to do with his legal action. I had contacted him about the problem numerous times over the years when I noticed the extremely smelly, filthy liquid appear in my yard but in October of 2017 I asked him to address this matter again and was forced to contact the Hawaii Department if Health when Kozuma made no effort to even acknowledge the runoff. I even supplied him photos of the untreated excrement. After 5 or 6 weeks with no action or response from Kozuma I contacted the Hawaii DOH which led to their immediate action after inspection to stop him draining gray water and his swimming pool overflow directly into the ocean. The matter of the cesspool was discovered and referred to you and that is the reason I'm requesting an update on the current status of the Kozuma property LCC replacement to an approved septic system.

My biggest concern has to do with my 20 month old grandson who spends time with us every weekend and cannot use the large area of the yard that the visible leaching occurred. I'm very concerned about him becoming ill.

Thank you for your assistance on this matter. It is greatly appreciated.

Mahalo & Aloha,
Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Sent from my iPad

> On Mar 8, 2018, at 6:49 AM, Rao, Kate <Rao.kate@epa.gov> wrote:
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> Hi Mr. Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) -
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> Thanks for reaching out to me again. I am glad to hear that the cesspool replacement project on your property is going well.
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> I am in contact with Kozuma but have no other information that I can share with you at this time.

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> Regards -
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> Kate
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
> Sent: Tuesday, March 06, 2018 11:28 AM
> To: Rao, Kate <Rao.kate@epa.gov>
> Cc: carl.ibaan@doh.hawaii.gov
> Subject: Re: Status of Kozuma LCC
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> Hi Kate,
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> I last contacted you about a month ago and was curious as to Mr. Kozuma's progress with his septic upgrade order. Has he been ordered to replace his cesspool with a new septic? If so is there a time limit to get it done?
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> My upgrade project is moving along quickly. My contractor and engineer are in the process of getting plans approved and I do qualify for the tax credit you mentioned.
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> Please keep me posted on Kozuma's progress and thank you for your attention to this matter.
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> Aloha,
> Hugh
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> Sent from my iPad
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>> On Feb 9, 2018, at 8:40 AM, Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) wrote:
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>> Hi Kate,
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>> Thank you for your response and the information on the available tax credit. I am working with First Quality Construction who specializes in septic installations on Oahu.
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>> Aloha,
>> Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
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>> Sent from my iPad
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>>> On Feb 9, 2018, at 7:42 AM, Rao, Kate <Rao.kate@epa.gov> wrote:
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>>> Hello Mr. Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) -
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>>> I am still working with Mr. Kozuma but I believe he is in the process of contacting DOH to understand the processes for upgrading a cesspool to a septic system. I have no information beyond that at this time.
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>>> I am very happy to hear that you plan to upgrade your cesspool. Please note that I believe your area is eligible for a state tax credit if you upgrade your cesspool to a DOH approved septic system. See Act 120 - Tax Credit Program and Qualifying Cesspools (http://health.hawaii.gov/wastewater/home/taxcredit/).
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>>> -----Original Message-----
>>> From: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
>>> Sent: Tuesday, February 06, 2018 12:38 PM
>>> To: Rao, Kate <Rao.kate@epa.gov>
>>> Cc: carl.ibaan@doh.hawaii.gov
>>> Subject: Status of Kozuma LCC
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>>> Hi Kate,
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>>> I had contacted you last on 1/17/18 regarding Richard Kozuma's large capacity cesspool. At that time you were still gathering information on the Kozuma property. I am writing to see if you had made a

decision regarding Kozuma's Compliance with the LCC ban. I am not requesting any detailed information but just whether Kozuma will upgrade his LCC to an approved septic system.
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>>> Since this issue had come up and I was able to gather information on and learn more about the negative aspects of cesspools, I will be replacing my original residential cesspool installed in 1959, with a new septic system.
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>>> Thank you for your time regarding this matter.
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>>> Aloha,
>>> Ex 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
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>>> Sent from my iPad