# Air Quality at the Nishi Site

I have studied the Nishi Environmental Impact Reports and some of Dr. Tom Cahill's comments concerning air quality, including associated studies, and have reached the following conclusions:

- There is no scientific basis for concluding that air quality at the Nishi site, as influenced by freeway traffic, is any more adverse than other residential locations, existing and proposed, along the I-80 corridor.
- Meteorological data included in the Draft EIR indicate that the predominant wind direction is from the North/Northwest. Accordingly, this property is generally upwind of I-80.
- There are no geographic barriers to impede the dispersion of traffic related pollutants. The Nishi site is not an area where such pollutants would be expected to unduly concentrate. In fact, the elevated roadway flanking the western-most portion of the property is likely to result in greater dispersion of traffic-related contaminants than would occur at other locations along the corridor.
- Most importantly, health risk estimates presented in the Draft EIR were based on a 70 years outdoor exposure model with no consideration of the extensive mitigation measures discussed in the Draft EIR and improved upon with the current proposal, including:
  - 1. The focus on student housing, which will reduce the duration of exposure to a likely average 3 years or less a fraction of the 70 year duration assumed in the EIR.
  - 2. The exposure estimates did not account for the amount of time spent indoors by residents living at the Nishi site. The studies conducted for the New Harmony development indicated "people spend most of their time indoors, averaging 22.5 hours per day, not outdoors." This is important given the low level of outside air infiltration resulting

from the consequential building energy standards anticipated with this project.

- 3. The exposure estimates did not account for the amount of time spent away from the residence. California EPA risk assessment guidelines recommend a default assumption that residents spend 27% of the time away from their home.
- 4. A state of the art indoor air filtration system will eliminate approximately 95% of airborne particles.
- 5. A 70 to 100 foot wide continuous urban forest with foliage selections based on filtering qualities applicable to fine particulate matter will be planted between I-80 and the Nishi site.
- 6. With satellite parking and no driveways within building clusters, opportunities to maximize tree canopy mitigations will be enhanced.

# **Mitigation Summary**

In addition to I-80, there are other sources of air pollutants in Davis. The mitigations being taken by the Nishi project are, in my opinion, comprehensive and will serve to also protect other nearby properties, i.e. Solano Park, while providing a model as Davis copes with the various impacts inherent to other infill opportunities. After all, it is the utilization of such infill properties, appropriately labeled "smart growth," that are an important element of this air quality solution for everyone.

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#### **Professional Experience**

# Senior Toxicologist, Pesticide and Environmental Toxicology Branch Cal/EPA, Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment

Chief of the Pesticide Epidemiology Section, supervising a public health medical officer, three toxicologists, and an industrial hygienist. The Section's activities include development of reporting procedures for pesticide-related illness, pesticide illness education, evaluation of California's medical supervision program, health and safety regulations for agricultural workers, emergency response preparedness, and peer review of health risk assessments for pesticides.

# Staff Toxicologist, Integrated Risk Assessment Branch

Cal/EPA, Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment 3/01 - 5/09Developed risk-based remediation standard for surface contamination at former clandestine methamphetamine laboratories. Developed scope of work for \$150K research contract with UC San Francisco and monitored progress of the research. Prepared toxicity reviews for 13 chemicals used in illegal synthesis of methamphetamine. Prepared comprehensive review of the investigation and cleanup of contaminated soil at Midway Village housing complex (Daly City). Wrote critical reviews of risk assessments for hazardous waste sites. Co-authored a report examining health risks of used motor oil as fuel for cargo ships.

#### Staff Toxicologist, Human and Ecological Risk Division Cal/EPA, Department of Toxic Substances Control

Reviewed site characterization reports and human health risk assessments for hazardous waste sites and facilities permitted to treat, store and dispose of hazardous wastes. From 5/92 through 1/95, was acting Senior Toxicologist supervising 4-5 staff. In cooperation with U.S. EPA, organized and taught twelve 3-day "Risk and Decision Making" workshops for federal, state, and local government environmental health staff. Participated in development and implementation of the California Railroad Accident Prevention and Immediate Deployment (RAPID) plan. Evaluated health risks to children attending schools located near sources of hazardous chemicals.

#### Toxicologist, IBM Corporation

Evaluated the toxicity of chemicals used in the manufacture of new and existing products. Recommended appropriate toxicity and/or mutagenicity testing when existing toxicity database was judged incomplete. In cooperation with Eastman Kodak researchers, designed and monitored a 90-day bioassay of a ketone solvent for *n*-hexane-type neurotoxicity. Developed technical documentation for establishment of corporate-wide occupational exposure standard for airborne cobalt. Evaluated the toxicity and regulatory status of 17 solvents in support of a comprehensive plan for remediation of ground water contamination at IBM's San Jose manufacturing facility. Participated in a World Health Organization study to evaluate the mutagenicity of 2- and 4-acetylaminofluorene in the primary hepatocyte DNA repair assay.

#### **Post-Doctoral Scientist, IBM Corporation**

Evaluated the genotoxicity of chemicals in the Ames Salmonella mutation assay and the Chinese hamster ovary cell/sister chromatid exchange (CHO/SCE) assay. Conducted studies to compare different end-points for cytotoxicity in primary cultures of rat hepatocytes.

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# Academic Background

Ph.D., Pharmacology and Environmental Toxicology, UC Davis, 1982

University of California Regents' Fellowship, Stauffer Chemical Company Fellowship, NIEHS Traineeship in Environmental Toxicology

B.A., Psychology (Biochemistry minor), UC San Diego, 1972; Graduation with High Honors

# **Scientific Affiliations**

Diplomate of the American Board of Toxicology, 1986; re-certified every five years thereafter Member of the Society of Toxicology

Member and past president of the Genetic & Environmental Toxicology Association of Northern California

## **Scientific Presentations**

"Assessing the Health Risks for Humans Exposed to Arsenic-Containing Mine Tailings." Symposium on Sources and Toxicity of Mining Wastes, Northern California Chapter, Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry; Sacramento, CA; June 24, 1996.

"Report from the Medical/Scientific Research Working Group." First National Conference on Drug Endangered Children; Denver, CO; June 29, 2004.

"Development of Cleanup Standards for Former Meth Labs." 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Technical Training Seminar, Clandestine Laboratory Investigating Chemists Association; Portland, OR; September 10, 2004.

"Toxicology of Methamphetamine and By-Products of its Production." Annual Meeting of the American Industrial Hygiene Association; Philadelphia, PA; June 3, 2007.

"Clandestine Methamphetamine Labs: Toxicity and Exposure Issues." Fourth National Conference of the National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children; Kansas City, MO; October 10, 2007.

"Derivation of a Risk-Based Remediation Standard for Methamphetamine." 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Certified Unified Program Agencies Conference; Burlingame, CA; February 5, 2008.

"Methamphetamine: New Findings and Research Needs." Meeting of the National Alliance for Model State Drug Laws; Santa Fe, NM; August 7, 2008.

"New Research Findings on Methamphetamine Exposure: Potential Implications for Decontamination Protocols" and "Efforts Toward the Establishment of a Recommended Cleanup Standard for Methamphetamine and the Potential Impact on State and Local Regulations." Fifth National Conference of the National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children; Salt Lake City, UT; October 7, 2008.

"Health Risk Assessment for Mission Bay Landfill: A Retrospective Appraisal." 11th Annual LEA/CIWMB Partnership Conference; Napa, CA; November 3, 2008

"Derivation of a Risk-Based Cleanup Standard for Methamphetamine, and Evaluation of Clan Lab Decontamination Procedures." 2009 Strategy-Training Conference, National Methamphetamine and Pharmaceuticals Initiative; Nashville, TN; May 20, 2009.

# **Other Professional Experience**

- Member of an independent peer review panel charged with evaluating the September 2002 U.S. EPA report, "World Trade Center Indoor Air Assessment: Selecting Contaminants of Potential Concern and Setting Health-Based Benchmarks." The panel was organized by Toxicology Excellence for Risk Assessment (TERA) under contract to U.S. EPA.
- Lecturer, UC Davis, for the following courses:
  - Environmental Toxicology 20 ("Introduction to Forensic Science")
    Clandestine Methamphetamine Labs (2014)
  - Environmental Toxicology 30 ("Chemical Use and Abuse")
    - CNS Stimulants: Phenylethylamines, Amphetamine and Meth, Ecstasy and Cocaine (2015)
  - Environmental Toxicology 135 ("Health Risk Assessment of Toxicants")
    Site-Specific Risk Assessment: Challenging Issues (2013)
  - Environmental Toxicology 290 ("Filling the Gaps" seminar series)
    - Assessing the Health Risks of Contaminants on Surfaces: A Case Study Involving Clandestine Methamphetamine Labs (2016)

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