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Honorable Ramona Garrett
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
Solano Superior Court
600 Union Avenue
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Representing the Solano County Office of Emergency Services, the Sheriff provides the following response to the Solano County Grand Jury Report entitled: **Hazardous Materials Handling in Solano County.**

Finding #1: The Vallejo temporary Hazardous Materials site is located in a residential neighborhood. There is no appropriate informational signage at the Vallejo temporary Hazardous Waste holding facility.

Recommendation #1: The City of Vallejo should contact the residents in the neighborhood of the facility through mailings, newspaper articles, etc., advising them that hazardous materials are being stored in their area. Proper signage should be immediately posted around the exterior of the Vallejo temporary Hazardous Waste holding site. As an alternative, the City should relocate the temporary Hazardous Materials storage site out of a residential neighborhood.

Response: The Solano County Office of Emergency Services agrees with the finding and recommendation of the Grand Jury.

Finding #2: Residents leave containers of Hazardous Materials on the sidewalk outside of the Vallejo temporary storage facility located in a residential area, which is potentially hazardous to the residents of the area.

Recommendation #2: A procedure should be established for drop-off of Hazardous Materials by residents with specific posted days and hours.

Response: The Solano County Office of Emergency Services agrees with the finding and recommendation of the Grand Jury.

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Finding #3: The facility has no access log recording movement of materials nor did the Grand Jury observe any visible Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) on site. Hazardous Materials deposition and removal are not adequately controlled.

Recommendation 3a: An access log should be started immediately and kept current.

Recommendation 3b: Material Safety Data Sheets should be posted in a location visible to all workers and visitors.

Response: The Solano County Office of Emergency Services agrees with the finding and recommendations of the Grand Jury.

Finding #4: There are no permanent on-site personnel to handle potential emergencies and only a limited number of authorized personnel have a key to access the Hazardous Materials site.

Recommendation 4: The City should post telephone numbers inside and outside the storage yard to contact staff who is authorized access in case of an emergency.

Response: The Solano County Office of Emergency Services agrees with the finding and recommendation of the Grand Jury.

Finding #5: Drums containing temporarily stored Hazardous Materials at the Vallecjo site were not adequately labeled. This could lead to the loss of control over the contents of the individual drums.

Recommendation #5: All drums with Hazardous Materials should be accurately labeled and checked periodically to ensure that the label is still attached and legible.

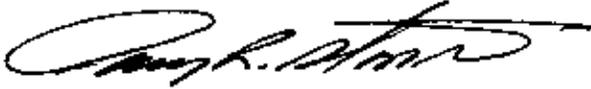
Response: The Solano County Office of Emergency Services agrees with the finding and recommendation of the Grand Jury.

Finding #6: The County Interagency Hazardous Materials Team Standard Operating Guidelines do not address the temporary storage of Hazardous Materials within the County. This could lead to inconsistent handling of temporary Hazardous Materials storage by the various agencies within the County.

Recommendation #6: The County Interagency Hazardous Materials Team Standard Operating Guidelines should address the temporary storage of Hazardous Materials within the County.

Response: The Solano County Office of Emergency Services agrees with the finding and recommendation of the Grand Jury. The master copy of the County Interagency Hazardous Materials Team Standard Operating Guidelines is in the possession of the Solano County Department of Resource Management. The Office of Emergency Services will provide any assistance requested by Resource Management to address the issue of including the temporary storage of hazardous materials in the guideline.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary R. Stanton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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