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From: Rao, Kate [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=2BA7867156604CCF99AD869E8F00C059-KRAO]
Sent: 9/28/2018 5:41:53 PM
To: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
CC: carl.ibaan@doh.hawaii.gov
Subject: RE: Status of Kozuma LCC

Mr. Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

As I have mentioned to you previously, EPA is monitoring Mr. Kozuma's efforts to replace his cesspool with an alternative wastewater system. I cannot discuss any other actions that EPA may be evaluating.

I strongly suggest that if you observe Mr. Kozuma's cesspool overflowing, you should immediately report it to the Department of Health, Wastewater Branch at 808-586-4294.

Thank you.

Kate

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-----Original Message-----
From: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
Sent: Tuesday, September 25, 2018 8:43 PM
To: Rao, Kate <Rao.kate@epa.gov>
Cc: carl.ibaan@doh.hawaii.gov
Subject: Re: Status of Kozuma LCC

Hi Ms. Rao,

Thank you for your response and I understand your position to allow Mr. Kozuma time while monitoring his progress. The problem I have is he is deterring my efforts to install my own septic system. The other problem is as far as I can tell he has done nothing to start the process. Isn't there a standard grace period before fines are instated? This matter remains unresolved since January 2018. I would like to hear from you or someone in your department as to the status and resolution of this problem.

I trust you understand.

Aloha,
Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Sent from my iPad

> On Sep 25, 2018, at 10:44 AM, Rao, Kate <Rao.kate@epa.gov> wrote:
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> Hi Mr. Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) -
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> Thank you for reaching out to me. I have been corresponding with Mr. Kozuma and monitoring his progress in replacing the cesspool at his property. Unfortunately I have no additional information I can provide to you at this time.
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> Thank you.
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> Kate
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
> Sent: Monday, September 24, 2018 11:38 AM

> To: Rao, Kate <Rao.kate@epa.gov>
> Cc: carl.ibaan@doh.hawaii.gov
> Subject: Status of Kozuma LCC
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> 9/24/18
> Hi Ms. Rao,
> I' m resending my last email to you since I did not receive a response. I' m hoping to hear from you soon.
> Aloha,
Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
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> Dear Ms. Rao
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> I am writing to follow-up on the the status of the Large Capacity Cesspool(LCC) located on Richard Kozuma' s property at 46-093 Lilipuna Road, Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744. I know Mr. Kozuma has done some preliminary work but for the last 7 or 8 months done nothing to fix the problem.
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> I want to be clear with you that my complaint about his cesspool leaching on to my property which led to Kozuma physically removing unauthorized drainage pipes on his property in the presence of Mr. Ibaan had nothing to do with him filing a law suit against me in December 2017 or January 2018. I was not informed of his suit until well after I made my initial complaint with the Hawaii State DOH in spite of what you may have heard from Mr. Kozuma. He now pumps his cesspool every three to four weeks but during and after heavy rains his cesspool overflows and wet areas become visible on my property.
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> Since January 2018 when I spoke with you and you made contact with Mr. Kozuma, he has done nothing to undertake the task of ceasing the use of his LCC and replacing it with a certified septic system or alternative.
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> I am requesting a response from your department as to the reasons why Mr. Kozuma has not made any attempt or show any urgency to install a septic or alternative system and close his existing LCC as necessitated by the EPA.
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> Aloha,
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> Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
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> Sent from my iPad