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Mr. Moody Younger  
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**Subject:** Letter report No. 87117-1 on tank inspection and laboratory analyses of soil samples collected beneath gasoline storage tanks Mobil service station No. 10LVW, 5425 Grove Street, Oakland, California

**Mr. Younger:**

A geologist from our office was present at the above-referenced site to visually inspect the underground storage tanks on their removal and to collect soil samples from beneath the tanks. The location of the site is shown on the Site Vicinity Map, Plate P-1. It is our understanding, based on information provided by personnel of Mobil Oil Corporation, that the three tanks present in the gasoline storage tank pit at the site were used to store regular, unleaded, and super unleaded gasoline product. The tanks have 8,000-, 10,000-, and 6,000-gallon capacities, respectively. It is our understanding that the waste oil tank at the site was recently replaced and was not scheduled for removal. Locations of the four tanks and site structures are shown on the Generalized Site Plan, Plate P-2.

Mr. Ariel G. Bryant of the City of Oakland Fire Prevention Bureau was present at the site during tank inspections and soil sampling.

#### **TANK INSPECTION OBSERVATIONS**

##### Regular Gasoline Tank (8,000-gallon):

This tank had no apparent through-going holes but had some moderate pitting on the underside. Seams were intact but in many places were preferentially corroded relative to other tank surfaces. The tank surface near the fill port had slight corrosion.

Unleaded Gasoline Tank (10,000-gallon):

This tank had no apparent through-going holes but had some deep pitting. Minimal tank surface and seam corrosion was detected. The tank was slightly dented on the side and bottom surfaces.

Super Unleaded Gasoline Tank (6,000-gallon):

This tank had no apparent through-going holes. Minimal corrosion was observed on tank surfaces and seams.

### SOIL SAMPLE COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS

The backfill material in the gasoline storage tank pit was poorly-graded medium-grained sand. Subjective evidence of hydrocarbon contamination was found in the backfill material located adjacent to the fill ports of the tanks. This contamination was probably caused by one or more overfill events. The soil samples for analysis were collected from native soil at a depth of approximately 12 to 15 feet (approximately 2 to 3 feet below the tanks' bottoms). Sample locations are shown on the enclosed Generalized Site Plan.

One sample was collected adjacent to each end of the three gasoline storage tanks as directed by Mr. Bryant. The six soil samples were collected by driving laboratory-cleaned brass sleeves into the hoptoe buckets of soil. The sample sleeves were immediately sealed with aluminum foil, plastic caps, and airtight tape. They were then labeled and placed in iced storage for transport to the laboratory for testing. The Chain Of Custody Record for the samples' transferral is included with this letter report.

The results of the analyses from soil samples collected from the gasoline tank pit are presented on the Table 1 and on the laboratory Record Of Analysis included with this report.

TABLE 1

LABORATORY RESULTS ON SOIL SAMPLES  
 From Gasoline Tank Pit  
 Collected at Mobil Service Station No. 10LVW  
 Oakland, California

Identifier	Total Volatile Hydrocarbons	Detection Limit
S-15-T1a	ND	0.8
S-15-T1b	1.1	0.8
S-13-T2a	ND	0.8
S-13-T2b	1.1	0.8
S-15-T3a	ND	0.8
S-13-T3b	ND	0.8

Note: All results in parts per million (ppm)  
 TVH: Total Volatile Hydrocarbons  
 ND: Non-detectable or less than the detection limit of the laboratory method

Key: S-13-T3b

- └─── = Tank 3, sample b
- └─── = Collected at 13 feet depth from ground surface
- └─── = Soil

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS


Laboratory analyses on the soil samples collected show very low (less than 10 ppm) to non-detectable levels of hydrocarbon contamination. The levels of contamination in the samples collected from the storage tank pit suggest that the native soil has not been significantly impacted by the storage of gasoline product.

Due to the low levels of hydrocarbon contamination found in soil samples collected from the gasoline storage tank pit, we do not recommend ground-water monitoring well installation or mitigation procedures at this time.

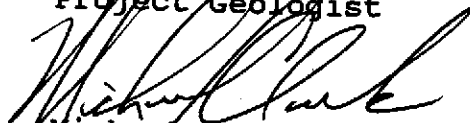
This study has been conducted in accordance with generally accepted standards of environmental geological practice in California at the time this report was prepared. This investigation was conducted solely for the purpose of evaluating environmental conditions of the soil with respect to hydrocarbon product contamination in the vicinity of the gasoline storage tank pit at the subject property. No soil engineering or geotechnical recommendations are implied or inferred. Evaluation of geologic conditions at the site for the purpose of this investigation is made from a limited number of observation points.

Copies of this letter, and accompanying laboratory documents, should be forwarded to Mr. T. M. Gerow, Alameda County Division of Environmental Health, 470 27th Street, Room 324, Oakland, California 94612, Mr. Ariel G. Bryant, of the City of Oakland Fire Prevention Bureau, One City Hall Plaza, Oakland, California 94612, and Mr. Greg Zentner of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, 1111 Jackson Street, Room 6040, Oakland, California 94607. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions concerning the information presented in this report.

Sincerely,  
Applied GeoSystems



Glenn R. Dembroff  
Project Geologist

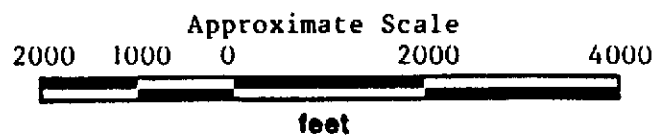


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Attachments: Site Vicinity Map  
Generalized Site Plan  
Chain Of Custody  
Record of Analysis



Source: U.S. Geological Survey  
 Oakland West  
 7.5-Minute Quadrangle



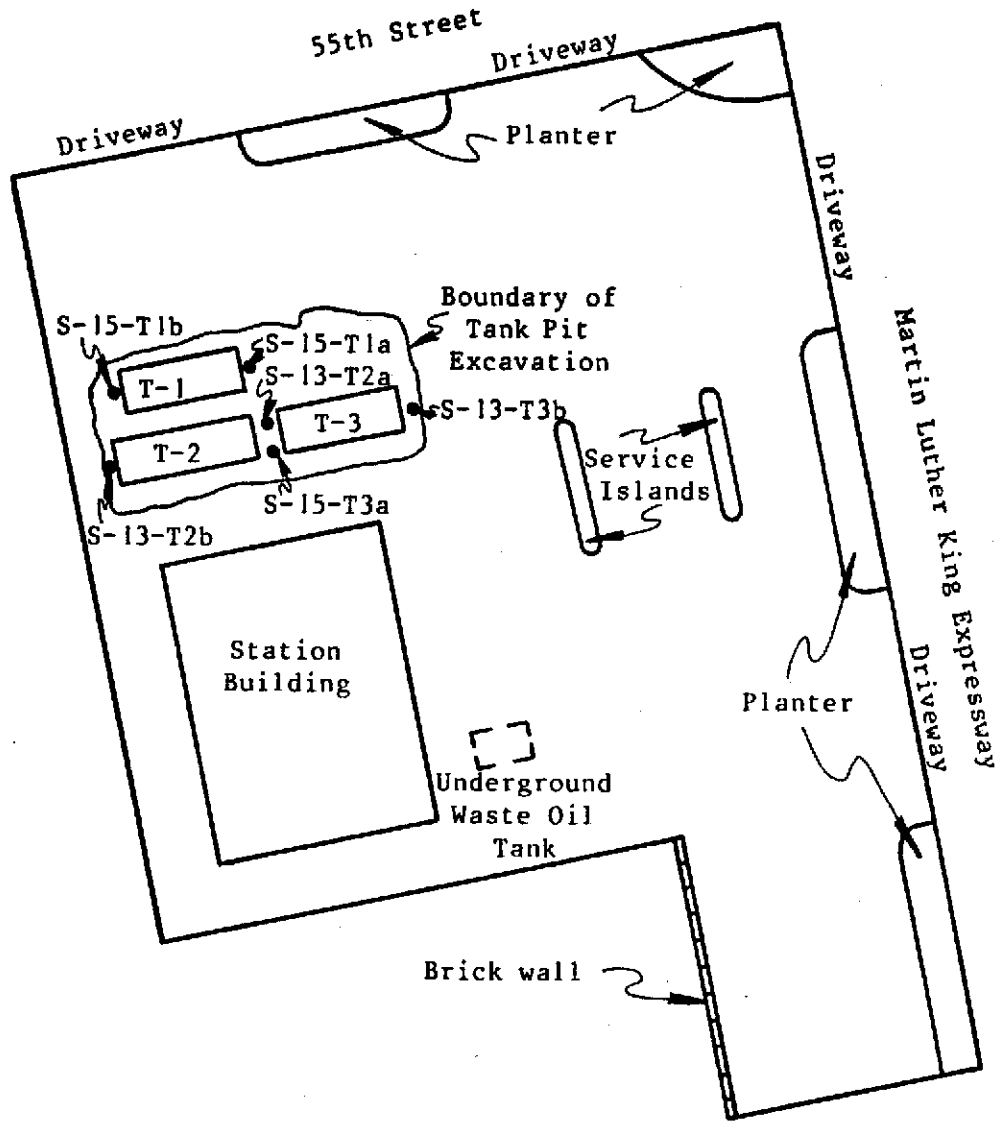
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SITE VICINITY MAP  
 Mobil Station No. 10-LVW  
 5425 Grove Street  
 Oakland, California

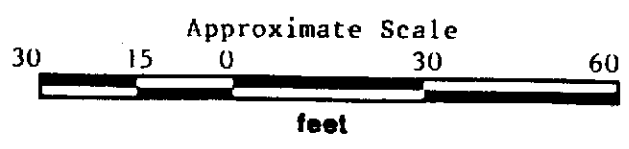
PLATE

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Source: Measured by Tape and Compass

● = Soil Sample Location



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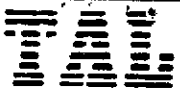
GENERALIZED SITE PLAN  
Mobil Station No. 10-LVW  
5425 Grove Street  
Oakland, California

PLATE

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DATE: 10/16/87  
 LOG NO.: 5297  
 DATE SAMPLED: 10/13/87  
 DATE RECEIVED: 10/14/87

CUSTOMER: Applied GeoSystems  
 REQUESTER: Glenn Dembroff  
 PROJECT: No. 87117-1

Sample Type: Soil

Method and Constituent	Units	S-13-T2a		S-13-T2b	
		Concentration	Detection Limit	Concentration	Detection Limit
Modified EPA Method 8015:					
Volatile Hydrocarbons	mg/kg	< 0.8	0.8	1.1	0.8
		S-13-T3b		S-15-T1a	
Modified EPA Method 8015:					
Volatile Hydrocarbons	mg/kg	< 0.8	0.8	< 0.8	0.8
		S-15-T1b		S-15-T3a	
Modified EPA Method 8015:					
Volatile Hydrocarbons	mg/kg	1.1	0.8	< 0.8	0.8

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