



STATE OF OREGON

INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO: Governor

DATE: November 5, 1984

FROM: Bob Oliver

SUBJECT: "Man Camp" Code Compliance

While I was involved in various meetings Monday morning, word came in from state agencies which had been requested last week to furnish information on alleged code violations at the installation brought to Antelope from Idaho. Ms. Hill and others had complained about foundations of the buildings, and the water supply, which they said did not comply with ordinary standards and had received more favorable consideration by state agencies.

Kristine Gebbie says the "man camp" was hooked onto the City of Antelope's existing water supply. To boost the quantity of water available, an additional well was drilled. Kristine says there was a procedural irregularity in that the Health Division did not receive plans and specifications for this well for review prior to the time it was drilled. However, Kristine says it has been her experience (as it was mine, when I was Administrator of the Health Division) that about half the time a well is drilled, the Division does not know about it until the work is done. At any rate, the Division did receive the plans and specifications for the well and hook-up. These were reviewed in the standard manner against the standard criteria. Kristine says her experts describe it as a "good well," and they cannot tell her of any technical reasons why it should be disapproved. Nevertheless, a Health Division Public Health Engineer will be in the area later this week and will re-check the work to verify full compliance. She will advise us promptly of his report.

Fred Heard says the matter of foundations supporting the structures at the "man camp" does not come under authority of the Building Codes Division. Under state law, the City of Antelope (or Rajneesh, or whatever) has jurisdiction to formulate foundation standards and enforce compliance. Fred says he does not defend this state of affairs, but has to take note of the law and apply it to Antelope as with any other city.

Ironically, the main problem involving the "man camp" is one not mentioned by Ms. Hill and her associates. This involves electrical permits for these buildings. The Building Codes Division inspector told the Rajneesh inspection of the internal electrical systems could be waived if inspection records from Idaho for these facilities were produced. The Rajneesh who were on the scene

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agreed to do this, but did not send the documents. The Building Codes Division said they would not approve the buildings until these documents were received, or a more extensive inspection were conducted - which might involve exposing systems within the walls. The Building Codes Division apparently is being accused of "delaying tactics" by the Rajneesh. Fred Heard says the electrical permits in this case would be processed in the same manner as for any other facility in an Oregon community, because the facility is not situated in Rajneeshpuram - which currently is affected by a court order. Fred will keep us advised of developments with respect to the electrical permit situation.

A copy of Fred's memorandum and other materials are attached.

cc: Gerry Thompson