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To: Citizens of Talmo  
Subject: Agri-Cycle fire, Wednesday, 9/5/07 - observations and comments from a local resident

One of the firemen who spoke on Fox 5 said that an electrical short in a pump at the pond was the cause of the fire.

If the same pumps that Valley Fresh used in the ponds, are still being used today, Harville is guilty of GROSS neglect! Those pumps were designed to pump waste WATER, NOT flammable liquids - Shame on him if this is what happened. He should not only be sued, he should serve time in prison. Our kid's little lungs have been exposed to who knows what for so long, and now this; they will likely suffer from it some day. In my mind, he has criminally violated Talmo in such a way that justice could never be served.

Dave, I don't know if you had a chance to get out and about last night, but around 11:00, I drove over to Clayton's sub-division and was nearly saddened to tears at the sight and smells. Those poor folks!!! Lucky for Allen Creek Farms, the wind was blowing North/ Northwest, which it should continue to do so today, but there was a calm last night that allowed the pungent odor to settle over that neighborhood. It smelled of burning carcasses so bad I nearly got sick. I have NEVER experienced anything like it- NEVER!!! Also, as I looked down the hill through the trees at the flames, I was reminded of what Hell might look like! I couldn't get a picture of it, but it was literally a lake of fire with flames leaping up to 50 ft in the air. The images are burned in my mind forever. The orange glow over the valley was another image beyond description. The heat from the fire could also be felt from the road. Depending on how much grease is in that pond, that fire could last for days.

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