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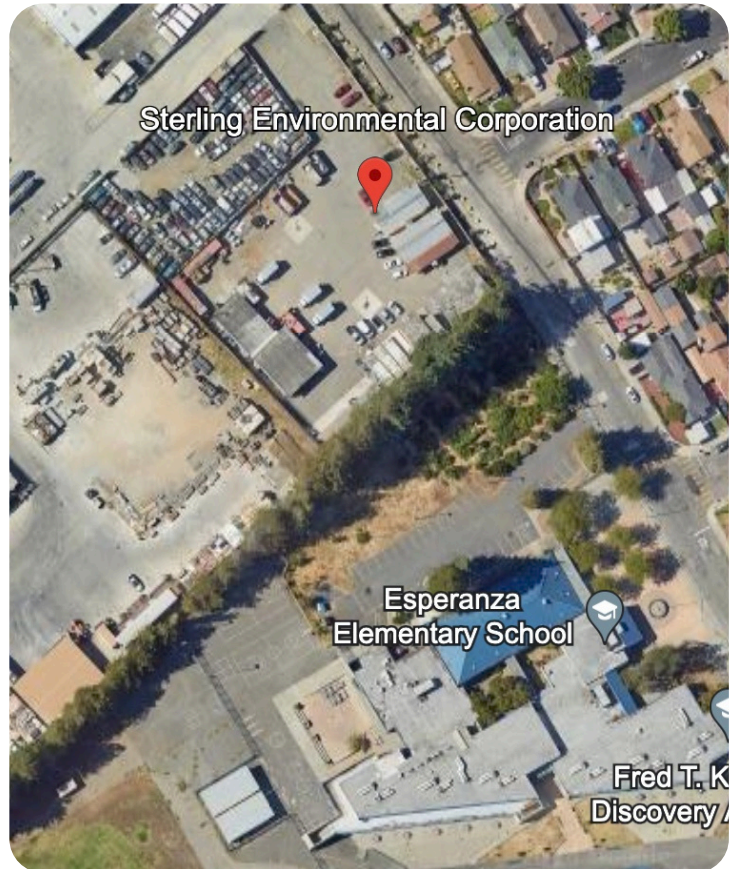
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WHO IS STERLING ENVIRONMENTAL?

Sterling Environmental Corporation (Sterling) began operations in 1988 and provides contracting services for **treating and transporting hazardous materials**, air quality assessment, asbestos abatement, lead paint abatement, and many more. **Sterling has a special permit that allows it to store hazardous materials at their facility.**

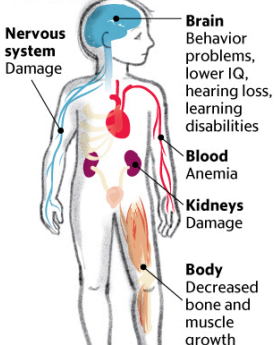
This special permit is called a conditional use permit (CUP). Companies like Sterling must get a CUP when they operate or conduct activities that don't meet official standards and do not comply with legal requirements. Without a CUP, Sterling would not be allowed to store hazardous materials.



Lead exposure

Although often without obvious symptoms, lead exposure can affect nearly every part of the human body. No safe level of lead in the bloodstream has been determined by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Children



Adults



Esophagus

Swallowed asbestos fibers can cause cancer development.

Asbestos Fibers

Asbestos fibers can be inhaled or swallowed.

Pleural Membrane

Cancer in the lungs' lining can make breathing painful.

Larynx

Asbestos is known to cause cancer of the voice box.

Diaphragm

Cancer in this muscle can make breathing challenging.

Heart

Asbestos can cause cancer in the heart sac.

Abdomen

Asbestos can cause cancer in the abdominal cavity's lining.

Lung Tissue

Lung cancer is the most common malignant asbestos-related disease.

Sources: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; National Institutes of Health

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POLLUTION/VIOLATION HISTORY

BAAQMD, our Bay Area air quality agency, has issued several Notice of Violations (NOVs) to Sterling during job site inspection. These violations include improper abatement and containment during removal of regulated asbestos-containing material while working at a multiple-family dwelling, and for improper or no notification of work. BAAQMD has also inspected the Sterling property in response to odor complaints of solvents/paint thinners and other offensive odors reported by teachers and the principal of the adjacent school, however the source was unconfirmed.

Sterling's CUPA has been issued NOVs related to improper hazardous materials storage, reporting, and for failing to submit their annual HMBP on time. Sterling has received several BAAQMD NOVs for performing off-site demolition without proper notification (Rule 11- 2, Section 401.3) and for improper permit management (Rule 11- 2, Section 401.5). Sterling received a n NOV for failure to meet containment requirements (Rule 11- 2, Section 303.6) and no wetting during removal (Reg 11, Rule 2, Section 303.1) while working in a multiple family dwelling in Albany on 9/7/2017).

HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES TOGETHER

As members, interns, and staff of CBE we fight the good fight against local polluters like Sterling who make it harder for us to breathe, live, and exist in our communities.

We meet biweekly to discuss campaign strategies, educate ourselves about pollutants, participate in actions, and so much more!

Contact Gustavo for more info about our youth program 14-24 years old at gustavo@cbecal.org or **(619)-779-2622**.

Contact our organizers, Adele or Nyah, for more information about our adult program/campaigns at adele@cbecal.org or nyah@cbecal.org.

Sources

Centers for Disease Control

Mayo Clinic

Minnesota Department of Health

World Health Organization

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