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Sent: 10/8/2019 2:28:03 PM
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Subject: Re: FPN E19902 Slauson Tanker Fire

I am available today at 8:30 am or 10:30 am.

On Mon, Oct 7, 2019 at 7:46 PM Castellana, Ben <castellana.ben@epa.gov> wrote:

Yes; I'm available all day.

Cheers,

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On Oct 7, 2019, at 4:08 PM, Gonzalo Barriga <gonzalo.barriga@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi Ben,
I have LADBS copied on this email. Can we set up a conference call tomorrow to discuss the issues? Thx

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On Thu, Oct 3, 2019 at 8:14 AM Castellana, Ben <castellana.ben@epa.gov> wrote:

Thank you, Gonzalo!

The PRP's contractor has applied for a Grading Permit for 210 W. Slauson, but is unable to apply for the Grading Permit for 216 Slauson until the structure on the site is demolished and inspected (see Bret Bowyer's email text below). The house demo permit process is already delaying things by about a month, and another six weeks puts us into December, and well into the rainy season. Any thoughts?

Cheers,

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From: Gonzalo Barriga <gonzalo.barriga@lacity.org>
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Subject: Re: FPN E19902 Slauson Tanker Fire

Hi Ben,

Sorry about not making to the conference last week. We will review the 2 requests and get back to you.

Regards,

Gonzalo

On Mon, Sep 30, 2019, 13:18 Castellana, Ben <castellana.ben@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Gonzalo and Howard,

The conference call last week covered some technical issues about the PRP's removal of gasoline-contaminated soils from 210 and 216 W. Slauson. The principle hurdles the removal faces are:

1. The removal of the red-tagged structure at 216 W. Slauson – the structure belongs to, and will be demolished by, a third party who owns this property. The demolition pre-inspection number is 19019-30000-04503. The soil removal cannot take place without this structure's removal. I am unclear about how long the permit process takes. **I am requesting any help from your agency that you can provide to expedite the permit process for the demolition of the house at 216 W. Slauson.**
2. The soil excavation requires a grading permit, which I have asked the PRP to file so I can make inquiries about the progress. **Again, any help I can get raising the priority for the grading permit at 210 and 216 W. Slauson will mitigate the potential for further migration of the contamination into the storm drain.**

The PRP's contractor has re-established stormwater controls at the site. They did this last Wednesday, and I stopped by the site on Thursday to inspect. The measures seemed adequate; however, a squatter had already cut the chain to the property fence and was sitting on the porch. I filed a report with LAPD later in the day.

Please feel free to call me with questions or concerns about this request.

Sincerely,

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