

USA Petroleum Station No. 239 - Claim No. 6067

41339 Big Bear Boulevard

Big Bear Lake, CA

Comment from Downgradient Property Owner
41212/41314 Big Bear Boulevard, Big Bear Lake, CA

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“We have been cooperating since 2005, allowing our parking lot, planters and tenant businesses to be repeatedly disrupted, with many testing wells and other equipment dug, installed and operated so that the soil contamination could be monitored and, hopefully, eliminated. Our two concerns are these:”

Concern #1 – “After the removal of these wells, the entire parking lot must be returned to its original condition, with an asphalt overlay with striping replacing the damages surface.”

Response #1 – The USTCF has assured the property owner that the entire parking lot must be returned to its original condition, with an asphalt overlay with striping replacing the damages surface. We have contacted the consultant for the Claimant and have assured them that the Fund concurs with the work and that cost for the work will be reimbursed by the Fund.

Concern #2 – “A “clean “ bill of health on the property from the AQCD so there is no “Cloud on the Title” from soil contamination, so the property may be listed and sold.”

Response #2 – The USTCF contacted the property owner and explained the USA Petroleum Station case would receive closure but no specific letter would be sent to the surrounding property owners. However, we explained that there was no soil contamination at their property and that the low levels of MTBE formerly in the groundwater under their property have been remediated. Therefore there would be no “Cloud on the Title” of their property. The owner was satisfied with our explanation and had no additional concerns.