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# CITY OF FAIRFIELD

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September 23, 2004

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Judge Peter B. Foor  
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c/o Superior Court Executive Office/Clerk of the Court  
Hall of Justice  
600 Union Avenue  
Fairfield, CA 94533

Subject: Response to the Annual Grand Jury Report

Dear Judge Foor:

The 2003/2004 Solano County Grand Jury Report identified the lack of a certified Hazardous Materials (HazMat) Response Team. The following are responses to the findings and recommendations regarding the Hazardous Materials Response Team:

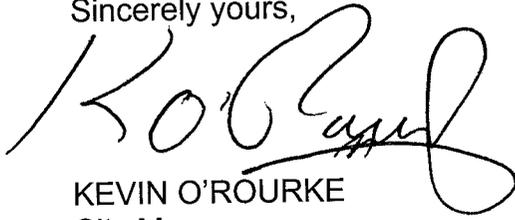
5. Finding: There is no certified Hazardous Material (HazMat) Response Team in the county. Although fire and police personnel are trained to make a first on-site assessment, actual cleanup must be performed by qualified personnel. Currently, the services of Napa County and the City of Sacramento are being used, but in the case of a major event, those services may not be available. It is realized that the cost to establish a HazMat Team is large (\$2,000,000 plus), and the annual operating cost is estimated at \$350,000. But a joint effort by all the cities, districts and county may make this affordable.

Recommendation: The County Office of Emergency Services take the lead in a study to determine the feasibility of establishing a County HazMat Team.

Response: The City of Fairfield agrees with the finding. However, the cities of Benicia, Vallejo, Fairfield, Vacaville and Suisun City have designated personnel to participate as the Solano County HazMat Team. All participants have been certified to the level of Hazardous Materials Specialist. The hazmat vehicle is expected

to be delivered in November and the team should be functional by  
January 2005.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K O'Rourke", with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

KEVIN O'ROURKE  
City Manager

C: Mike Johnson, Solano CAO/Clerk of the Board of Supervisors