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John F. Tavaglione, County Supervisor

Riverside County

County Administrative Center

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Sent Via Email: district2@rcbos.org

RE: Attached Letter

Dear Mr. Tavaglione:

In that the City of Corona is in your district, I am sending you the attached. Your help and assistance in cleaning up the environmental hazardous wastes in Corona is solicited accordingly.

I trust you realize the urgency in this issue. The toxic wastes at Lincoln Ave. and the 91 freeway have been mixing with the recent rains and elevated ground water levels, which greatly increases the ability of the plume to grow without any abatement measures in place. Add that to the 15 years this plume has had a chance to seep closer to the aquifer and you have a situation that needs everyone's immediate attention.

There is no excuse to not get this cleaned up. So why not do it as soon as possible and limit the risk to the reputations of the City and County leaders responsible for the interests of their constituencies? Most importantly, why not limit the risk to the water needs of those in your community, including yourself?

I anticipate this becoming very public very soon. Why not take the high road and enforce the environmental regulations that were breached and see that Mr. Chopra and Shell Oil Company clean up their mess? If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to ask.

Regards,

/s/ Robert Armstrong

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Attachment: March 11, 2006 Letter to the City of Corona

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Karen Spiegel, Mayor
CITY OF CORONA
815 West Sixth Street
Corona, California 92882-3238

Sent Via USPS & Email: KSpiegel@ci.corona.ca.us

RE: Criminal Assault Against the Environment & Fraud

Dear Ms Spiegel:

There is only one road to take regarding the attached – **“The High Road.”**

Given your responsibility to take care of the interests of the City of Corona and its citizens, as a duly elected official, I and the citizens of the City of Corona, the County of Riverside and the State of California expect you to take all the necessary pro-active measures at your disposal to see that these two service station locations get cleaned up the way they should have been when the city failed to make the necessary inspections, required by the building permit the City of Corona issued. The failure of that permitting process has allowed toxic hazardous waste to go unabated for more than a 15 year period.

Of a critical concern is the fact that the toxic waste at the Lincoln Shell location is very close to a city aquifer and has had a period of over 15 years to seep undetected towards that clean water supply.

Issues:

- Possible inclusion of the City of Corona, as a defendant, in a class action lawsuit
- Negligent permitting and/or inspection process
- Failure of a fiduciary responsibility to the residents of Corona in regards to safe drinking water
- Tacit collusion in Texaco, Inc.'s "Shab Hab Program" to circumvent and cut corners on environmental regulations
- Explicit collusion in a fraudulent act if the City of Corona fails to rectify the problem
- If the aquifer becomes polluted after this notice, there are various legal, governmental and voter remedies
- No monitoring system or study or plume investigation can guarantee that the aquifer will not become polluted. Only the waste removal, as it should have been done to begin with, can assure the citizens of your community, and California at large, that their drinking water will remain safe
- Voter rejection of any official not interested in cleaning up the hazardous waste threatening a City aquifer and the safe drinking water of the residents and businesses of Corona

I have no doubt you will investigate this matter in a timely manner and take any and all appropriate actions that will clean up the hazardous wastes that, by the laws of physics, hydraulics and mixture with rain and ground water, have to be seeping towards a City aquifer.

However, absent the ability or desire of any of the interested parties in cleaning up this problem, I intend to send a mailing to residents of the City of Corona -- to allow the voters the opportunity to take the necessary actions to address the safe drinking water needs of those served by the aquifer next to the Lincoln Street Shell station -- and/or punish those that allowed for that aquifer's pollution.

The only true and safe way to guarantee that this dose not turn into a nightmare for everyone is to require the responsible parties to clean up the pollution they willfully, fraudulently and criminally committed in the first place. That burden falls unequivocally to Satish Chopra and to Shell Oil Company as the purchaser of that liability from Texaco, Inc. Adding culpability on the part of Shell is the fact that they have had over six months to address this issue, and to my knowledge they have failed to do so in any manner that would effect the timely clean-up at these locations. Culpability on the part of Chopra is absolute. He maliciously committed the fraudulent act to begin with and willfully attempted to keep that fact hidden for over 15 years.

I, with only one voice living in a different county, have no standing to force Chopra and Shell to clean up their criminal acts. You do. Accordingly, I suggest that the City of Corona contact Lynn Elsenhans, Pres./C.E.O. Shell Oil Company directly and immediately and ask her what Shell's intentions are in protecting the drinking water and other interests of the citizens of Corona.

Lynn Elsenhans, Pres./C.E.O.
Shell Oil Company/Shell Oil Products US
1 Shell Plaza
910 Louisiana St.
Houston, TX 77002

FAX: 713-241-4044

If Shell's interest is only one of legal stonewalling, it would be a moral and ethical failure of Lynn Elsenhans' and Shell's stated promise to protect the environment and be an outstanding citizen of the planet and world community, especially the community of Corona. As for Satish Chopra, he committed an environmental crime in a fraudulent act against the City of Corona that trusted him to clean up his site as he was required to do. In any action you can bring against him, discovery is easy. The deteriorating lifts, with hydraulic fluid, are readily detectable with ground radar. The other toxic wastes will be discovered when the concrete slab is opened. Offer the contractor who did the rebuild immunity. He knows what is under the slab.

I guarantee this issue will escalate until its eventual resolution. This letter is notice to you of the problem. It creates a duty to act according to your responsibilities in this matter. I suggest the "High Road" of cleaning-up what needed to be cleaned up at the beginning and maliciously wasn't. Living in a very public and free society, I have no doubt this issue will be rightfully resolved through its continued exposure and that you will be judged by your action, or inaction, in the aftermath accordingly.

As elected officials and protector of the community's interests, this matter should concern you greatly. This letter is not only notice to you, but a solicitation of that great concern. Accordingly, I and your constituents thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this issue.

Regards,

/s/ Robert Armstrong

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Attachment: Letters to Shell Oil Company

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