

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Occidental investigation (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Tuesday, September 13, 2011 9:45:23 AM

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[REDACTED]
Thanks for your input. The sampling plan is made available prior to performing the sampling for purposes of obtaining input. Any input received prior to sampling will be considered. Please let us know if you have any comments.

Sincerely,

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Sent: Monday, September 12, 2011 3:29 PM
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Subject: Re: Occidental investigation (UNCLASSIFIED)

[REDACTED]
The September 1 News from the Corps states that the sampling plan for DERP-FUDS Occidental Chemical Corporation Property Data Gap, Fall 2011 is final. This means that the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) along with other interested community members has again been excluded from commenting and giving input into a USACE investigation. The community has maintained, and continues to maintain, a strong interest in LOOW/NFSS remediation since the formation of the RAB over ten years ago. Many community members continue to work hard to research LOOW and NFSS operations and review documents in support of site remediation by the Corps. It is therefore disappointing for the community to be presented with a final sampling plan on September 1, 2011, 30 days before work commences, with zero solicitation of community input by the Corps.

[REDACTED]
In a message dated 9/12/2011 12:17:16 P.M. Central Daylight Time, [REDACTED] writes:

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[REDACTED]
In response to your question regarding the buildings that appear in the 2002 photographic analysis and are absent in the 2009 analysis, we do not know why they are absent.

In response to your question regarding a record of the construction and purpose for the buildings or underground bunkers, we have not been able to locate any record of the buildings or the bunkers. If you have additional information, please provide it to us.

A News from the Corps was sent September 1 to make the public aware that the Defense Environmental Restoration Program for Formerly Used Defense Sites (DERP-FUDS) Occidental Chemical Corporation Property Data Gap Fall 2011 Sampling Plan is available on our website at the link below in the Document Section under Scopes of Work/Work Plans. This document includes: the Field Sampling Plan Addendum, Quality Assurance Project Plan Addendum, and the Site Safety and Health Plan Addendum.
<http://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/derpfuds/loow/index.htm#Documents>

Sincerely,

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Sent: Friday, August 12, 2011 11:46 AM

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Subject: Re: Occidental investigation (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Thank you. I think you misinterpreted my question. By oversight, I was referring to the absence of structures in slide 49. Why are buildings which appear on Occidental property (slide 24) in the 2002 photographic analysis absent in the 2009 analysis (slide 49)? Slide 49 is described as showing all buildings present in 1944, so should have included the structures previously identified. Since the buildings were constructed when the property was under DOD control, there must be some record of their construction and purpose. Does the Corps have any information on the buildings on Occidental or the underground bunkers described as an Army Dump site near the Walleye Hatchery?

Regarding community concern over DOD waste disposal operations on Occidental, will draft sampling plans for the proposed further investigation on Occidental property be made available for public comment? As you are aware the community was not given an opportunity to comment on the NFSS RI Addendum sampling plan, which did not address several community concerns. I hope on this occasion the Corps will publish the draft plan and invite community input.

[REDACTED]
In a message dated 8/11/2011 10:32:56 A.M. Central Daylight Time,
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In regard to your question about slide 49 of the NFSS Historical Photographic Analysis (Sep 2009), no, this is not an oversight. It looks like the bunker structures are located south of the Occidental (OCC) property in an area that is occupied by the Acome Landfill. A map showing former LOOW land use (1950's time period) identifies the landfill location, which appears to correspond with the figure attached to the Acres Contact Report. A copy of this figure is attached to this email.

Referencing Slide 24 of the LOOW Examination of Historical Aerial Photography report (Sep 2002). Please note that this Fall, the Corps intends to sample areas where alleged structures were located on the OCC property across from the fill area investigated last August.

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Sent: Friday, July 22, 2011 11:32 AM

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Subject: Occidental investigation

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As promised, reference the November 2010 public meeting, please find attached documents which refer to DOD waste disposal on properties east of the Lewiston Porter campus. The confirmation of prior disposal activity, during DOD ownership, on an area of the Occidental property adds to the concern that DOD waste disposal in the area has not been fully investigated. The LOOW Historical Aerial Photo Analysis, January 2003, Slide 24, records the presence of two buildings, opposite the fenced and gated disposal area, suggesting a degree of organization and planning on the part of DOD. Note, these buildings appeared during DOD ownership and were not present in

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but there is no record of the buildings being constructed as part of the LOOW.

The interview with the former owner of the Walleye Hatchery, Mr. Long, who recollected underground bunkers used for detonation purposes, east of what is now the Walleye Hatchery, may provide further clues to the extent of DOD waste disposal operations in this general area.

Given the proximity to the school campus and the wet conditions, (standing water is frequently encountered in the area) there is the potential for contamination to migrate in surface water.



PS: I have included slide 49, taken from the NFSS Historical Photographic Analysis (Sep 2009) since the slide has omitted the two buildings adjacent to the DOD disposal site. Is this an oversight?

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