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SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY GRAND JURY CASE #1001--RESPONSE

The following responses address the seven findings by the San Joaquin County Grand Jury investigation of Case #1001--complaint filed by a citizen alleging broad categories against management of the City of Stockton Municipal Utilities Department's Wastewater Division. The final report was issued on December 20, 2002.

FINDINGS/RESPONSES

Finding #1: Regarding alleged failure to reduce and upgrade fleet.

Response: City of Stockton agrees with the findings.

Finding #2: Regarding alleged failure to follow City Manager's directive for take-home vehicles.

Response: City of Stockton agrees with the findings.

Finding #3a: Regarding alleged non-licensed, non-certified employees performing high voltage electrical design, installation and maintenance.

Response: City of Stockton agrees with the findings.

Finding #3b. The complaint also alleged the MUD staff have been allowed to perform design work that the City of Stockton will not accept from others without a licensed Electrical Engineer stamp, which could lead to equipment and/or safety issues.

Response: City of Stockton agrees with the Grand Jury findings.

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Finding #4: Regarding alleged non-certified welders performing welding on pressure pipe and structural steel that required certification.

Response: City of Stockton agrees with the Grand Jury findings.

Finding #5: Regarding alleged failure to monitor contractors to ensure work is being performed.

Response to Finding #5a: City of Stockton agrees with the findings in 5a regarding landscaping contractors.

Response to Finding #5b: City of Stockton agrees with findings regarding the painting contractor.

Finding #6: Regarding alleged failure to report vehicle accidents:

Response to Finding #6: City of Stockton agrees with the findings regarding alleged failure to report vehicle accidents.

Finding #7: Regarding alleged failure to follow CAL OSHA requirements for Confined Space Entry, Hot Work permits, Lock and Tag permits.

Response to Finding #7a: City of Stockton agrees with the findings regarding the Confined Space Entry Pre-Entry procedures.

Response to Finding #7b: City of Stockton agrees with findings regarding hot work procedures and permits.

Response to Finding #7c: City of Stockton agrees with the findings regarding Lockout/Tagout Log information.

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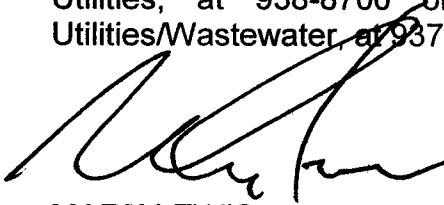
1. 2002-2003 SJCCGJ – Vehicle Inspection – Procedures for daily industrial vehicle inspections have been developed along with a vehicle checklist to identify: vehicle damage, cause of damage, corrective actions and appropriate process to effect timely vehicle repair. This procedure was made effective on February 1, 2003.
2. 2002-2003 SJCCGJ – Lockout/Tagout – Mud's lockout/tagout log format was modified in August 2002 as recommended, to identify all five information items, including personnel training.

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3. 2002-2003 SJCCGJ – Master Lockout/Tagout Log – A master log was initiated on January 30, 2003 as recommended. This log will be consolidated and maintained in the Safety Office where it will be effectively monitored.

If you have any questions, please call Mark Madison, Director of Municipal Utilities, at 938-8700 or Steve Gittings, Deputy Director of Municipal Utilities/Wastewater, at 937-8781.



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