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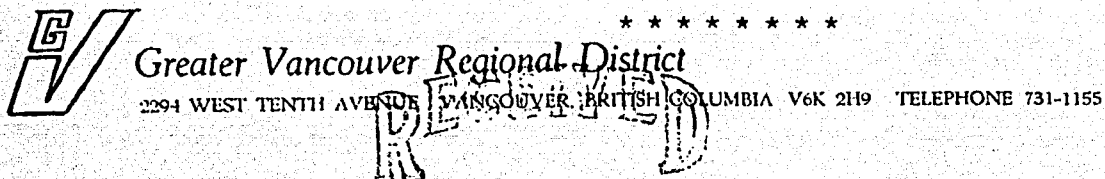
Re: AIR POLLUTION / BURRARD INLET

On 1978 February 27, Council requested information on the following two matters:

1. a sulphur odor that was detectable in the area adjacent to Burrard Inlet on February 26.
2. status on pollution control relative to oil refineries and the B. C. Hydro Thermal Generating Plant.

Comments on these inquiries are contained in the following letter from Mr. F. R. Bunnell, Director of Air Pollution Control for the Greater Vancouver Regional District.

This is for the information of Council.



Please refer to our file number:

March 20, 1978

G.H. Armson, C.P.H.I.(C),
Chief Public Health Inspector,
The Corporation of the District
of Burnaby,
6161 Gilpin Street,
Burnaby, B.C. V5G 4A3.

Dear Sir:

Re: Odour - Northwest Burnaby,
February 26, 1978

We have for reply your letter of March 13 regarding an odour complaint on February 26th. We have investigated this and advise that we were unable to discover the direct source of this general complaint. It is noted that no other complaint was received from Burnaby residents on, or within several days of, February 26th. However, at about the same time a complaint was received from Port Moody.

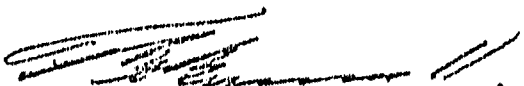
Further, it is noted that an odour complaint was received two days earlier from another Port Moody resident. This odour was attributed to the loading of a poor grade sulphur at the local bulk loading terminal. Under adverse meteorological conditions, it is possible that the Friday odour could have remained in the area for the weekend. No other related complaints were received.

One of the difficulties in investigating complaints is the delay in receiving them. As you know, we maintain a 24-hour, 7-day week complaint center and we have a pollution control officer on call continuously. Maybe it would be appropriate to remind your Council of this service. The 24-hour number is 929-1201 and is listed in the telephone book.

Regarding the Burrard Thermal Plant, nothing is happening. The testing program has not proceeded and is apparently in indefinite abeyance.

Regarding the oil refineries, in North Burnaby, Chevron is proceeding with its permit requirements and Shell's application for a permit is still being processed.

Yours truly,


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Director,
Air Pollution Control

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