

The intent of this informational attachment is to notify interested parties of the pollution and the contamination that we as humans and animals alike are subjected to here in Cupertino, Ca. the Silicon Valley and the whole San Francisco Bay. There will be mention of the health problems me and my family have suffered and I will also mention some other citizens that have also been seriously subjected to this awful situation.

The companies below have been allowed to pollute for decades and I will address the violations and the violators as follows:

Lehigh Southwest Cement and Quarry – Location: 24001 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino, Ca. 95014

Stevens Creek Quarry – Location: 12100 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino, Ca. 95014

Apple Computer Corporation – 10475 Bandle Drive, Cupertino, Ca. 95014

I have had cancer on two occasions once about three years ago and had my left breast removed and now in December 2010 again a new cancer and have had my right breast removed. I am on a medication now that is supposed to stop the estrogen in my body which the cancer feeds off of and this medication has very uncomfortable side effects. I have yet to see if it will work and I need to be on it for 5 years. I am not sure about chemo therapy or radiation in the future and live my life in complete fear of the next cancer episode. I also just found out I have diabetes and am also on medication for that pills for the time being and who know about later only time will tell. I also have asthma and have trouble breathing and have had shortness of breath and brocades I was on medication for that but have taken myself off of the medication to see how I will do there are good and bad days.

My husband Dale has had cancer of the throat he had to have 22 limp nodes removed from his neck and also a nerve from his neck and shoulder. He has trouble with his left arm and shoulder now and must wear a support brace. He also has trouble salivating because he had radiation to the head and his teeth have been damaged due to the radiation. Not being able to salivate properly and the radiation have caused him serious trouble with his teeth the damage amounting to \$26,000.00 dollars and is still having work done on his teeth. Dale is now disable and is retired from the United States Navy he also has be eligible for social security at 61 due to his medical problems. My husband is on anti depressants and chronic pain medications due to the cancer and other mental problems.

My son Jason was born with Dyslexia, ADD and what they said have been allergy problems this has caused him many health problems through his life he was out of grade school 60 days one year because of his ears and nose infections. He was put in a special education program and did graduate from high school and is now at the Art Institute in Sunnyvale, California. Jason is almost 22 years old this February and is still struggling with his grades and will probably need help. He received help from private and special education teachers all through his school years. Jason was until recently on Prozac and Conserta for the ADD he wants to see if he can do with out them but I am sure he will need them again.

My son's best friend Alex who is 21 has lymphoma in his chest and his neck he has just completed chemo and is now going to get radiation therapy this is a terrible shame. He and his family live about

2.34 miles from the Cement plants and I live about 2.84 miles from the cement plant I am very certain that the Lehigh Southwest and Cement Plant and Quarry and the Stevens Creek Quarry and even Apple Computers R & D Facility with resin mold emissions coming from the building are causing these health problems.

My daughter Kristina was born with severe brain damage and only had brain stem functioning which means she could not hear, walk, talk, see or function normally she was on many medications and also suffered from they said allergies. She lived to be 3 ½ years old and died of toxic shock syndrome at Kaiser Hospital in Santa Clara, Ca. the hospital would not even put in the medical records that she died of toxic shock syndrome. She suffered terribly she could not eat by mouth and had to have a special tube put in her stomach and her lower bowl area which had been designed especially for her. Kristina was hospitalized 28 times at Kaiser alone for weeks at a time and I spent many days and nights by her bed side.

My dog sunflower died of liver cancer and suffered terribly she was outside a great deal of the time running around and just being a dog but the problem seemed to be that she was out next to Apple Computer and the ground water well near my home which has pollution in it. Apple is not even 100 feet from my home and has been polluting the well and the air and land next to my home and around the surround area. This well is owned by the California Water Company and now has 7.0 ppb of Vanadium in it and I believe still climbing. I am sure there is a great deal of other pollution in this well including Chromium 6 which is very dangerous.

The woman who lived in my home over 28 years ago died of cancer and her brother who lived behind my home died of prostate cancer about 5 years ago. His son also died of some kind of blood pressure problem about a week or so after he did.

There is a woman who lives behind me now who has only been there 1 year who now got cancer I need to connect with her in the future to see what she has exactly.

I have sores on the top of my head and have had this condition for years after going to three different doctors no one can really tell me what it is these sores itch, bleed and are very uncomfortable nothing seems to cure the problem. I suspect it is the water and pollution I am subjected to each day in the air, water and soil.

I had the soil tested on my property and the lead content is at 12.9 ppm this is way over the limit and the lab worker stated that the soil would have to be taken out of California in order to dispose of it that California will not accept it. The EPA, BayArea Air Quality Control District, Air Resource Board and the City of Cupertino will do nothing to help me. I believe Apple is responsible for this pollution and I suspect the other two companies can also be at fault this dust is every place and is polluting the air, water and soil.

I know that the three companies that I mentioned in this attachment are responsible for the problems mentioned above and I need your help. I have a great deal of information to relay to you and will try to do this summary in order to help you become informed.

Lehigh Southwest Cement and Quarry has a NOV – Notice of Violation pertaining to the air and water which are in violation of the Clean Air and Clean Water Act with the EPA. The Air Violation with the EPA Federal Office of Civil Enforcement is in Washington and they also have another NOV with the State Water Resource Board in California this is still pending and no one knows how long it will take to bring justice to our community. I am working on getting more done and will keep working till things are done to stop this pollution.

The Lehigh Southwest Cement and Quarry are up for a Title V Permit renewal and it will be released with in the next two weeks for the public review and the citizens and agencies are then allowed 30 days to comment on. There is also a new reclamation plan up for renewal for 20 more years and they will be mining a new pit this will cause all kinds of health problems. There are two other groups of people in my community that are fighting them and there are many issues. They are polluting the Permanente Creek with pollution from the Cement Quarry and there has been a letter sent to Lehigh by the State Water Board to provide lab information about this and what is in the water they are releasing from the Cement Quarry. The NOV for water has about 14 violations that Lehigh needs to address and is working on that. There is no one that will tell us what is in the water and selenium has been mentioned along with many other pollutants that are causing health problems and cancer. The NOV for air is about NOX – Nitrogen Oxide and SO2 Sulfur Dioxide and the PSD requirements these gases are mixing with the dust from the 32 openings at the Cement plant and this dust is being dispersed all over the valley. The Dust is on everything and is going into the water and landing on the ground we are ingesting it and breathing it in 24/7 and nothing is being done about it.

There is an overburden issue of waste material that is now part of the East Material Storage Area next to the cement plant that is now up for complaint and review by Santa Clara County and the Citizens of the community that will be heard in the next few months. The EMSA is polluting the Permenente Creek and the whole valley and no one wants to say what is in the overburden. I will be in contact with them next week to see what is going on. The Lehigh Southwest Cement and Quarry is polluting the whole valley and the public is getting more informed each day and will be working with us to stop this pollution.

There are many people in Cupertino that have cancer and I believe the cancer society and the cancer cense department is playing down the amount of cancer in the Silicon Valley and the SF Bay Area. I have looked at their calculations and they are extremely questionable to say the least. It would be up to a law office to find people in the community that have cancer I have tried to do just that but many people are afraid to come forward. I suspect putting an ad in the paper asking people to come forward may do the job I can only hope so.

My property value is a stack here and I have no idea if I can sell my home if need be. I suppose that is what everyone is afraid of when you deal with issues such as these.

Apple Computer is next to my home and they have probably 50 building that are subject to pollution but of course all they need to do is provide a notice to the public under Prop 65 letting the public know and like the cigarette package smoke at your own risk well live around our building at your own risk. Lately they have not had an ad in the paper and I wonder why.

There is an advocacy group called Quarry NO. that has filed a law suite against Lehigh for 3 million dollars for not providing notice to the public about the pollution at Lehigh. This group has started to mobilize the Cities in the valley to get involved in a big way to stop the pollution and I will also take part in contacting them to get help.

The City of Cupertino staff and the City of Cupertino City Council has been a problem and is corrupt except for a new Council Member newly elected Barry Chang who is fighting to help stop the pollution. There is a lot of information to divulge to you and I will say this much they have covered up the pollution that is in our ground water wells, the Stevens Creek Creek, Permenente Creek, Steven Creek Reservoir, recharge pond, water tanks, and ground water wells operative and inoperative. The past and present city council members are well aware of the cover up and a full investigation needs to be conducted. There is a public works representative Ralph Quall who has now retired but they hired him back as a consultant who has been instrumental in this cover up. There is a well next to the Garden Gate School that had been inoperative since the 60's that had a crack in the casing this well was abandoned and the city spent \$27,000.00 dollars closing the well. There was a teacher who got cancer her office was right next to the polluted water that had been coming up from the well and children where playing in this water the school district just kept telling everyone that the water was from the sprinklers which was not true. I got a petition of about 75 people who signed it saying they wanted the water tested by my home next to Apple Computers R & D Facility this well had Vanadium in it at 6.5 ppb. Prior to this the California Water Company who owned the well had stated in their water reports to the public that the well had 3.0 ppb of Vanadium this was not true. The problem is that the EPA has Vanadium as an unregulated pollutant and so they will not do anything about this pollution. There are many other pollutants in the water and I suspect Chromium 6 is also in the well drinking water at high levels especially after their was a report done on 13 cities that have high levels of Chromium 6 in the drinking water and San Jose is one of them. The Santa Clara Water District will do nothing to help find out what is going on and I feel they are involved in this cover up.

The City of Cupertino did a test on both wells west and east end and I am sure found out there was pollution and keep the west end well a secrete from the public until I found out and let people know. The lab got the maps mixed up and in my lab report packed I found the map of the west end well next to the Garden Gate School so Ralph Quall the City and the City Council members hide this from the public and are continuing to cover up the pollution.

There is also a problem with the compost piles that the City of Cupertino has authorized the Stevens Creek Quarry to mix the compost with overburden and waste material and I caught them doing it the city has lied on public television about this. There is a great deal of pollution in this overburden and the public needs to be informed. I was sited for trespassing at the Stevens Creek Quarry and I feel it was because I blew the whistle on them and the City who sent a dirty letter to me threatening me with the Sherriff's Office. I have a lawyer and that is still to be resolved in February or March of 2011. I was up at the Steven Creek Quarry on the outside of the Quarry taking pictures of the pollution and was going to send these pictures to the Bay Area Air Quality District and the State Water Res. Board.

There are many things going on and I need your help and I have more information about the City and their corruption and so I need your help please help me and the community. The cities and the community people are banding together and I know that there is going to be more and more opposition so it is important to find a good lawyer that will take this case on a contingency bases.

Thanks

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