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Subject: follow up to my voicemail messages re: continuous toxic exposures affecting hundreds of residents and many guests at Wyndover Apt. Homes- low-income and HUD funded

On 08/13/2016 a toxic bark mulch was spread at the request of FAIRFIELDWYNDOVER LLP manager (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy. The company who spread the toxic substance is PJM Landscaping Contractor of Rohnert Park, CA. PJM is not a licensed contractor with the State of California. This toxic material was spread 4-5 inches deep on a courtyard the size of 1 1/2 tennis courts. The fumes from this substance permeate through thick clothing. Exposures occur every time we enter and exit the property. I have a great team of medical doctors who have explored why i have been ill since moving to this apt. complex 12/10/2016. When my Service Dog, Cody, had repeated vomiting and diarrhea the Veterinarian, (b) (6) Privacy told me the mulch was toxic. He directed me to Environmental Health. I had already contacted the Dept of Agriculture, Public Health, Code Enforcement and sundry other local agencies. The Novato Mayor, Pat Elkund, directed me to follow up with the Bay Area Regional Air Quality Control Board. I also called the EPA and filed an on-line report and a Hotline report. Mike Wall, Investigational Supervisor of BAAQCB, told his field agent, Richard Murray, not to take samples, although he did come to the property. I did receive a voicemail from Scott Wells, Marin County Dept. of Agriculture stating propylene glycol and methylbromide are present in this substance. There are hundreds of low-income tenants living here any most of those who have spoken to me are ill. A red blistering rash and intractable diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, respiratory problems and severe muscle cramps are some of the many health problems we are experiencing. I have been told by the manager that this material is not toxic. My physician told me it is. The EPA and CA EPA agents told me it is a Class I toxic substance. All the governmental websites define it as such. have been exposed to this toxic material every time I enter and exit the property. It is manufactured using recycled treated wood. ITT and Monsanto have taken over Scott's and Mulch Manufacturing Inc. respectively. Irregardless of the fact that its a very lucrative industry, it is a toxic material and the public must be protected from it. What the other residents and myself would like to have fascilitated is appropriate removal of this toxic substance to the Hazardous Waste portion of the Novato City Dump. We need a Plan of Action and Ciompliance mandated to promptly remove this toxin. Frequent repeated exposures have a cumulative effect and renal falure may occur. There have been numerous veterinary visits and human medical visits and reports to M.D.'s. We really need your help in this matter. My name is (b) (6) Privacy, (b) (7)(C) Enforcement Privacy Novato, CA. 94947 (b) (6) Privacy, (b) (7)(C) Enforcement Privacy