

RE: Shell vs. The Public Trust

From: **Richard Soto** (richsoto@istlabs.com)

Sent: Wed 9/05/07 3:46 PM

To: 'Robert Armstrong' ([deleted]@hotmail.com)

Robert,

Your emails to Susan Harrington are intense to say the least. You're either going to be a legal icon with job offers of your choice or shot by an unknown assailant leaving the court building after this is said and done; in which case you'll be a martyr to environmentalist everywhere. Someone somewhere within Shell's vital corporate organs has a photo of you on his dart board. Hopefully he does not have underworld connections. In any case, I think you are gaining ground on this matter but I have not read her response to your emails. The right thing to do isn't the easiest and I admire your persistence on resolving this to the betterment of all concerned.

I have done some scanning on a Shell station in Bakersfield recently. It still had the garage within it so of course the racks are still there. However, it will soon be remodeled to include a store. **So if asked if IST Inc. has worked with Shell, the answer is yes; through Central Sierra Environmental.** This may help sway the opposition somewhat. **I'm also doing a lot of work for Chevron. They have 110 sites they are required to clean up before final sale of these properties can be transferred to the new owners. You would be amazed at how much stuff is in the ground on these sites that they had no idea about, 8" high pressure gas lines still active after 50 years emptying out into the hills just waiting for someone to light a cigarette and set off a mushroom cloud, oil lines carrying oil to some unknown destinations and miles of abandoned lines (polluted?) buried under crop fields of broccoli and spinach. Yum, can't wait to eat some of that. These guys have had the world as they pleased for a half a century, now its time to pay up and clean up their act. The more I find for them the better I feel.** Keep up the good fight, talk to you soon.

Your friend,

Rich Soto

From: Robert Armstrong [mailto:[deleted]@hotmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, September 05, 2007 3:40 AM

To: Susan Harrington

Cc: Rod Pacheco; Joe Ashbury; judy.pasternak@latimes.com; senatorflorez@sen.ca.gov

Subject: FW: Shell vs. The Public Trust

Susan Harrington (Director Riverside County Health Department):

I am aware you did an "inconclusive test(s)" regarding the attached. I am also aware you ignored my legal request for requested information regarding those tests under California law that I receive it. That request still stands and you should provide that information under your legal responsibility to do so. It reflects poorly on your good judgement and cooperation in seeking an effective solution, besides being an actionable breach of state law. It may well be soon to come out in the press your ineffectiveness in handling a simple environmental problem with Shell Oil Company. That would be particularly insightful after your agency receives \$1 million in the recent \$6.5 million settlement with Shell. Why can't you use some of that money to conduct a competent definitive test, with all the financial barriers to that test thus removed?

I am not antagonistic to your efforts in anyway as long as they proceed to the point of conductively definitive testing at the two former Texaco stations in Corona owned by Satish Chopra.

Please be advised that a California Senator, Dean Florez, is facing the same problem with Shell Oil that I am and perhaps you are. I have offered quite a bit of information on conducting a definitive test on my website. If you can not conduct one on your own, I sincerely suggest you use Richard Soto of IST Labs (see seeitreal.com/TheSolution.aspx). He is the most competent and honest person I could find in the GPR industry. I have no financial or personal affiliation with him other than as a means to discern the truth.

The District Attorney, by way of Joseph Ashbury, has contacted him directly, as the D.A. is interested in doing a definitive test (if everyone else cannot). I suggest you coordinate with Ashbury and let ITS Labs have a crack at it before the press gets involved, as it is even more bound to do now that there is independent verification (by a California Senator) regarding my claims against Shell Oil and some of the other players in this affair. The Senator's complaints against Shell and the Water Boards are here: seeitreal.com/Compliance.aspx.

Be advised that both he and I have asked the State Attorney General to get involved per the attached.

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Subject: Shell vs. The Environment
Date: Tue, 4 Sep 2007 06:49:44 -0700

Senator Dean Florez:

RE: How 'Voluntary Compliance' Fails the Public Trust

You are not alone in your fight with Shell Oil. Please see the attached. I have added a page on my website highlighting your problem. You can see it here seeitreal.com/Compliance.aspx This matter is going to go public sometime soon. There is a definite pattern in Shell's actions. Feel free to weigh in.

Also feel free to use anything from my website that may help you in getting the message across to the California Attorney General or anyone else. Mail or fax the attached to Brown if you want. I only referenced it in an email to Brown as I am out of the country right now.

Robert Armstrong
Ex-Texaco Employee
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