

Memorandum

To: John McKenzie, Planning and Building Department, Environmental Specialist
CC: Curt Batson, Environmental Health Services Director
From: Richard Lichtenfels, Environmental Health Services Supervisor *RL*
Date: December 27, 2010
Re: Cold Canyon Landfill Expansion/Health Risk Assessment – Cancer Cluster Issue

This correspondence is provided as a follow-up to our meeting on November 3, 2010 regarding the proposed Cold Canyon Landfill Expansion project and the associated Phase I Health Risk Assessment (HRA) conducted as a result of neighborhood health concerns.

To reiterate the main points discussed that day, based on the Phase I HRA which was conducted this past October by toxicologist Alvin Greenberg, Ph.D., the San Luis Obispo County Public Health Department (SLOCOPHD) believes the Phase I HRA results do not support a more in-depth Phase II HRA. In addition, a review conducted by the SLOCOPHD does not support the neighbors' concern that the landfill may be responsible for an unusual number of human cancer cases in the surrounding neighborhood.

In closing, the SLOCOPHD supports Dr. Greenberg's findings and recommendations and encourages the landfill to implement those recommendations that are appropriate for the operations that are to be conducted at the facility.

Please feel free to contact this office if you have any questions.

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