



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION IX
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

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San Miguel Neighborhood School Community
Sunnyvale, California

Dear Parents and Community Members:

Attached to this letter is a fact sheet with information about an environmental investigation being conducted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at schools and residences in this part of Sunnyvale.

This fall and winter, EPA plans to conduct indoor air sampling at schools and residences in the Duane/San Miguel Avenue neighborhood to investigate the potential for vapor intrusion (a process where vapors from groundwater contamination may migrate into the indoor air of nearby buildings).

The majority of the data EPA has collected from Sunnyvale residences in the last year has shown no evidence of vapor intrusion, and sampling at some school buildings (the Montessori School buildings, which are over the highest concentrations in groundwater) has shown that levels of trichloroethene (TCE) – the main chemical we are concerned about in this investigation – are very low, and protective of children's health.

However, EPA has developed a comprehensive testing program for vapor intrusion and we plan to conduct additional sampling this fall and winter to ensure that levels of TCE in buildings are protective. We also plan to hold a community meeting this fall and will distribute additional fact sheets once we have the results of each testing event.

Please note that your drinking water is not affected by this contamination. Neighborhood drinking water comes from the Hetch Hetchy Reservoir in the Sierra Nevada Mountains and meets all state and federal drinking water standards.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (415) 972-3050 or by e-mail to morash.melanie@epa.gov if you have any questions. You may also contact EPA's Community Involvement Coordinator, Alejandro Diaz, at (415) 972-3242 or by e-mail to diaz.alejandro@epa.gov. EPA is also developing a website for the project: www.epa.gov/region9/triplesite which will have additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melanie Morash".

Melanie Morash, Superfund Project Manager