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July 14, 1999

STID 170

Mr. W. Taylor Partch  
2051 San Jose Ave.  
Alameda, CA 94501

**RE: Partch Property, 2856 Helen Street, Oakland, CA 94608**

**INTENT TO MAKE A DETERMINATION THAT NO FURTHER ACTION IS  
REQUIRED OR ISSUE A CLOSURE LETTER FOR THE ABOVE REFERENCED  
SITE**

Dear Mr. W. Partch:

This letter is to inform you that Alameda County Environmental Health Department, Local Oversight Program (LOP), intends to make a determination that no further action is required at the above site or to issue a closure letter. Please notify this agency of any input and recommendations you may have on these proposed actions within 20 days of the date of this letter.

In accordance with section 25297.15 of Ch. 6.7 of the Health & Safety Code, you must provide certification to the local agency that all of the current record fee title owners have been informed of the proposed action. Please provide this certification to this office within 20 days of the date of this letter.

If you have any questions about these proposed actions, please contact Amir K. Gholami at (510) 567-6876.

Sincerely,

Thomas Peacock  
Manager, LOP

cc: Chuck Headlee, RWQCB

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Mr. W. Taylor Partch  
2051 San Jose Ave.  
Alameda, CA 94501

RE: Partch Property, 2856 Helen Street, Oakland, CA 94608

LANDOWNER NOTIFICATION AND PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

Dear Mr. Partch:

This letter is to inform you of new legislative requirements pertaining to cleanup and closure of sites where an unauthorized release of hazardous substance, including petroleum, has occurred from an underground storage tank (UST). Section 25297.15(a) of Ch. 6.7 of the Health & Safety Code requires the primary or active responsible party to notify all current record owners of fee title to the site of: 1) a site cleanup proposal, 2) a site closure proposal, 3) a local agency intention to make a determination that no further action is required, and 4) a local agency intention to issue a closure letter. Section 25297.15(b) requires the local agency to take all reasonable steps to accommodate responsible landowners' participation in the cleanup or site closure process and to consider their input and recommendations.

For purposes of implementing these sections, you have been identified as the primary or active responsible party. Please provide to this agency, within twenty (20) calendar days of receipt of this notice, a complete mailing list of all current record owners of fee title to the site. You may use the enclosed "list of landowners" form (sample letter 2) as a template to comply with this requirement. If the list of current record owners of fee title to the site changes, you must notify the local agency of the change within 20 calendar days from when you are notified of the change.

If you are the sole landowner, please indicate that on the landowner list form. The following notice requirements do not apply to responsible parties who are the sole landowner for the site.

LANDOWNER NOTIFICATION

Re: 2856 Helen Street, Oakland

July 13, 1999

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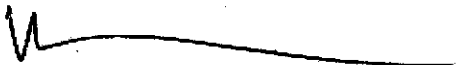
In accordance with Section 25297.15(a) of Ch. 6.7 of the Health & Safety Code, you must certify to the local agency that all current record owners of fee title to the site have been informed of the proposed action before the local agency may do any of the following:

- 1) consider a cleanup proposal (corrective action plan)
- 2) consider a site closure proposal
- 3) make a determination that no further action is required
- 4) issue a closure letter

You may use the enclosed "notice of proposed action" form (sample letter 3) as a template to comply with this requirement. Before approving a cleanup proposal or site closure proposal, determining that no further action is required, or issuing a closure letter, the local agency will take all reasonable steps necessary to accommodate responsible landowner participation in the cleanup and site closure process and will consider all input and recommendations from any responsible landowner.

Please call me at (510) 567-6876 if you have any questions about the content of this letter.

Sincerely,



Amir K. Gholami, REHS  
Hazardous Materials Specialist

cc: Chuck Headlee, RWQCB

Attachments: Sample letter 2 and Sample letter 3, which must be filled out by the Responsible Party and mailed to Alameda County.

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**Re: investigations at 2856 Helen Street, Oakland, CA 94608**

Dear W.T. Partch:

As you are aware, we discussed the possibility of closure of the above referenced site during our meeting on July 6, 1999. I also consulted my colleagues and informed Paul Waite of Cambria Environmental that, you would need to complete and submit a Risk Management Plan, RMP, which would address the health and safety of anyone who would be potentially exposed to whatever residual contaminants is left in place. The potentially exposed individuals could include workers during any excavation activity for any foreseeable future work at the above referenced site. Per Paul Waite's request, I also faxed some "sample RMPs" for his review.

I was informed that you would have the excavated soil hauled away. Please send a copy of the excavated soil disposal receipt to this office. You also need to submit information regarding the "UST closure report", which had been requested in the past.

Additionally, please be aware that "several individuals" on a routine basis must approve any closure proceedings. I apologize for any inconvenience or delays this may cause you. In fact, Mr. Waite was informed regarding the above requirements right after our meeting. However, I will try to expedite this process as much as possible due to the current circumstances.

**Please be advised that unless the above issues have been appropriately addressed, this office can not start the closure proceedings.**

If you have any questions, please call me at (510) 567-6876.

Sincerely,

Amir K. Gholami, REHS  
Hazardous Materials Specialist

C: Mr. Jonathan Bamer, 3137 Castro Valley Blvd., # 209, Castro Valley, CA 94546-3244  
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June 21, 1999

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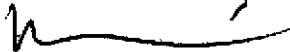
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- I did notice some odor at the site during my visit to observe the sampling event performed on May 24, 1999. The previous laboratory analysis of the soil and groundwater revealed up to 6,500ppb, 17,000ppb, 1,500ppb, and 7,600ppb of BTEX respectively during 1996. However, the recent laboratory analysis indicates non-detect "ND" for all the constituents indicated above. There is a drastic reduction in the concentrations of the plume constituents.
- This office has not yet received the "UST closure report" in spite of several requests made in the past.
- You need to submit "complete" report regarding the sampling event dated May 24, 1999.
- You need to submit a plan to perform, at the minimum, six soil and grab groundwater samples to better assess the status of the existing plume at the above referenced site. This is necessary due to the fact that there is a distinct possibility that the sampling event performed on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 1999 might have simply missed the plume.

**Please address the above items within 30 days or by July 21, 1999.**

If you have any questions, please call me at (510) 567-6876.

Sincerely,



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C: Mr. Jonathan Bamer, 3137 Castro Valley Blvd., # 209, Castro Valley, CA 94546-3244  
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**Re: investigations at 2856 Helen Street, Oakland, CA 94608**

Dear W.T. Partch:

As you are aware, I have had several discussions with Mr. Paul Waite of Cambria Environmental regarding the investigation/closure of the above referenced site. Mr. Waite has been requesting the closure of this site on several occasions. I discussed the scenario with my colleagues and believe that the case is just not ready for closure due to the following reasons:

1. As indicated in my previous correspondence I did notice some odor at the site during my visit to observe the sampling event performed on May 24, 1999.
2. The previous laboratory analysis of the soil and groundwater revealed up to 6,500ppb, 17,000ppb, 1,500ppb, and 7,600ppb of BTEX respectively during 1996. However, the recent laboratory analysis indicates non-detect "ND" for all the constituents indicated above. There is a drastic reduction in the concentrations of the plume constituents.
3. UST closure report has not yet been submitted, even though there has been several requests for the submission of this document.
4. You need to submit "complete" report regarding the sampling event dated May 24, 1999.
5. You need to submit a plan to perform, at the minimum, six soil and grab groundwater samples to better assess the status of the existing plume at the above referenced site. This is necessary due to the fact that there is a distinct possibility that the sampling event performed on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 1999 might have simply missed the plume.

Additionally, I have asked Mr. Waite to submit to submit a comparative table to reveal information regarding the last and present sampling events.

**Please address the above items within 30 days or by July 14, 1999.**

Please call me at (510) 567-6876, should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Amir K. Gholami, REHS  
Hazardous Materials Specialist

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June 9, 1999

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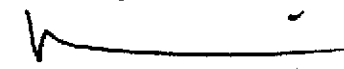
I am in receipt of the "Soil and Groundwater Sampling conducted on May 24, 1999" dated June 7, 1999, regarding the above referenced site, submitted by Mr. Paul Waite of Cambria Environmental. Thank you for the submittal of the report. Per our discussion in the past, I will try to expedite the investigative process as requested by Mr. Paul Waite of Cambria Environmental since the site is being offered for sale.

As you are aware, the soil and groundwater sampling took place on May 24, 1999 during my visit to the site. I did notice some odor at the site as soon as I arrived on the site. Additionally the previous laboratory analysis of the soil and groundwater revealed up to 6,500ppb, 17,000ppb, 1,500ppb, and 7,600ppb of BTEX respectively during 1996. However, the recent laboratory analysis indicates non-detect "ND" for all the constituents indicated above. There is a possibility that the sampling event performed on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 1999 might have just missed the plume or that the plume might be localized due to the existence of "impervious Bay Mud" at the site. Therefore, I am planning to consult my colleagues regarding this case. However, please be advised that there is a possibility that this office may request additional soil/groundwater samplings to be performed to more accurately assess the current status of the plume.

Additionally, I have asked Mr. Waite to submit the full geological report regarding the sampling performed on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 1999, and to submit a comparative table to reveal information regarding the last and present sampling events.

If you have any questions, please call me at (510) 567-6876.

Sincerely,

  
Amir K. Gholami, REHS  
Hazardous Materials Specialist

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STID 170

May 17, 1999

W.T. Partch  
2051 San Jose Ave.  
Alameda, CA 94501

**Re: Required investigations at 2856 Helen Street, Oakland, CA  
94608**

Dear W.T. Partch:

I am in receipt of the "Investigation workplan" dated May 10<sup>th</sup>, 1999, regarding the above referenced site submitted by Mr. Robert Clark-Riddell of Cambria Environmental. Thank you for the submittal of the plan. I understand that the site is being offered for sale and Mr. Clark-Riddell has requested me to expedite the investigative process. I will try to accommodate the requested expedition.

The workplan is generally acceptable. However, additional soil and groundwater samples need to be taken at the most perceived downgradient location of both tanks. Additionally, since MTBE plume, if on site, has a tendency to dissolve, sink, and travel faster than the rest of the plume, it would be necessary to take some groundwater samples at a deeper level than what has been proposed. As indicated in the proposed workplan, further investigation might be necessary pending the result of this phase of the investigation.

I will be looking forward to receive the result of the submitted workplan.

If you have any questions, please call me at (510) 567-6876.

Sincerely,

  
Amir K. Gholami, REHS  
Hazardous Materials Specialist

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**STID 170**

April 30, 1999

W.T. Partch  
2051 San Jose Ave.  
Alameda, CA 94501

**Re: Required investigations at 2856 Helen Street, Oakland, CA  
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Dear W.T. Partch:

As you are aware, this office requested expedition of a work plan submittal by a professional environmental consultant. The workplan was to address the following issues:

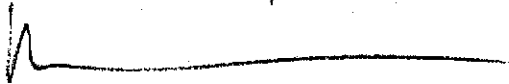
- A work plan to define the extent of ground water and soil contamination. This office recommended several grab ground water and soil samples be collected around the perimeter of the former underground tanks to delineate the extent of soil and groundwater contamination on your site. Samples were required to confirm that the soil and or ground water have not been greatly impacted. The case could then be evaluated for closure pending the laboratory results, and revealing soil and ground water not to have been impacted significantly.
- Determination of flow gradient, having looked into the available data regarding the surrounding properties.
- State certified laboratory analysis, which includes the EPA method 8020 for BTEX among others.

Mr. Robert Clark-Riddel of Cambria Environmental, your consultant, has recently requested to postpone the submittal of the workplan to the end of May 1999. This request is granted. **Please submit the requested workplan by May 30<sup>th</sup>, 1999.**

**This is a formal request for technical information and hence any delays should be requested in writing.**

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call me at (510) 567-6876.

Sincerely,



Amir K. Gholami, REHS  
Hazardous Materials Specialist

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**STID 170**

April 21, 1999

W.T. Partch  
2051 San Jose Ave.  
Alameda, CA 94501

**Re: Required investigations at 2856 Helen Street, Oakland, CA  
94608**

Dear W.T. Patch:

I am in receipt of your letter dated April 14, 1999. In that letter you have indicated " I will be making my decision as to which company I will use within the next 7-10 days". You will need to expedite this process which includes preparation of a work plan by a professional environmental consultant. I would like to remind you that this office has tried to receive this information since November 26, 1996! You were notified of the need to provide this information in my letter dated March 10, 1999.

**Please address the following issues:**

- Due to petroleum contamination indicated by the previous laboratory reports you need to submit a work plan to define the extent of ground water and soil contamination. This office recommends several grab ground water and soil samples be collected around the perimeter of the former underground tanks to delineate the extent of soil and groundwater contamination on your site. Samples will be required to confirm that the soil and or ground water have not been greatly impacted. If the laboratory results of the samples verify that the soil and ground water are, in fact, not impacted significantly, then the case can be evaluated for closure.
- You need to determine groundwater flow gradient. You may use the data available regarding the surrounding properties to help you make this determination.
- Laboratory analysis must be done by a state certified lab and should include among others the EPA method 8020 for BTEX.




A work plan must be submitted to address the above issues by April 30<sup>th</sup>, 1999. Please be advised that Section 13267(b) of the California Water Code and Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) can impose up to \$1000.00 per day for each day of this violation. Failure to respond will result in referral of the case to the Alameda County District Attorney's Office for an enforcement action.

**This is a formal request for technical information and hence any delays should be requested in writing.**

If you have any questions, please call me at (510) 567-6876.

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**STID 170**

March 10, 1999

W.T. Partch  
2051 San Jose Ave.  
Alameda, CA 94501

**Re: Required investigations at 2856 Helen Street, Oakland, CA  
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Dear W.T. Patch:

The above referenced case has been recently assigned to me for review. Having reviewed your file, it has come to my attention that several attempts by this office to receive proper work plan regarding the above site have gone unanswered. The requests for more investigation and work plan started in November 26, 1996 through January 2, 1998.

**Please address the following issues:**

- Due to petroleum contamination indicated by the previous laboratory reports you need to submit a work plan to define the extent of ground water and soil contamination. This office recommends several grab ground water and soil samples be collected around the perimeter of the former underground tanks to delineate the extent of soil and groundwater contamination on your site. Samples will be required to confirm that the soil and or ground water have not been greatly impacted. If the laboratory results of the samples verify that the soil and ground water are, in fact, not impacted significantly, then the case can be evaluated for closure.
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**Please submit work plan to address the above issues within 30 days from receipt of this letter. This is a formal request for technical information and hence any delays should be requested in writing.**

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January 2, 1998

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Re: STID 170, 2856 Helen St., Oakland, CA 94608

Dear W. T. Partch:

This office has received and reviewed a letter of response from Jonathan Bamer dated September 22, 1977 concerning the above site. The following are comments concerning this letter:

1. No report of the field activities was submitted stating what was done.
2. A letter from this office dated November 26, 1996 required that a workplan be submitted. The plan was to be submitted under seal of a California-registered geologist or civil engineer with an appropriate environmental background. This was not done.
3. Mr. Bamer's letter mentions a number of things that could be done but this is not a workplan proposal.

**Please be advised that this letter is a second formal request for technical reports pursuant to California Water Code Section 13267(b) and health and Safety Code Sections 25299.37 and 25299.78.**

Please contact me at (510) 567-6782 if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Thomas Peacock, Manager

- c: Jonathan Bamer, 3137 Castro Valley Blvd., #209, Castro Valley, CA 94546-3244  
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September 16, 1997

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Re: STID 170, 2856 Helen St., Oakland, CA 94608

Dear W. T. Partch:

This office has received and reviewed a "Plan of Action" dated January 25, 1997 by Bamer Construction concerning the above site. The following are comments concerning this plan:

1. The plan does not say where you will haul the soil. Level of contamination is critical for disposal location.
2. Nobody witnessed the first test of water. It is not known whether it is groundwater or not. It is not known how you can "retest" it. The letter from this office specified a cost effective PSA and encouraged use of rapid site assessment tools (CPT, Geo Probe, Hydropunch, etc.). There is no mention of this being done. A simple groundwater grab sample would not suffice at this point.
3. No report of the completion of field activities was submitted. No documentation has been submitted of tank disposition
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STID 0170

November 26, 1996

W. T. & Beth Partch  
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RE: RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY - 2856 HELEN STREET, OAKLAND, CA 94608

Dear W & B Partch:

This office is in receipt of and has completed review of the case file for this site, up to and including the August 9, 1996, Bamer Construction Company, "Soil Sampling Results".

The results of sample analysis and observations documented by Bamer Construction and Alameda County Department of Environmental Health (ACDEH) during the August 1996 removal of the two (2) 1000-gallon underground storage tanks has been evaluated.

Soil sample #1, collected from beneath the east end of the southern UST, detected TPHg, and BTEX at concentrations of 200, 2.4, 12.0, 0.2 and 0.7 ppm, respectively. Soil sample #2, collected from beneath the west end of the southern UST, detected total petroleum hydrocarbons as gasoline (TPHg), and benzene, toluene, ethyl benzene and total xylenes (BTEX) at concentrations of 290, 6.5, 17, 1.5 and 7.6 mg/kg (ppm), respectively.

A confirmed release from the UST(s) has occurred at this site. The extent of petroleum hydrocarbon contamination is not adequately defined. Pursuant to provisions of Article 11, Title 23, California Code of Regulations (CCR), you are required to perform a preliminary site assessment (PSA) when a confirmed release from an UST has occurred. To facilitate this task, a PSA work plan must be submitted for review. **This work plan is due within 60 days of the date of this letter or no later than January 27, 1997.**

However, in order to pursue the pending PSA in a more cost-effective fashion, this office encourages you to first employ rapid site assessment tools (e.g. CPT, Geo Probe, Hydropunch, etc.) to qualitatively assess impacts **before** proposing final well locations.

A report must be submitted within 45 days of the completion of field activities associated with this phase of work at the site. The referenced reports must describe the status of the investigation and include, among other elements, the following:

- Details and results of all work performed during the designated reporting period: records of field observations and data, boring and well construction logs, water level data, chain-of-custody forms, laboratory results for all samples collected and analyzed (including QA/QC data), tabulations of free product thicknesses and dissolved fractions, etc.

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- Status of ground water contamination and characterization.
- Interpretation of results: water level contour maps showing gradients, free and dissolved product plume definition maps for each target compound, geologic cross sections, etc.
- Recommendations for additional work.

Pursuant to provisions of the Business and Professions Code all work and reports which require geologic or engineering evaluations and/or judgements must be performed under the direction of an appropriately registered or certified professional. Therefore, all proposals must be submitted under seal of a California-registered geologist or civil engineer with the appropriate environmental background.

**Please be advised that this letter constitutes a formal request for technical reports pursuant to California Water Code Section 13267(b) and Health and Safety Code Sections 25299.37 and 25299.78.**

For your information, the Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund (Fund) is created pursuant to Chapter 6.75 of the California Health & Safety Code to help eligible owners and operators of petroleum underground storage tanks obtain reimbursement for costs of the cleanup of unauthorized releases of petroleum. You are encouraged to contact the SWRCB fund representative (916/227-4529) for more case-specific information and to obtain an application package. Please also bear in mind that, in order to maintain UST clean-up fund eligibility, specific bidding requirements and contracting criteria must be met.

In the event that you any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at (510)567-6880.

Sincerely,



Dale Klettke, CHMM  
Hazardous Materials Specialist

c: Dale Klettke--files

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January 25, 1993

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH  
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W. Taylor Partch  
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**Re: FIVE-YEAR PERMITS FOR OPERATION OF  
UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS (UST's) AT  
2856 Helen St., Oakland 94608**

According to our records the above mentioned facility has not received a five-year permit to operate UST's. Please complete the following items marked below and return them to me within 30 days. The example plans enclosed should be used only as guidelines and may not meet your requirements under Title 23.

- ✓ 1. Complete UST PERMIT FORM A - one per facility. (enclosed)
- 2. Complete UST PERMIT FORM B - one per tank. (enclosed)
- 3. Complete UST PERMIT FORM C - one per tank if information is available. (enclosed)
- ✓ 4. A written tank monitoring plan. (enclosed)
- 5. Results of precision tank test(s) (initial and annual).
- ✓ 6. Results of precision pipeline leak detector tests (initial and annual).
- ✓ 7. An accurate and complete plot plan. (enclosed)
- 8. A written spill response plan. (enclosed)

**Title 23 of the California Code of Regulation prohibits the operation of ANY UST without a permit.** Please feel free to contact Brian P. Oliva at 510/271-4320 if you have any questions which may arise in completing the mandatory five year permit process.

Sincerely,

Brian P. Oliva, REHS, REA  
Hazardous Materials Specialist

cc: Gil Jensen, Alameda County District Attorney  
Rafat Shahid, Assistant Agency Director, Alameda County  
Department of Environmental Health  
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December 7, 1990

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH  
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(415)

Re: 2856 Helen St., Oakland

**FINAL NOTICE OF VIOLATION**

Dear Mr. Partch:

Your letter was received in our office dated Aug 20, 1990. A State Loan program has been set up. Information: R.U.S.T., 2201 Broadway, Suite 814, Oakland, CA 94612; phone: 893-4114 (Napoleon Britt). As mentioned in the first several letters the Underground Tank Regulations require either:

1. Submit a tank closure plan to this Department as required by Article 7, 2670, forms available from this office (which you are attempting to do but have not done yet), or
2. Apply for a permit as required by Article 10, 2710. Permit applications Part A and B attached and must be returned completed to this office within 10 days.

Please note that section 25299 of the California Health and Safety Code states that any operator or owner of an underground storage tank is liable for a civil penalty of not less than five hundred dollars or more than five thousand dollars per day for failure to obtain a permit, or failing to properly close an underground storage tank, as required by section 25298.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact this office at 271-4320.

Sincerely,

Thomas F. Peacock, Senior HMS  
Hazardous Materials Division

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cc: Gil Jensen, Alameda County District Attorney, Consumer and  
Environmental Protection Agency  
Lester Feldman, RWQCB