



CITY OF OCEANSIDE
OFFICE OF CITY MANAGER

April 6, 2006

Dear Barnwell Residents:

This letter is to let you know that the City of Oceanside is moving forward with plans for the remediation of contaminants at 303 Barnwell. The City's Consulting Engineers, Taylor Group, Inc., have determined that low levels of Hydrocarbons (oil byproducts) are in the imported soils and that background levels of pesticides are present in the original soils at the site.

The following actions have or will take place:

1. On March 21, 2006, the City issued a stop work notice which prohibits any further development activity on the site and which will continue until a remediation plan has been submitted by the property owner and approved by the City and the County Department of Environmental Health (DEH).
2. City officials will be meeting with the DEH to determine: a. the public health concerns with regard to the contamination levels; b. plans for storm water runoff control or containment; and c. the steps necessary to remediate the Barnwell site.
3. We will be setting up a meeting with the Barnwell area residents within the next two weeks to discuss this issue and intended plans as they are developed. You will be notified of the time, date and location of this meeting by separate letter.

We are sorry for this unfortunate incident and we will work diligently to resolve the problems at 303 Barnwell. Thank you for your patience and for continuing to work with us in this regard.

Sincerely,

STEVE R. JEPSEN
City Manager

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cc: Mayor and Councilmembers
John Mullen, City Attorney
Peter Weiss, Director of Public Works