Message

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Subject: RE: Fed EPA - Imminent Threat - Need Urgent W & E Shut Off - 216 W Slauson

Hi Heidi,
Thank you very much for your reply!

My name is Ben Castellana; I am a Federal On-Scene Coordinator with the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Superfund Division, Emergency Response Section, and I am requesting assistance with the permanent termination of utility services at a property that is the subject of an on-going cleanup effort of a gasoline spill.

The subject property, located at 216 W. Slauson Avenue, Los Angeles, CA, is a residence that was affected by a fire associated with a gasoline tanker explosion and release to Waters of the United States from an adjacent property. The single-family structure at 216 W. Slauson Ave. has been red-tagged by City Building and Safety, and is no longer safe for habitation. The tenants, who would have been named on the utility account, are no longer reachable. The property is owned by Sergio and Angela Solis; their son, Albert Solis is acting on behalf of the Solis family. I have cc-ed Mr. Albert Solis, as well as the family attorney, Mr. James Bates, on this message.

The Potentially Responsible Party for the Oil Spill is currently preparing to remove the gasoline-contaminated soils around, and possibly under the structure at 216 W. Slauson. It has come to my attention that trespassers have been entering the property, and reconnecting the power and water services. Because of the gasoline contamination in the surrounding soils, this creates an immanent and substantial threat of fire, as well as possible release of oil to Waters of the United States, via surface water nexus to the adjacent storm drain, if trespassers continue to misuse the utilities. The situation also poses a threat to cleanup crews operating around the building.

I therefore request that the City of Los Angeles, Department of Water and Power terminate the electrical connection at the pole, as well as lock out and remove the water meter at 216 W. Slauson Avenue at your earliest convenience.

I appreciate your time and attention in this matter, and please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns about the content of this request.

Sincerely,

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From: Bass, Heidi <Heidi.Bass@ladwp.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2019 4:38 PM
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Subject: FW: Fed EPA - Imminent Threat - Need Urgent W & E Shut Off - 216 W Slauson
Importance: High

Hi Ben,

Thank you for talking with me and reaching out to us regarding emergency Water and Electric shut off at 216 W. Slauson St – due to Red Tagged building with imminent threat of explosion due to hazardous conditions.

Please send me a reply email so I have this request in writing. I will then contact our Electric and Water Trouble section and request they shut off services at the pole and remove the water meter.

Also, please provide the name of the property owner as LADWP has to notify them as well of this shut off for hazardous conditions.

Once I receive the email—I will send a request to dispatch crews either tonight or tomorrow. I will confirm when services are shut off.

Also, the LADWP Account Advisor assigned to the Federal Government accounts who can assist you with other matters is Laura Doyal, at 213-367-2235. She is out of the office tomorrow. I'll ask her to reach out to you on Monday when she returns.

Please let me know if you need anything further.

Thanks,
Heidi

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From: Prendergast, Jean
Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2019 3:29 PM
To: Bass, Heidi
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Subject: Request for Shut Off Help

Heidi,
Per our conversation, Mr. Ben Castellana from USEPA Region 9 Superfund Division Emergency Response Section called and is looking for assistance in getting water and power shut offs at a red tagged property in South LA on Slausen Ave. The red tagging is due to a fuel tanker explosion and fire resulting in fuel spilling onto the property and entering a waterway, which is why they are involved.

There are homeless entering the property and turning on water and lights, presenting an imminent threat due to the explosive potential at the site.

I appreciate your help in directing this request to the appropriate groups. If we have a federal advisor Mr. Castellana may also have additional questions regarding water and power facilities in their emergency response role.

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