

**FINAL REPORT**  
**CASE #0199:** San Joaquin County, Department  
of Environmental and Health

**REASON FOR INVESTIGATION**

A citizen's complaint was received asking the Grand Jury to investigate the San Joaquin County Department of Environmental and Health for possible acts of misconduct.

**BACKGROUND**

The complaint addressed issues of abuse of power referencing requests above and beyond the requirements of the standard state and federal regulations involving the removal and replacement of underground gasoline tanks.

**METHOD OF INVESTIGATION**

Interviews were held involving the complainant, and the facility/construction manager for the alleged sites. Copies of the permits and Conflict of Interest

statements were retained and reviewed.◆ The Department of Environmental Health provided copies of their policies and procedures for the installation and removal of underground gasoline tanks.◆ The documents needed to obtain a permit for fuel tanks were received per our request.◆ A list of suggested contractors was received for review.



## **FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

- 1) The site was in fact reported as a known contaminated site.◆ Actions by the District Attorney stating such to the past and present owners were evident.
  
- 2) The permits and information contained was consistent with that found in other similar files.◆ No special, unwarranted actions were discovered.
  
- 3) It appears that no preferential treatment was evident.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Based on the above information, the Grand Jury recommends that case #0199 be closed and that the complaints stated against the Department of Environmental Health are unfounded.

## **RESPONSE REQUIRED**

None