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DAVID J. KEARS, Agency Director



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(510) 567-6700
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December 8, 1999

Mr. Dick Groth
Groth Brothers
59 South L Street
Livermore, CA 94550

**SUBJECT: INTENT TO MAKE A DETERMINATION THAT NO FURTHER ACTION IS REQUIRED
OR ISSUE A CLOSURE LETTER FOR 59 SOUTH 'L' STREET, LIVERMORE, CA**

Dear Mr. Groth:

This letter is to inform you that Alameda County Environmental Protection (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 me at (510) 567-6762.

Sincerely,

eva chu
Hazardous Materials Specialist

c: Chuck Headlee, RWQCB
Danielle Stefani, Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department

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November 30, 1999

Mr. Dick Groth
Groth Brothers
59 South L Street
Livermore, CA 94550

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
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1131 Harbor Bay Parkway
Alameda, CA 94502-6577
(510) 567-6700
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RE: Well Decommission at 59 South L Street, Livermore, CA

Dear Mr. Groth:

On December 22, 1997 this office sent a letter to you requesting that the onsite groundwater monitoring well (MW-1) be decommissioned. As of the date of this letter, I have not received confirmation that the well has been decommissioned. Bear in mind that an improperly abandoned well can act as a conduit for the migration of contaminants from the surface to groundwater. To minimize potential future liabilities, the well should be properly decommissioned. Well destruction permits may be obtained from Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation, Zone 7. They can be reached at (925) 484-2600.

Once the well has been decommissioned, a remedial action completion letter will be issued for the former underground storage tanks removed/closed-in-place in October 1990.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at (510) 567-6762.

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Hazardous Materials Specialist

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December 22, 1997

Mr. Dick Groth
Groth Brothers
59 South L Street
Livermore, CA 94550

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
1131 Harbor Bay Parkway, Suite 250
Alameda, CA 94502-6577
(510) 567-6700
FAX (510) 337-9335

RE: Well Decommission at 59 South L Street, Livermore, CA

Dear Mr. Groth:

This office and the San Francisco RWQCB have reviewed the case closure summary for the above referenced site and concur that no further action related to the underground tank release is required at this time. Before a remedial action completion letter is sent, the onsite monitoring well (MW-1) should be decommissioned, if it will no longer be monitored. Please notify this office upon completion of well destruction so a closure letter can be issued.

Well destruction permits may be obtained from Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation, Zone 7. They can be reached at (510) 484-2600.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at (510) 567-6762.

Sincerely,

eva chu
Hazardous Materials Specialist

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RAFAT A. SHAHID, Director

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
Environmental Protection Division
1131 Harbor Bay Parkway, #250
Alameda, CA 94502-6577
(510) 567-6700

StID 2935

Mr. Dick Groth
59 South L Street
Livermore, CA 94550

RE: Groundwater Sampling at 59 South L St, Livermore

Dear Mr. Groth:

Thank you for the submittal of Tank Protect Engineering's September 1995 Third Quarter Report for the above referenced site. At this time, you may discontinue the analysis for the five metals, Cd, Cr, Pb, Ni, and Zn. However, please continue with quarterly sampling of groundwater for TPH-G, TPH-D, BTEX, TOG, and VOCs. The next sampling event should be in November 1995.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at (510) 567-6762.

eva chu
Hazardous Materials Specialist

cc: Lee Huckins, TPE, 2821 Whipple Rd, Union City 94587-1233
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June 16, 1995

Mr. Dick Groth
59 South L Street
Livermore, CA 94550

ALAMEDA COUNTY-ENV. HEALTH DEPT.
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIV.
1131 HARBOR BAY PKWY., #250
ALAMEDA CA 94502-6577
(510)567-6700

**RE: Continued Quarterly Monitoring at 59 South L Street,
Livermore**

Dear Mr. Groth:

Thank you for the submittal of Tank Protect Engineering's Second Quarter Report, 1995, for the above referenced site. Analytical results show groundwater near the former waste oil tank to be contaminated with low levels of total petroleum hydrocarbons as gasoline, and with elevated levels of tetrachloroethene.

At this time, you should continue with quarterly monitoring and sampling of the onsite well. The next sampling event should be in August 1995. This schedule shall continue until further notice. Quarterly monitoring reports should be sent to:

Alameda County Department of Environmental Health
1131 Harbor Bay Parkway
Alameda, CA 94502-6577

If you have any questions, I can be reached at (510) 567-6762.

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Hazardous Materials Specialist

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March 17, 1995

Mr. Dick Groth
59 South L Street
Livermore, CA 94550

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DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIV.
1131 HARBOR BAY PKWY., #250
ALAMEDA CA 94502-6577

SECOND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Groth:

On June 13, 1994, the Alameda County Department of Environmental Health, Hazardous Materials Division, sent you a letter (attached) requesting that a quarterly monitoring schedule be implemented for **59 South L Street, Livermore**. As of the date of this letter, however, we have not received any communication from you on this matter, nor have we received any quarterly monitoring reports. Therefore, this letter constitutes a **Second Notice** that you are in violation of specific laws and that the technical report is due.

According to Section 25298 of the California Health and Safety Code, underground storage tank closure is incomplete until the responsible party characterizes and remediates the contamination resulting from product discharge. Therefore, you, as the responsible party are in violation of this section of the Code, for which Section 25299 specifies civil penalties of up to \$5,000, for each day of violation, upon conviction. Also, failure to furnish technical reports regarding documented or potential groundwater contamination violates Section 13267(b) of the California Water Code. The Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) can impose civil penalties of up to \$1,000 per day that such a violation continues.

You are required to reinstate a quarterly schedule of well sampling and monitoring. Technical summary reports documenting each well sampling and monitoring episode are also due quarterly. This schedule shall continue until further notice.

Failure to respond may result in referral of this case to the RWQCB or Alameda County District Attorney to consider for enforcement action. Modification of required tasks or extensions of stated deadlines must be confirmed in writing by either this agency or the RWQCB.

Dick Groth
re: NOV
March 17, 1995

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If you have any questions, I can be reached at (510) 567-6762.



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Hazardous Materials Specialist

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cc: Gil Jensen, Alameda County District Attorney's Office
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June 13, 1994

Mr. Dick Groth
59 South L Street
Livermore, CA 94550

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
Hazardous Materials Division
80 Swan Way, Rm. 200
Oakland, CA 94621
(510) 271-4320

Subject: QMR for 59 South L Street, Livermore

I have completed review of GeoStrategies' May 1994 Subsurface Investigation Relating to Waste Oil Hydrocarbons report for the above referenced site. This report summarizes the advancement of four soil borings, and converting one into a monitoring well, to delineate the extent of soil and groundwater contamination resulting from the hydrocarbon release at this site.

At this time a quarterly monitoring schedule should be established for the site. The next sampling episode should be in August 1994. Groundwater should be analyzed for TPH-G, TPH-D, BTEX, TOG, VOCs, and the five metals Cd, Cr, Pb, Ni, and Zn. Quarterly monitoring reports (QMRs) are also due 45 days after completion of field activities, until this site qualifies for site closure.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at (510) 271-4530.

Sincerely,

eva chu
Hazardous Materials Specialist

cc: Robert Campbell, GeoStrategies, 6747 Sierra Ct, Suite G,
Dublin, 94568
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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Clean Water Programs
UST Local Oversight Program
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Oakland, CA 94621
(510) 271-4530

StID 2935

April 6, 1994

Mr. Dick Groth
59 South L Street
Livermore, CA 94550

**Subject: Workplan Approval for Groth Brothers, 59 South L Street,
Livermore, CA 94550**

Dear Mr. Groth:

I have completed review of GeoStrategies' March 1994 Work Plan for a Subsurface Investigation Relating to Waste Oil Hydrocarbons for the above referenced site. The proposal to advance four borings around the former waste oil tank and converting one of the borings into a monitoring well to determine the extent of hydrocarbon contamination in soil and groundwater is acceptable. Field activities should commence **within 45 days of the date of this letter**. Please notify this office at least 72 hours prior to the start of field work.

When two underground storage tanks were closed in place beneath the service bays, soil samples were collected from beneath the southern tank only. Due to the existing building structure, the advancement of another angle boring beneath the northern tank would not be feasible and will not be required at this time.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at (510) 271-4530.

Sincerely,

eva chu
Hazardous Materials Specialist

cc: Robert Campbell, GSI, 6747 Sierra Ct., Suite G, Dublin
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Alameda County Health Care Services Agency, Department of
Environmental Health, Hazardous Materials Division

In Re The Property Known As :

59 South L Street
Livermore, CA 94550

) Proof of Service of
) Notice of
) Pre-Enforcement
) Review Panel

I, Eva CHU , do hereby certify
that I served Mr. Dick Groth
with a copy of the attached Notice of Pre-Enforcement Review
Panel on January 12, 1994 by certified
mailer # P 386 338 444

Dated: 1/12/94


(signature)

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Clean Water Programs
UST Local Oversight Program
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Oakland, CA 94621
(510) 271-4530

September 30, 1993

Mr. Dick Groth
Groth Brothers
59 South L Street
Livermore, CA 94550

SECOND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Groth:

On June 15, 1993, the Alameda County Department of Environmental Health, Hazardous Materials Division, sent you a letter requesting a workplan in the form of a Preliminary Site Assessment detailing the work intended to determine the extent of soil and water contamination on-site due to the unauthorized release of fuel products at **59 South L Street, Livermore**. As of the date of this letter, however, we have not received a workplan for the investigation. Therefore, this letter constitutes a **Second Notice** that you are in violation of specific laws and that the technical report is due.

According to Section 25298 of the California Health and Safety Code, underground storage tank closure is incomplete until the responsible party characterizes and remediates the contamination resulting from product discharge. Therefore, you, as the responsible party are in violation of this section of the Code, for which Section 25299 specifies civil penalties of up to \$5,000, for each day of violation, upon conviction. Also, failure to furnish technical reports regarding documented or potential groundwater contamination violates Section 13267(b) of the California Water Code. The Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) can impose civil penalties of up to \$1,000 per day that such a violation continues.

You are required to submit a workplan to this office within **45 days** from the date of this letter. **Failure to respond will result in referral of this case to the RWQCB or Alameda County District Attorney to consider for enforcement action.** Modification of required tasks or extensions of stated deadlines must be confirmed in writing by either this agency or the RWQCB.

eva chu
Hazardous Materials Specialist

cc: Gil Jensen, Alameda County District Attorney's Office
Sumadhu Arigala, RWQCB
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June 15, 1993

Mr. Dick Groth
Groth Brothers
59 South L Street
Livermore, CA 94550

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Clean Water Programs
UST Local Oversight Program
80 Swan Way, Rm 200
Oakland, CA 94621
(510) 271-4530

Subject: PSA for Groth Brothers, 59 South L St., Livermore 94550

Dear Mr. Groth:

This office has completed review of the case file for the above referenced site. When five (5) underground storage tanks (UST) were removed in October 1990, elevated levels of petroleum products (870 parts per million total petroleum hydrocarbons, ppm TPH, as motor oil, and 1,100 ppm total oil and grease), was detected from soil samples taken from beneath the waste oil tank.

In March 1991 two (2) USTs beneath the service building was closed in place. An angle boring was advanced beneath the USTs, where soil samples collected exhibited up to 260 ppm TPH as motor oil.

Elevated levels of contaminants resulting from the release due to the USTs at this site has required additional investigative actions, as requested in a letter dated June 5, 1991, from Mr. Gil Wistar of this office.

To date we are not in receipt of a workplan for the determination of the extent of contamination at this site. At this time, you are required to initiate this site assessment. Such an investigation shall be in the form of a **Preliminary Site Assessment**, or PSA. The information gathered by the PSA will be used to determine an appropriate course of action to remediate the site, if deemed necessary. The PSA must be conducted in accordance with the RWQCB Staff Recommendations for the Initial Evaluation and Investigation of Underground Tanks, and Article 11 of Title 23, California Code of Regulations. The major elements of such an investigation are summarized in the attached Appendix A.

The PSA proposal is due within 45 days of the date of this letter. Once the proposal is approved, field work should commence within 60 days. A report must be submitted within 45 days after the completion of this phase of work at the site. Subsequent reports are to be submitted quarterly until this site qualifies for RWQCB "sign off." All reports and proposals must be submitted under seal of a California Registered Geologist, Certified Engineering Geologist, or Registered Civil Engineer.

Dick Groth
re: PSA for 59 South L St., Livermore
June 15, 1993

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Please be advised that this is a formal request for technical reports pursuant to Title 23, CCR, Section 2722(c). Any extensions of the stated deadlines, or modifications of the required tasks, must be confirmed in writing by either this agency or the RWQCB. Copies of all proposals and reports must also be sent to Mr. Sumadhu Arigala of the RWQCB.

Should you have any questions about the content of this letter, please contact me at (510) 271-4530.

Sincerely,



Eva Chu
Hazardous Materials Specialist

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cc: Sumadhu Arigala, RWQCB
Gil Jensen, Alameda County District Attorney's Office
Danielle Stefani, Livermore Fire Department
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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
Hazardous Materials Program
80 Swan Way, Rm. 200
Oakland, CA 94621
(415)

June 19, 1991

Mr. Dick Groth
Groth Brother Oldsmobile
59 South L Street
Livermore, CA 94550

Subject: 59 South L Street, Livermore, CA 94550

Dear Mr. Groth:

This letter is to inform you that your case is now being handled by Dennis Byrne.
Please address any future correspondence or inquiries to him at 271-4320.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lowell J. Miller".

Lowell J. Miller
Senior Hazardous Materials Specialist

cc Danielle Stefani,
Livermore F.D.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
Hazardous Materials Program
80 Swan Way, Rm. 200
Oakland, CA 94621
(415)

June 5, 1991

Mr. Dick Groth
Groth Brothers Oldsmobile
59 South L St.
Livermore, CA 94550

NOTICE OF VIOLATION, 59 South L St., Livermore

Dear Mr. Groth:

In a March 11, 1991 letter, this office requested a work plan from Groth Brothers Oldsmobile as a result of contamination found in soil beneath a waste oil tank that was removed in October 1990. In this letter, we established a due date of April 19 for submission of the work plan. As of the date of this letter, we have not received such a document; this constitutes improper closure of an underground tank, a violation of Sec. 25298 of the California Health and Safety Code (CH&SC).

As indicated, analytical results from the waste oil tank showed hydrocarbon levels well above regulatory thresholds for oil & grease and motor oil. These thresholds establish contaminant levels above which the RWQCB requires a site-specific preliminary contaminant assessment. As stated, Groth Brothers Oldsmobile is required to initiate further investigative actions in the vicinity of the former waste oil tank. In addition, new information from the soil boring drilled under the two motor oil tanks to be abandoned in place indicates further soil contamination above regulatory thresholds.

As stated previously, this office will be the lead agency overseeing environmental investigation and cleanup activities at the site. The RWQCB is currently unable to manage the large number of fuel leak cases within Alameda County, and has delegated this authority to our office. However, you must keep the Water Board apprised of all actions taken to characterize and remediate contamination at this site, because the Board retains the ultimate responsibility for ensuring protection of waters of the state and for site signoff.

Groth Brothers Oldsmobile must initiate a preliminary assessment of the extent of soil and groundwater contamination resulting from use of the waste oil and motor oil tanks. The information gathered by

Mr. Dick Groth
June 5, 1991
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this investigation will be used to assess the need for additional actions at the site. The preliminary assessment should be designed to provide all of the information in the attachment sent to you in the March 11 letter, which is based on RWQCB guidelines. Groth Brothers Oldsmobile shall install at least one monitoring well, if you can verify the direction of groundwater flow in the immediate vicinity of the contaminated pit and abandoned motor oil tanks, and at least three wells otherwise.

Until cleanup is complete, you will need to submit reports to this office and to the RWQCB every three months (or at a more frequent interval, if specified at any time by either agency). These reports must include information pertaining to further investigative results; the methods and costs of cleanup actions implemented to date; and the method and location of disposal of any contaminated material.

Soils contaminated at hazardous waste concentrations (defined specifically as above 1,000 ppm hydrocarbons) should be transported by a licensed hazardous waste hauler and disposed of or treated at a facility approved by the California Department of Health Services. Soils contaminated below the hazardous waste threshold may be managed as nonhazardous, but are still subject to the RWQCB's waste discharge requirements. Copies of manifests for such disposal must be sent to this office. Following the tanks' removal and overexcavation last October, contaminated soil was transported to the Railroad Ave. lot for storage. Please supply this office with detailed information on how this soil, which contains dichlorobenzenes as well as petroleum hydrocarbons, will be treated or disposed of.

Your work plan is to be submitted to this office no later than June 26, 1991. Copies of the proposal should also be sent to the RWQCB (attention: Lester Feldman). Because we are overseeing this site under the designated authority of the Water Board, this letter constitutes a formal request for technical reports, per Sec. 13267(b) of the California Water Code. Failure to respond in a timely manner could result in civil liabilities under the Water Code of up to \$1,000 per day. Other violations of California law, such as Sec. 25299, CH&SC, may also be cited.

Regarding the results of rinsate from the two motor oil tanks that Groth Brothers Oldsmobile intends to close in place, they are too high to permit grouting or filling of the tanks at this time. At 2,000 ppm and 1,300 ppm oil & grease respectively, these rinsate samples suggest that the tanks still have residual hydrocarbons in them that require more thorough cleaning. We will not permit the tanks to be grouted or filled until rinsate samples from both tanks are below 100 ppm oil & grease using method 5520 B.

Mr. Dick Groth
June 5, 1991
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If you have any questions about this letter or about remediation requirements established by the RWQCB, please contact the undersigned at 271-4320.

Sincerely,

Gilbert M. Wistar

Gil Wistar
Hazardous Materials Specialist

cc: Jay Groh, Scott Co. (P.O. Box 12954, Oakland, CA 94604)
Danielle Stefani, Livermore Fire Dept.
Howard Hatayama, DOHS
Lester Feldman, San Francisco Bay RWQCB
Gil Jensen, Alameda County District Attorney's Office
Rafat Shahid, Asst. Agency Director, Environmental Health
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March 11, 1991

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
Hazardous Materials Program
80 Swan Way, Rm. 200
Oakland, CA 94621
(415)

Mr. Dick Groth
Groth Brothers Oldsmobile
59 South L St.
Livermore, CA 94550

**RE: Site investigation and remediation requirements following
underground tank removals from site**

Dear Mr. Groth:

In October 1990, Scott Co. removed five underground storage tanks from the above location. According to Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) rules, sample results from beneath four of the five tanks indicate no further work need be done at this time at these four tanks. This includes the three tanks from Railroad Ave., and the gasoline tank adjacent to the showroom floor. However, in the case of the former waste oil tank, analytical results indicated hydrocarbon levels well above regulatory thresholds for oil & grease and motor oil. These thresholds establish contaminant levels above which the RWQCB requires a site-specific preliminary contaminant assessment. Therefore, Groth Brothers Oldsmobile must now initiate further investigative actions in the vicinity of the former waste oil tank; this will initially require a work plan to be submitted, according to the points raised in this letter and its attachment.

This office will be the lead agency overseeing environmental investigation and cleanup activities at the site. The RWQCB is currently unable to manage the large number of fuel leak cases within Alameda County, and has therefore delegated this authority to our office. However, you must keep the Water Board apprised of all actions taken to characterize and remediate contamination at this site, because the Board retains the ultimate responsibility for ensuring protection of waters of the state.

As mentioned above, Groth Brothers Oldsmobile must conduct a preliminary assessment to determine the extent of soil and groundwater contamination that resulted from use of the waste oil tank. The information gathered by this investigation will be used to assess the need for additional actions at the site. The preliminary assessment should be designed to provide all of the information in the format shown in the attachment at the end of this letter, which is based on RWQCB guidelines. Your firm should be prepared to install one monitoring well, if you can verify the direction of groundwater flow in the immediate vicinity of the contaminated pit, and three wells if you cannot.

Mr. Dick Groth
March 11, 1991
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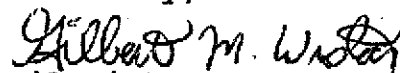
Until cleanup is complete, you will need to submit reports to this office and to the RWQCB every three months (or at a more frequent interval, if specified at any time by either agency). These reports must include information pertaining to further investigative results; the methods and costs of cleanup actions implemented to date; and the method and location of disposal of any contaminated material.

Soils contaminated at hazardous waste concentrations (defined specifically as above 1,000 ppm hydrocarbons) should be transported by a licensed hazardous waste hauler and disposed of or treated at a facility approved by the California Department of Health Services. Soils contaminated below the hazardous waste threshold may be managed as nonhazardous, but are still subject to the RWQCB's waste discharge requirements. Copies of manifests for such disposal must be sent to this office. Following the tanks' removal and overexcavation last October, contaminated soil was transported to the Railroad Ave. lot for storage. Please supply this office with detailed information on how this soil, which contains dichlorobenzenes as well as petroleum hydrocarbons, will be treated or disposed of.

Your work plan is to be submitted to this office no later than April 19, 1991. Copies of the proposal should also be sent to the RWQCB (attention: Lester Feldman). Because we are overseeing this site under the designated authority of the Water Board, this letter constitutes a formal request for technical reports, per Sec. 13267(b) of the California Water Code. Failure to respond in a timely manner could result in civil liabilities under the Water Code of up to \$1,000 per day. Other violations of California law may also be cited.

If you have any questions about this letter or about remediation requirements established by the RWQCB, please contact the undersigned at 271-4320.

Sincerely,



Gil Wistar
Hazardous Materials Specialist

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cc: Howard Hatayama, DOHS
Lester Feldman, San Francisco Bay RWQCB
Gil Jensen, Alameda County District Attorney's Office
Rafat Shahid, Asst. Agency Director, Environmental Health
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September 19, 1990

Carroll Kennedy
Groth Bros. Oldsmobile
59 S. L St.
Livermore, CA 94550

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
Hazardous Materials Program
80 Swan Way, Rm. 200
Oakland, CA 94621
(415)

Re: Waste Minimization Assessment

Dear Carroll Kennedy:

Your business has been selected to receive a hazardous waste minimization assessment. As you are probably aware, hazardous waste reduction has become a statewide, if not a national, issue. To address this issue at a county level, Alameda County is establishing its own Hazardous Waste Minimization Program and is planning to conduct waste minimization assessments for all hazardous waste generating facilities in the County.

We have chosen businesses in the auto repair industry to receive the first round of waste minimization assessments. It is our hope that these assessments will assist participating businesses in minimizing their hazardous wastes - and will give us further information on the best way to structure our minimization program.

One of our Hazardous Materials Specialists will be contacting you during the week of September 24 to arrange a meeting with you for an assessment of your business. During this meeting and assessment, the Specialist will work with you in examining your business's hazardous waste generating practices. The Specialist will then provide you with materials on waste reduction technology and assist you in setting up appropriate hazardous waste minimization practices.

We look forward to working with you in reducing the amount of hazardous waste your business generates. Of course, your comments and suggestions are encouraged; we need your input in order to best serve you! Please direct any comments and questions to Katherine Chesick at 415/271-4320.

Sincerely,

Edgar B. Howell, Chief,
Alameda County Hazardous Materials Division

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cc: Fire Department
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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
Hazardous Materials Program
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Oakland, CA 94621
(415)

May 9, 1990

Mr. Richard Groth
Groth Bros. Oldsmobile
59 South L St.
Livermore, CA 94550

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Groth:

As you're aware, on April 25, 1990, the Alameda County Department of Environmental Health, Hazardous Materials Division inspected your facility at 59 South L St. During the course of its inspection, the Division noted the presence of seven underground tanks, of which two are apparently used for oil storage, two are used for fueling vehicles, and three (the ones located on an adjacent lot) are not currently in use. None of the tanks has been monitored or precision leak-tested according to state law.

The current situation puts Groth Bros. Oldsmobile in violation of Secs. 25292 and 25298 of the California Health and Safety Code. These sections of code state that underground tanks must either be properly monitored, or undergo proper closure (i.e., removal) as soon as they go out of operation. Abandonment is specifically forbidden. In addition, Sec. 25299(a)(5) of the H&SC authorizes civil penalties of up to \$5,000 per day to be assessed as long as violations of these provisions continue.

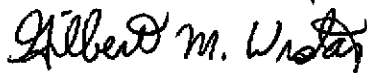
You have stated your intent to remove all of the underground tanks at the facility, rather than attempting to bring them into compliance with permit conditions. If this remains your intent, we are requiring that Groth Bros. close all tanks under procedures established by this office. Tank closure includes the cleanup of any soil or groundwater contamination that may have resulted from the tank systems.

Enclosed are forms and information regarding the closure of underground tanks in Alameda County. You will need to hire a contractor and have the closure form filled out and sent in triplicate, along with a deposit of \$1,452, to this office. The completed closure form and deposit made payable to Alameda County are due 90 days from the date of inspection, i.e., no later than July 24, 1990.

Mr. Richard Groth
May 9, 1990
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If you have any questions about this letter or about underground tank regulations enforced by this office, please contact the undersigned at 271-4320.

Sincerely,



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