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Mr. Phil Briggs  
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RE: Chevron, 609 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94607

Dear Mr. Briggs:

This office has reviewed your Risk Assessment & Threshold Limits. On-site monitoring wells, C-1, C-2, and CR-1 and off-site well C-5 must be monitored on a semi-annual basis. After two years, if the groundwater from the on-site wells contains less than 720 ppb of benzene, and the groundwater from the off-site well has less than 100 ppb of benzene, this site can be re-evaluated for closure.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (510) 567-6774.

Sincerely,



Larry Seto

cc: Madhulla Logan, Environmental Health

**Comments on Risk Assessment submitted for 609 Oak Street, Oakland**  
*August 28, 1997*

*Jennifer.*

*I have reviewed the updates for the risk assessment for 609 Oak street, Oakland. As you may be aware in the beginning, the risk assessment failed due to the high concentrations found in the composite sample 87087T3#283 (in Table 1), i.e about 150 ppm of benzene. So TerraVac re-sampled the area again near the composite sample location and this time probably due to biodegradation, they did not get significant concentrations. Terravac plugged in the new results instead of previous 150 ppm result, and averaged the soil concentrations. Only those concentrations above 8 feet were taken into consideration, since below 8 feet, it is close to groundwater. They got 3.6 ppm as the average concentrations in the soil. Hence both the average soil and groundwater concentration appear to be less than the SSTL's derived for a 10-5 risk. So, I guess the site passes the risk assessment.*

*And also, they have a management threshold concentration of 720 ppb<sup>benzene</sup> for groundwater for on site wells (C-1, C-2, C-5 and CR-1) which means they are going to continue monitoring for a while and check to see if these concentrations of 720 ppb exceed on site. If it does exceed, then the site needs to be re-evaluated.*

*Madhulla*



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August 11, 1997

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*2nd Update*

Subject: Risk Assessment & Threshold Limits  
Former Chevron Service Station #9-4587  
609 Oak Street  
Oakland, CA

Dear Ms. Logan:

As per your request, and to clarify the information regarding the hand augered soil samples and resultant risk model, I am forwarding the following:

- 1) A revised soil sample table, with the addition of the results of the hand augered samples;
- 2) GSI-RBCA printouts for inhalation risk from benzene residual in subsurface soil, using the sample results included. The 1987 composite sample has been excluded and the four hand augered samples have been used with the three other vadose zone samples. The GSI software gives the option of utilizing the maximum concentration, the mean or the upper confidence limit mean of the sample set, but does not calculate the actual average. The representative concentration in the soil, shown as 0.27 mg/kg benzene, differs significantly from the average of 3.6 mg/kg. Both values, though, are below the 3.9 mg/kg SSTL derived to keep from exceeding a 10<sup>-5</sup> risk.
- 3) The GSI printout for site-specific parameters utilized for SSTL derivation. Modifications include the porosity value of 0.31 (as determined by PTS Laboratories on a sample from five feet below grade at DYE-3), a building air exchange rate of two exchanges per hour (as per the Uniform Building Code), a reduction of the crack fraction to 0.005, and use of the Most Likely Exposure duration of 4 years for commercial.

*How did they get this from the table*

*8-7*  
*5*  
*July 11/97*  
*Alameda*  
*Environmental*



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Utilizing this site specific data, the management plan threshold limits can be revised upward. Even with the more conservative risk basis of  $10^{-6}$  for groundwater, an average of 1800 ppb benzene (the SSTL calculated with the GSI software) in groundwater samples from the listed onsite wells of C-1, C-2 and CR-1 would require notification to Alameda County, resampling and, if initial results are confirmed, a reevaluation of site conditions and further activities.

If you have any questions or comments, please call me at (510) 351-8900.

Sincerely,  
Terra Vac Corporation

Robert A. Dahl  
Project Manager

cc: Phil Briggs, Chevron  
30-0219.10



**Table 2**  
**Management Plan Threshold Limits**  
**Former Chevron Station 9-4587**  
**609 Oak Street**  
**Oakland, CA**

Well ID	Benzene Concentration Highest Observed (ppb)	Benzene Concentration 9/19/96 (ppb)	Benzene Concentration Threshold Limit (ppb)
C-1	11,000	<0.5	*1800
C-2	8,200	<0.5	*1800
C-5	330	4.2	100
CR-1	9400	0.9	*1800
			*as average for onsite

Average =  
1.2875

# RBCA TIER 1/TIER 2 EVALUATION

# Output Table 1

Site Name: Chevron 9-4587  
 Site Location: Oak Street, Oakland  
 Job Identification: 30-0219  
 Date Completed: 8/2/97  
 Completed By: R.A. Dahl

Software: GSI RBCA Spreadsheet  
 Version: v 1.0

NOTE: values which differ from Tier 1 default values are shown in bold italics and underlined.

## DEFAULT PARAMETERS

Exposure Parameter	Definition (Units)	Residential			Commercial/Industrial	
		Adult	(1-8yrs)	(1-16 yrs)	Chronic	Constructn
ATc	Averaging time for carcinogens (yr)	70	6	16	25	1
ATn	Averaging time for non-carcinogens (yr)	30	6	16	25	1
BW	Body Weight (kg)	70	15	35	70	
ED	Exposure Duration (yr)	30	6	16	25	1
EF	Exposure Frequency (days/yr)	350			250	180
EF DERM	Exposure Frequency for dermal exposure	350			250	
IRgw	Ingestion Rate of Water (l/day)	2			1	
IRs	Ingestion Rate of Soil (mg/day)	100	200		50	100
IRadj	Adjusted soil ing. rate (mg-yr/kg-d)	1.1E+02			7.9E+01	
IRa m	Inhalation rate indoor (m <sup>3</sup> /day)	15			20	
IRa out	Inhalation rate outdoor (m <sup>3</sup> /day)	20			20	10
SA	Skin surface area (dermal) (cm <sup>2</sup> )	5.9E+03		2.0E+03	5.8E+03	5.8E+03
SAadj	Adjusted dermal area (cm <sup>2</sup> -yr/kg)	2.1E+03			-6.9E+01	
M	Soil to Skin adherence factor	1				
AAFs	Age adjustment on soil ingestion	FALSE			FALSE	
AAFd	Age adjustment on skin surface area	FALSE			FALSE	
tox	Use EPA tox data for air (or PEL based)	TRUE				
gwMCL?	Use MCL as exposure limit in groundwater?	TRUE				

Surface Parameters	Definition (Units)	Commercial/Industrial		
		Residential	Chronic	Construction
t	Exposure duration (yr)	30	4	1
A	Contaminated soil area (cm <sup>2</sup> )	<u>1.9E+06</u>		1.0E+06
W	Length of affected soil parallel to wind (cm)	<u>1.2E+03</u>		1.0E+03
Wgw	Length of affected soil parallel to groundwater (cm)	<u>1.4E+03</u>		
Uair	Ambient air velocity in mixing zone (cm/s)	2.3E+02		
delta	Air mixing zone height (cm)	2.0E+02		
Lss	Definition of surficial soils (cm)	<u>9.1E+01</u>		
Pe	Particulate areal emission rate (g/cm <sup>2</sup> /s)	2.2E-10		

Groundwater Parameters	Definition (Units)	Value
delta.gw	Groundwater mixing zone depth (cm)	2.0E+02
I	Groundwater infiltration rate (cm/yr)	3.0E+01
Ugw	Groundwater Darcy velocity (cm/yr)	<u>1.9E+02</u>
Ugw.tr	Groundwater Transport velocity (cm/yr)	<u>5.0E+02</u>
Ks	Saturated Hydraulic Conductivity (cm/s)	
grad	Groundwater Gradient (cm/cm)	
Sw	Width of groundwater source zone (cm)	1.8E+03
Sd	Depth of groundwater source zone (cm)	3.0E+02
BC	Biodegradation Capacity (mg/L)	
BIO?	Is Bioremediation Considered	TRUE
phi.eff	Effective Porosity in Water-Bearing Unit	3.8E-01
loc.sat	Fraction organic carbon in water-bearing unit	1.0E-03

Matrix of Exposed Persons to Complete Exposure Pathways	Residential		Commercial/Industrial	
	Chronic	Constructn	Chronic	Constructn
<b>Groundwater Pathways:</b>				
GW.i	Groundwater Ingestion	TRUE	FALSE	
GW.v	Volatilization to Outdoor Air	FALSE	TRUE	
GW.b	Vapor Intrusion to Buildings	FALSE	TRUE	
<b>Soil Pathways:</b>				
S.v	Volatiles from Subsurface Soils	FALSE	TRUE	
SS.v	Volatiles and Particulate Inhalation	FALSE	TRUE	FALSE
SS.d	Direct Ingestion and Dermal Contact	FALSE	TRUE	TRUE
S.l	Leaching to Groundwater from all Soils	FALSE	FALSE	
S.b	Intrusion to Buildings - Subsurface Soils	FALSE	TRUE	

Soil Parameters	Definition (Units)	Value
hc	Capillary zone thickness (cm)	<u>3.0E+00</u>
hv	Vadose zone thickness (cm)	<u>2.6E+02</u>
rho	Soil density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	1.8
foc	Fraction of organic carbon in vadose zone	0.02
phi	Soil porosity in vadose zone	0.31
Lgw	Depth to groundwater (cm)	<u>2.6E+02</u>
Ls	Depth to top of affected soil (cm)	<u>7.8E+01</u>
Lsubs	Thickness of affected subsurface soils (cm)	<u>1.8E+02</u>
pH	Soil/groundwater pH	6.5
		capillary      vadose      foundation
phi.w	Volumetric water content	0.29
phi.a	Volumetric air content	0.02

Matrix of Receptor Distance and Location on- or off-site	Residential		Commercial/Industrial	
	Distance	On-Site	Distance	On-Site
GW	Groundwater receptor (cm)	3.0E+04	3.0E+04	FALSE
S	Inhalation receptor (cm)	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE

Building Parameters	Definition (Units)	Residential	Commercial
Lb	Building volume/area ratio (cm)	2.0E+02	3.0E+02
ER	Building air exchange rate (s <sup>-1</sup> )	1.4E-04	<u>5.8E-04</u>
Lcrk	Foundation crack thickness (cm)	1.5E+01	
eta	Foundation crack fraction	<u>0.005</u>	

Matrix of Target Risks	Individual		Cumulative
	TRab	Target Risk (class A&B carcinogens)	<u>1.0E-05</u>
TRc	Target Risk (class C carcinogens)	1.0E-05	
THQ	Target Hazard Quotient	1.0E+00	
Opt	Calculation Option (1, 2, or 3)	2	
Tier	RBCA Tier	2	

Dispersive Transport Parameters	Definition (Units)	Residential	Commercial
<b>Groundwater</b>			
ax	Longitudinal dispersion coefficient (cm)	3.0E+03	
ay	Transverse dispersion coefficient (cm)	1.0E+03	
az	Vertical dispersion coefficient (cm)	1.5E+02	
<b>Vapor</b>			
dxy	Transverse dispersion coefficient (cm)		
dzy	Vertical dispersion coefficient (cm)		

**RBCA SITE ASSESSMENT**

Tier 2 Worksheet 9.2

Site Name: Chevron 9-4587  
 Site Location: Oak Street, Oakland

Completed By: R.A. Dahl  
 Date Completed: 8/2/1997

1 OF 1

**SUBSURFACE SOIL SSTL VALUES  
 (> 3 FT BGS)**

Target Risk (Class A & B) 1.0E-5     MCL exposure limit?  
 Target Risk (Class C) 1.0E-5         PEL exposure limit?  
 Target Hazard Quotient 1.0E+0

Calculation Option: 2

SSTL Results For Complete Exposure Pathways ("x" if Complete)

CONSTITUENTS OF CONCERN		Representative Concentration (mg/kg)	Soil Leaching to Groundwater			Soil Volatilization to Indoor Air		Soil Volatilization to Outdoor Air		Applicable SSTL (mg/kg)	SSTL Exceeded? <input type="checkbox"/> "If yes"	Required CRF Only if "yes" left <1
			Residential: (on-site)	Commercial: (on-site)	Regulatory(MCL): (on-site)	Residential: (on-site)	Commercial: (on-site)	Residential: (on-site)	Commercial: (on-site)			
71-43-2	Benzene	2.7E-1	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.9E+0	NA	1.3E+2	3.9E+0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<1

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**UCL Percentile**

**[REDACTED]** (must be 0.9 or 0.95)

**Analytical Data (Up to 50 Data Points)**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)
<b>Sample Name</b>	[REDACTED]								
<b>Date Sampled</b>	[REDACTED]								
	[REDACTED]								



**RBCA SITE ASSESSMENT**

Tier 2 Worksheet 9.3

Site Name: Chevron 9-4587

Completed By: R.A. Dahl

1 OF 1

Site Location: Oak Street, Oakland

Date Completed: 8/2/1997

**GROUNDWATER SSTL VALUES**

Target Risk (Class A & B) 1.0E-5

MCL exposure limit?

Calculation Option: 2

Target Risk (Class C) 1.0E-5

PEL exposure limit?

Target Hazard Quotient 1.0E+0

**SSTL Results For Complete Exposure Pathways ("x" if Complete)**

CONSTITUENTS OF CONCERN		Representative Concentration	Groundwater Ingestion			Groundwater Volatilization to Indoor Air		Groundwater Volatilization to Outdoor Air		Applicable SSTL	SSTL Exceeded ?	Required CRF
CAS No.	Name	(mg/L)	Residential: 1000 feet	Commercial: (on-site)	Regulatory(MCL): 1000 feet	Residential (on-site)	Commercial: (on-site)	Residential (on-site)	Commercial: (on-site)	(mg/L)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if yes	Only if "yes" left
71-43-2	Benzene	3.5E-3	>Sol	NA	>Sol	NA	1.8E+1	NA	7.1E+2	1.8E+1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<1

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Choose UCL Percentile

[REDACTED] (must be 0.9 or 0.95)

Analytical Data (Up to 50 Data Points)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

(mg/L) (mg/L) (mg/L) (mg/L) (mg/L) (mg/L) (mg/L) (mg/L) (mg/L)

Well Name

Date Sampled

[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]