



STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
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MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
CHARLES H. CHISOLM, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

MEMORANDUM

TO: Kuhlman Electric Site File
Crystal Springs, MS

FROM: Tony Russell *TR*

DATE: July 28, 2005

SUBJECT: Moses Stovall, Willie Hackett & ML Berry Meeting

I met with these three men on July 20, 2005 at Moses Stovall house – 413 McPherson Street – to listen to concerns they had regarding soil contamination. Moses Stovall cell number is 601-497-7062.

Concern 1: Directly across McPherson Street from 413 McPherson Street is a burial site used 30 to 40 years ago for disposal. The area is an old gravel pit used by the City, KEC and locals for dumping. They are concerned that waste from the KEC facility was disposed in the old gravel pit. There are no noticeable features to identify the area as a landfill or an old gravel pit. According to the three men the pit was approximately 60 to 70 feet deep. A black guy from KEC plant hauled the waste to the old pit. I asked for the name of this person and was told they would get his name and call me. Pictures were taken of this area.

Concern 2: The porch of the house at 413 McPherson Street was constructed of soil from the KEC facility. I explained to Mr. Stovall that even if it was true, there is no exposure as the sides are made of brick with a concrete top for the porch floor.

Concern 3: M.L. Berry ex-wife (Neil Berry – 601.892.1694) lives at 137 Austin Circle. He worked for KEC and used to get PCB oil on his clothes. His ex-wife is handicapped and he believes it is a result of her washing his clothes. Mr. Berry wants his ex-wife house tested for PCBs.

Concern 4: Kaley Claiborne property – soil from the KEC facility was dumped in their back yard back in 2000 about the time the contamination was located at the KEC facility. KEC had people go get the soil from Claiborne's yard and were very quite about the situation. I told them that I would check but I believed that this is one of the properties that were cleaned up back in 2000 after DEQ was notified of the contamination. I would check and verify this property had been cleaned up and if it was then confirmation samples were collected to verify all the contaminated soil was removed. They were concerned that the contaminated soil was washed onto other properties and into the nearby ditch by rain.

Concern 5: Nutt and Associates (Plaintiff law firm) told them that **several other properties (305 & 308 McPherson Street) on McPherson were highly contaminated.** I told them this was new to us as we had written a letter to the Nutt firm **requiring them to submit names and locations of all known contaminated areas to MDEQ back in December/January 2005.** I also told them that **unless someone physically took contaminated soil and dumped it at these addresses, then they should not be contaminated because of where they are located.**

Concern 6: Mr. Berry mentioned that the oil cars that contained the PCB oil would sit on the railroad spur until unloaded. I told them that **unless the tankers were leaking, there should not be a problem.**

Concern 7: The week of July 4th some employees at the KEC facility heard that drums were discovered in the building expansion excavation. They did say it was "hearsay". I spoke with consultants working on the project and they indicated that **no drums were observed during any of the excavation work.**