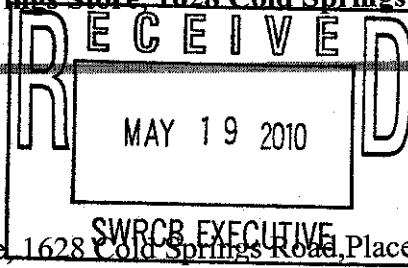


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To: Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board

Prior to closing this case, the domestic well located at 6722 Browns Road (APN 323-020-14) should be required to be properly destroyed under permit by this office. The well is contaminated with MTBE and has been abandoned as a water source for the existing residence. Failure to destroy the well as part of the UST case puts the destruction responsibility back on the well owner along with the fact that the well is a conduit to the area groundwater fractures which potentially could spread the contamination plume to even more properties.

California Health and Safety Code 115700 requires (in part):

(b) Every person owning land in fee simple or in possession thereof under lease or contract of sale who knowingly permits the existence on the premises of any permanently inactive well that constitutes a known or probable preferential pathway for vertical movement of pollutants, contaminants, or poor quality water below ground, and that movement poses a threat to the quality of the waters of the state, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(e) At a minimum, permanently inactive wells shall be destroyed in accordance with standards developed by the Department of Water Resources pursuant to Section 13800 of the Water Code and adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board or local agencies in accordance with Section 13801 of the Water Code.

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