

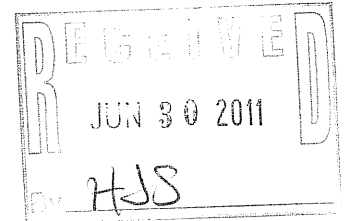
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Harold Singer, Executive Officer

California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region

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Dear Mr. Singer,

I support the water board's prosecution team Cleanup and Abatement Order that would require Pacific Gas and Electric Company to provide whole-house replacement water to affected property owners of the Hinkley valley. We bought our property in June 1993 while the first law suit agents PG&E was being settled in the courts. The realtor assured us he could not sell us a house if the water in the well was polluted. After we moved in we did have our well tested and it came back with no detectible amount of chromium in the water.

Over the eighteen years we have read every article in the newspaper about the chromium 6 cleanup project, attended PG&E information meetings and your water board meetings in respect the Hinkley cleanup. We did not have our well tested again for chromium because we believed the press reports from PG&E that the chromium plumb was contained and no further contamination was happening in the valley.

We were shocked when we received the notice form PG&E that the plumb was spreading and they would be testing home owner's well water, providing bottled water to effected homeowners, and purchasing properties around the plumb. We signed up to have our well tested. PG&E also signed us up for bottled water to replace our drinking and cooking water. After attending a meeting on the declining property values in the Hinkley valley and then having our Equality line of credit suspended due to the declining value of our home we decided to ask PG&E to buy our property.

On Feb. 22, 2011 the appraisers came to look at our home and we did not hear anything until April 13, 2011 when PG&E made their first offer on our home. As of today we are still in negations with them. Had we had the option of whole-house water replacement we might have chosen another option. Our well has been tested three times since Dec. 2010 and each time the levels of chromium 6 have increased. We are on the list of home owners requesting whole-house replacement and we are hoping you will follow through with the order.

Our major concern is using our swamp-cooler now that the day time temperatures are reaching the 100 degree mark. No studies have been done on the effects of breathing the air after water with chromium 6 contamination is used in the evaporation process. Until studies are done on this method of cooling homes I think it would be better to rule on the side of public safety and allow home owners to use clean water in their swamp-coolers. In the winter time my concern would be breathing the steam from hot showers and the steam from the hot water used in the laundry process.

If we come to an agreement with PG&E we will be leaving the Hinkley area but I am still concerned for the other area residents. I believe the plumb will continue to expand with the introduction of freshwater injection to control the expansion of the plumb in the Northwest and the continued injection of ethanol into the water table in the South. I believe the Water Board must act in the public safety (Hinkley residence) by ordering this additional order so the residents living in the way of the expanding plumb will have the safety of clean water to use in their homes until a final solution to the chromium contamination is found and reached.

Sincerely,

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