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Today, I thought I would just look at the tag: "Christina Walsh" on Denise Duffield's [enviroreporter.com](#) website -- She is the spouse of Michael Collins who runs the site, but is also the webmaster of [enviroreporter.com](#) while at the mic, she is "associate director of Physician's for Social Responsibility." And also the facilitator of the latest version of the "Workgroup" that people have probably vividly described to you from both sides. It was in her capacity at PSR that she published a letter using enviroreporter as the vehicle, and spread it to everyone, where she called me a racist (ironically related to Kettleman Hills)* The reason this matters, is that my husband wrote in my defense, asking them to retract the word "racist" and not only did they refuse, but also went after him by contacting his employer, so this has truly affected me at every level. If there was a center, a someplace that keeps a central set of facts, this kind of railroading of the public would at least be less possible.

In my opinion, and you will find folks on all sides that can recount the wrath of Mr. Hirsch if they say anything that questions his statements/version of the site, is that there is good reason for the extreme sides -- there is no central voice.

Recently, because I tried to make a national monument out of the site site to save history and the cultural sites that remain behind these fences that include the beginning of our nations race to space. This is important, but as usual, I was thrown in as a "Boeing fan" because I want a future, and more oversight by more agencies so we are not limited to this crazy revenge universe we seem to be stuck in. I shouldn't have to want revenge just because I want a sensible cleanup.

We should be able to comment on the process, and our concerns without this kind of wrath that seems to be unending, for decades it goes on for many. Already they [Dan Hirsch team] have hundreds of signatures to "Stop the monument" because it will leave 98% of the waste behind. It's funny it's always 98% and I seem to be the enemy no matter what. I'm told I'm easy to shoot at. Maybe so. If you look at all the work through my process of 3 times petitioning for a CAG so we could get real public process finally (I know, the irony is thick here, but these lessons have taken up a large portion of my life, they are also important to how to move forward. This speaks of severe power over the regulator by the polluter. That's the only reason a Dan Hirsch can get such traction in such a place. This is why it's important when Dan and Bill (who is now in Pavley's office and Rishoff is now in the Enviro Committee's office) and others get together with the Secretary of CalEPA to handle people like me.

We need a central voice from DTSC. Marcia Ruben is actually very good, but it needs to be a much higher priority in the agency. If you cannot sell the cleanup, it doesn't matter what is true, and that is what has happened here. Communicating what the cleanup is, is just as important as getting it right, because otherwise, the "powers" that I describe, take the solution sideways. I would be the first to say the AOC is too much, but it's like that because of the decades of denial and vilifying of people who considered themselves and their work patriotic....the result is a fed-up feeling that is much like what we are seeing in national politics today [whatever you think of them, there is a fundamental frustration] Hiding public process keeps the developers in charge so they get away with putting more people in harms way. We will soon look like BKK, right up to the edge with new homes, which has already happened at SSFL with Dayton and Runkle Canyon

developments, each of which, the polluter (Boeing) worked proactively to help those developers get their green lights despite mounds of evidence that was never investigated (if you don't look....)

These are just the articles that remain today. At the time of closing down the museum, they got my then partner Bill Bowling to record me from my own computer when Rick Brausch (the replacement director for Norm Riley, which is three directors ago) came to the ACME Cleanuprocketdyne museum to meet with me to discuss the AOC which the Duffield/Hirsch team were pushing through. When I discovered the file, I notified Rick Brausch immediately and sent him the file. Did I ever hear from him again about this?? Of course not, he's hidden away in some other role at the top of DTSC. The PPG that Chris Rowe talks so fondly of...it was the one place where everyone felt heard, respected, and real issues about cleanup progress were being discussed. But the minute they didn't want us to be heard, they removed the whole PPG, not a single memo, nothing, it just stopped without notice and we were all treated like that episode of Dallas where we all were told the whole thing was Pam's dream.

It seems to me that transparency was not the goal for some, so there was very specific dividing that went on. I was honored by Senator Kuehl, Senator Pavley, Assembly Member Brownley, all for my work at the museum on public outreach. It wasn't crazy or vindictive, it was collaborative and the responsible parties each spent time with us there. It wasn't until the signing of the AOC and the total shut down after Hirsch's public threat to fire someone, and then the public destroying of Norman Riley. That was after 30 years of a distinguished career with DTSC including running the Enforcement Department. Dan Hirsch reached in and devoured him and everyone else at DTSC said, "oh shit!" And everyone hunkered down. That's why the very few, like Phil Chandler, are now using this venue to report things he knows as someone remains at the site.

There is a larger problem that I don't know if you can solve, which is the capturing of the agency by the polluter who pays for the work, does the work and does the polluting. Having no independence in that process is the problem. The Regional Board people are insulated by their policy of disclosure if they even speak to a member of the public, so appropriate process is always adhered to. Disclosure of conflicts and interactions precludes at least some impropriety from occurring and we really need help with that. Because meanwhile, in DTSC land, there is no oversight, and the reason I get so upset, is because even the PRA process is corrupt. I've seen that in past requests, where I had the documents that proved otherwise. Anyone who has questions that lead to an actual future, is devoured by their built-in attack press:

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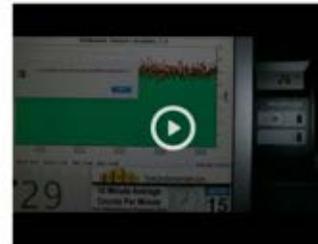


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September 15, 2009 8 comments

Former Rocketdyne DTSC chief, Norman E. Riley admits to EnviroReporter.com misleading community on Runkle Canyon and that no public comments about cleanup plan were used.



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"What is the purpose of us going to all that work trying to get to the bottom of this if it's going to be ignored?" said one of the Runkle Canyon Radiation Rangers. "This is serious business."



Who Are These People?

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Some of these folks are sparking writers like Joan Trossman Bien, D'Lanie Blaze, and Margery Brown. Others are devoted activists Bill Bowling, people who are make a difference.



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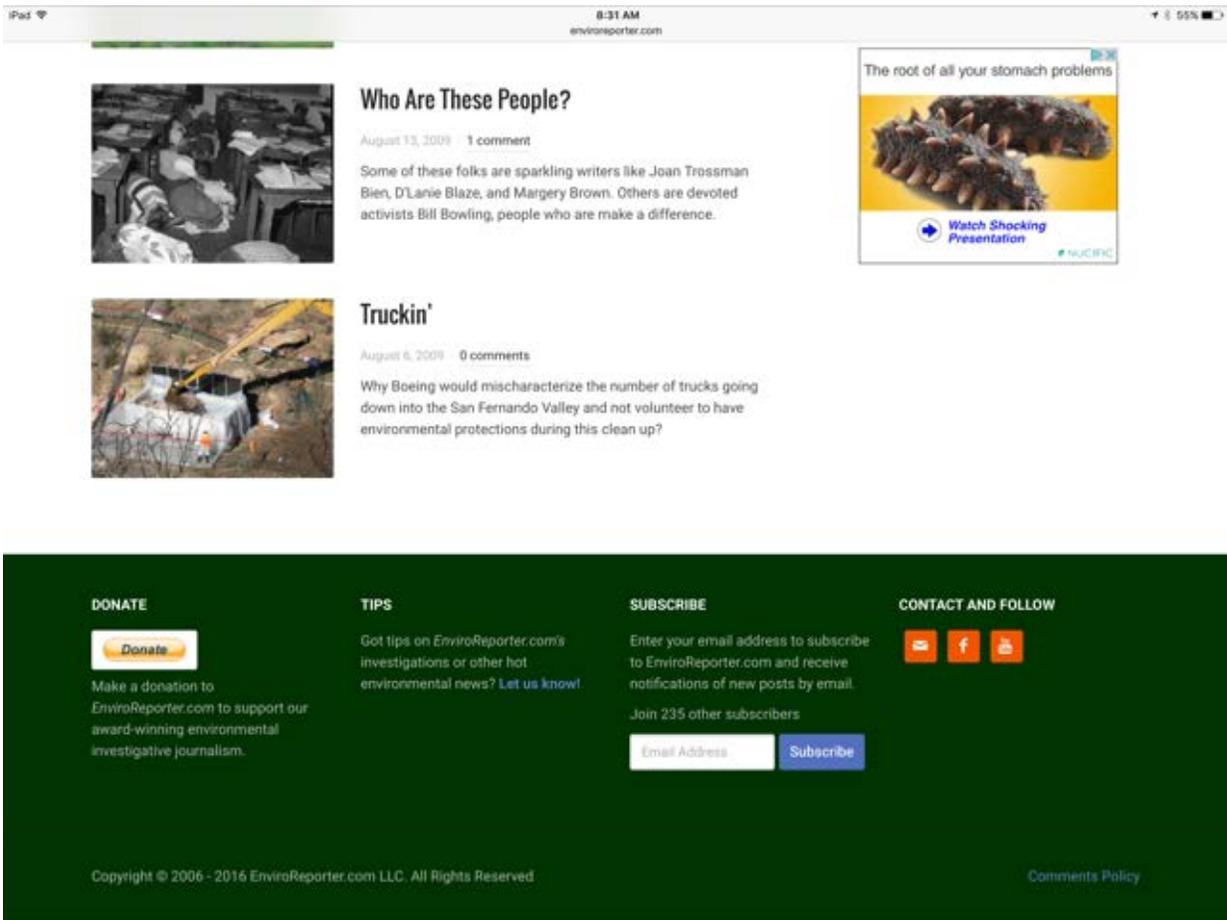
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*For who I am and what I stand for, to be called a racist was truly devastating. I nearly lost my own parents because of my devotion to truth against racism in a time where few were on my side. I have always lived my life that way...and they called me a racist and put it in print, all because I dared to question Dan Hirsch about Kettleman. I wasn't defending the place at all, I was however saying that the community there suffers from many things including gray water impacts related to poverty and undocumented people. At the time, I used the term, "illegal alien" which at the time, was a term I knew because I was myself a child of immigrants and stood in the line at the airport that said "resident aliens" which is what we were considered. I was six when I asked my dad why we were aliens, and whatever lame explanation he gave me, stuck with me. That's not an excuse, and I would not use that term today because I know how it is used in such a negative and yes, diminishing and racist way, that I didn't appreciate at the time in this context. I was concerned that 25% of the live births in that year were born with cleft pallets and felt it was important to investigate the issue more broadly and not be limited just to the landfill. I have spent years working in the child poverty arena of public health, and know that until just recently, the county of Porterville, which has a very high percentage of undocumented workers, is also a county where 3000 people have no running water including 600 children where emergency showers were put in at the school to accommodate them. More than \$1Billion in beef comes out of the same county annually, yet running water for the local working community was not addressed, not for more than a year...not until the recent interest that came from Flint Michigan, did they finally begin to look at this. I went to DTSC, I went to the county, I went to every level and it didn't matter.

My point is that I am one of many who Hirsch ordered "disappeared" from the process. I have had secret meetings with his own "ladies" like Holly Huff and Dawn Kowalski who whisper to me that they love and appreciate my work, but that I understand that in public they have to shun me. That's

right -- that's the word they use. More importantly, is why Linda Adams is engaging in these power plays to keep any attention about the real problem -- how we've gone decades without any action. Norm Riley wrote the first agreement in 2007, and the minute he went against Dan (didn't go far enough) he got rid of Norm. When SB990 became law, Dan won...except it wasn't in the 07 order, so he wanted his win in the order but no one knew how to do that. They spent 18 months trying to put it in the order and that's how the AOC came about. I have the track changes of the document that led to the AOC, and Norm was framed and scapegoated and eventually left the state and now lives as a retired artist. When I stood up for him, Linda didn't like that and gave them free reign to go after anyone who spoke out against Dan or her precious AOC and all the doors slammed shut to people like me who were the community "whistle blowers" and in the environmental world, there is no one who stands for us, no place for us to go.

The nerves on both sides about this not very good agreement are vehemently defended. Even I defend it now...out of survival, and at least it's something and I have some hope that the exceptions can be used to do the job of normalizing the process. The one and most important thing about the AOC is that it is the one place where the Federal Government voluntarily takes direction from the State. Without that, the cleanup goes down, just like SB990 did using Boeing resources, and federal supremacy policies. Implementation cannot work if the facts of the case (the \$42 million dollar rad survey) aren't available. That will allow both Dan and Boeing to run roughshod over an agency which is broken and without backbone. You've seen that up close. ' Me, I have a lot of people who used to whisper to me, give me reports in parking lots like the video I sent. But they are all in survival mode so they won't speak to me. I understand that, and probably wouldn't speak to me either. I hope that you understand that the sickness is in the structure of DTSC that doesn't protect its own workers in doing their work. If they do their job, they lose their job. It's as simple as that. If you really want to know the truth, please call Norm Riley and ask him what he thinks. I haven't always agreed with him, but I credit him for being absolutely fearless and willing to think and make decisions that were difficult, instead of hiding behind them and he shared his reasoning, popular or not. That's why we all trusted him. What he learned, was that standing tall gets you shot at DTSC and that is not how people should be treated from inside DTSC either. I will happily give you the number.

Now you know what I think you need to know about the system. Ask long time people like Laura Rainey and Gerard Abrams and Richard Hume about their work, and how they are pressured, They won't tell me. Maybe they will tell you. They need you more than I do. They really are trying to do good work.

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Sent from my iPad