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Dear Mr. Herman:

Subject: Fuel Leak Case RO0000108, 271 8<sup>th</sup> Ave., Suspected site of USTs HF-14 and HF-15, Building H-209, Oakland, CA 94606

Alameda County Environmental Health, Local Oversight Program (LOP), has received and reviewed the October 8, 2002 Final Site Investigation Work Plan for the referenced site. As you are aware, this site is located within a larger area of environmental impact commonly referred to as the Ninth Ave. Terminal site. This report also states that this Ninth Ave. site is within an even larger potential development area designated as the Oak to Ninth District. Although the proposed future use of this area is commercial, UST and SLIC closures must either evaluate **all** potential exposure scenarios or ensure the site is re-evaluated if a more conservative site usage is planned. At least one, possibly two underground tanks remain at this site. The work plan proposes the removal of the known UST, trenching along the piping run and the investigation and removal (if found) of the second UST. A four-inch remediation well is also proposed near the perimeter of the tank pit.


In regards to the referenced site investigation work plan, I have the following technical comments:

- Please submit a signed, stamped cover letter from your consultant for this report.
- The removal of any USTs at this site must be done through the City of Oakland Fire Department. Any additional soil and groundwater samples beyond that required by the City of Oakland should be proposed and approved by our office prior to sampling. If product is found in the tanks, it should be analyzed to confirm that the proposed analytes are consistent with the contents.
- Any significant delays in the removal of the USTs should be approved by the City of Oakland.
- After reviewing the results of the tank removal/tank investigation, please submit a specific work plan for further investigation.
- Groundwater gradient is not predictable and cannot be assumed at this site, therefore, monitoring wells near the former USTs will be required to establish gradient. The proposed four-inch well cannot be used along with existing wells to determine gradient. If remediation is necessary, a well within the heart of the plume would be more appropriate. Therefore, please reconsider the installation of this well.
- The extent of soil contamination from the USTs must be defined regardless of the perceived health or environment risk unlike that stated in the report.
- Please notify our office when the UST removal/investigation is scheduled.

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You may contact me at (510) 567-6765 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Re: Change in Responsible Party for StID # 6895, Former Building H-209, 271 8<sup>th</sup> Ave.,  
Oakland CA 94606

Dear Ms. Heffes:

In accordance with the recent March 2, 1999 letter from Fitzgerald, Abbott & Beardsley LLP and with concurrence from Alameda County Environmental Health and the State Water Resources Control Board UST Program, our office has removed Texaco Inc. and Mr. Vic Adelson as responsible parties for the underground tank investigation/remediation requirements at the above referenced site.

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Sincerely,

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