DATE: November 21, 2008

TO: North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
    Attention: Catherine Kuhlman

REGARDING: EPA Environmental Complaint Number 5345

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MESSAGE:

Please see attached EPA Environmental Complaint Number 5345 Regarding the Cornell Winery located off of St. Helena on Wappo Road, in the Upper Mark West Watershed, Sonoma County. For pictures and additional information see:

http://www.markwestwatershed.org/documents/Cornell_Winery_Documents

Thank you very much,
Ray Krauss, for the Friends of the Mark West Watershed
Cal/EPA Environmental Complaint Form

If you have observed an activity, physical evidence of an activity or have knowledge of what you think may be a possible illegal act or unauthorized release that caused harm or damage to California's public health or environment, the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) would like to know about it. Use this Environmental Complaint Form to file an environmental complaint with Cal/EPA.

If you have a customer service question or would like to provide information to Cal/EPA about your experiences with its Boards, Departments or Office, please complete our Customer Survey Form. We are interested in hearing about your experiences, both positive and negative.

Is this an emergency? Yes No Is this a spill? Yes No

Your Information:

Do you wish your identity to be kept confidential? Yes No

Check here if you wish to receive information about Cal/EPA's handling of this complaint. (We are sure to give us a way to contact you.)

Name: Friends of the Mark West Watershed c/o Ray Krauss
Address: 6969 St. Helena Road
City: Santa Rosa State: CA ZIP Code: 95404
Phone Number: 707-539-4330 E-Mail: rkrauss@sonic.net

If you work for a governmental entity outside of Cal/EPA and are making a formal agency refer information below.

Referring External Agency Outside Cal/EPA (If Applicable):

Name of Person from Referring External Agency (If Applicable):

Complaint Information:

Provide information about the complaint. If you do not know the address, please provide a description of the location (like: "corner of 1st St. and River Blvd.").

Address: 420 Wappo Road
City: Santa Rosa, CA ZIP Code: 95404
County: SONOMA
Location Description: APN 028-260-041 Top of Wappo Road off of St. Helena Road, Upper Mark West Watershed

Provide information about the facility, company or person who is allegedly responsible for this problem.

Check here if address is the same as above.

Name: Cornell Winery
Address: 420 Wappo Road
City: Santa Rosa
State: CA
ZIP Code: 95404
Phone Number: (___)___-_____

Complaint Related To: (Click category name for more information)
☐ Air  ☐ Garbage  ☐ Pesticides  ☐ Toxic Substances  ☐ Water  ☐ Prop. 65

Date of Occurrence: 11/21/08  ☒
Approximate Time: Select Time

Ongoing Occurrence?  Yes  ☒  No  Unknown

Please describe complaint (What happened, what materials or substances were involved, how much is involved, where did the materials or substances go, who else have you reported this to and what was the outcome? Provide any information that will help our inspectors determine the most timely and effective response. Text only):

Clearing and grubbing of winery site prior to approval of permits with sediment discharge to Mark West Creek. Substantial land slide (1000's of cu yds) of unknown origin occurred on site blocking major tributary of MW Creek. Extensive remedial grading undertaken with uncertain success. Site is a continuing source of excessive sediment discharge to Mark West Creek. For photos and additional information see:
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Complaint Record Number: 5345

Thank you for submitting your complaint to Cal/EPA. Your complaint was received on 11/21/2008 at 09:57 AM and has been assigned Complaint Record Number: 5345. Cal/EPA staff will assess this complaint and will investigate, inspect or refer the complaint information to another agency as appropriate. We will contact you with information about the handling of this complaint. Cal/EPA recommends that you print and keep this receipt for your records.

Your Information:

Emergency: No  Name: Friends of the Mark West Watershed c/o Ray Krauss
Spill: No  Address: 6969 St. Helena Road
Confidential: No  City, St. ZIP: Santa Rosa, CA 95404
Follow-up: Yes  Phone Number: (707)539-4330
  E-Mail: r krauss@sonic.net

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Alleged Responsible Party
Name: Cornell Winery
Address: 420 Wappo Road
City, St. ZIP: Santa Rosa CA 95404
Phone Number (707)511-1111

Related To: Water

Date of Occurrence: 11/21/08  Time: 10:00 AM  Ongoing: Unknown

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