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#### Thursday

June 20, 1991 - 9:00 a.m. First-Floor Hearing Room Paul R. Bonderson Building 901 P Street, Sacramento

Questions regarding this agenda - call Maureen Marché (916) 445-5240

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Declaration of Quorum

#### MINUTES

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1. Consideration of the Minutes of the May 1 and 16, 1991 Board Meetings.

#### PUBLIC FORUM

2. Public Forum. (Any member of the public may address and ask questions of the Board relating to any matter within the Board's jurisdiction. This need not be related to any item on the agenda.)

#### UNCONTESTED ITEMS

3-14. The Board will be asked to approve items 3-14 at one time. (See below for description of items.)

#### WATER QUALITY PETITIONS

15. In the Matter of the Petitions of William Vander Woude and Pete Verboom for Review of Monitoring Requirements of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region. Our Files Nos. A-656 and A-656(a). (The Board will be asked to consider adopting the proposed order which affirms the Regional Board orders.)

16. In the Matter of the Petition of Alvin Bacharach and Barbara Borsuk for Review of Cleanup Order Issued January 14, 1991 by Alameda County. Our File No. A-728. (The Board will be asked to consider adoption of the proposed order regarding parties responsible for the cleanup of subsurface pollution.)

#### WATER QUALITY

17. Consideration of a Workplan for the Development of Sediment Quality Objectives for Enclosed Bays & Estuaries in California. (The Board will be asked whether to adopt the proposed resolution approving the workplan.)

18. Consideration of Approval of Federal Clean Water Act Section 314(b) Clean Lakes Program Grant. (The Board will be asked whether to adopt the proposed resolution authorizing the acceptance of the FFY 1991 Clean Lakes Program grant and negotiation of necessary agreements.

#### WATER QUALITY

8. Consideration of a Resolution Directing the Executive Director to Negotiate a Cooperative Agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 9, to Apply for and Accept a Grant of Approximately \$1,500,000 and to Negotiate a Workplan to Accelerate Source Investigation Activities in the San Gabriel Valley. (The Board will be asked to direct the Executive Director to accept the grant and to negotiate the Cooperative Agreement and Workplan with EPA for the San Gabriel Valley Source Identification Activities.)

9. Consideration of the 1991 Agricultural Drainage Water Management Loan Program Priority List. (The Board will be asked whether to adopt the proposed priority list.)

#### CLEAN WATER PROGRAMS

10. Proposed Revision to the Policy for Implementation of the Small Communities Grant Program. (The Board will be asked whether to adopt the proposed resolution revising the Policy for Implementation of the Small Communities Grant Program.)

11. Consideration of An Increase in the Construction Management Assistance Grant (CMAG) for Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 1991 and 1992 for Work on the Tijuana Border Sanitation Problem. (The Board will be asked whether to adopt the proposed resolution authorizing the Executive Director to Accept an Amendment to the Construction Management Assistance Grant for FFY 1991 and 1992 and Directing Placement of Funds Received Thereunder.)

12. Consideration of a Resolution Approving a State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan for the City of Willows Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements (C-06-4052-110). (The Board will be asked whether to adopt the proposed resolution approving the loan for the City of Willows.)

13. Consideration of an Authorization to Accept Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 1991 Funds From the Federal Trust Fund for Leaking Petroleum Underground Storage Tanks (Petroleum Trust Fund) and the Re-Award of Unspent Funds from Previous Federal Fiscal Years. (The Board will be asked whether to adopt the proposed resolution authorizing the Executive Director to accept funds from the petroleum trust fund and the re-award of unspent funds from previous federal fiscal years.)

#### WATER QUALITY PETITION

14. In the Matter of the State Board's Own Motion to Review an Order Affirming Administrative Civil Liability Complaint No. 90-26 against George Arredondo by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region. Our File No. A-724. (The Board will be asked whether to adopt the proposed order revising a Regional Board order assessing administrative civil liability.)

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Following the meeting on June 20, 1991 the Board may meet to discuss budget matters. There will be no voting.

On June 20, 1991, the Board will be meeting in closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, or dismissal of a public employee. (Authorized under Government Code Section 11126(a).) Please note, closed sessions are not open to the public.

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STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD WORKSHOP AGENDA Wednesday and Thursday June 5 and 6, 1991 - 9:00 a.m. First-Floor Hearing Room Paul R. Bonderson Building 901 P Street, Sacramento

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Workshop includes informal discussion of items to be presented for action at a future business meeting. People who are interested in items on the agenda are urged to attend workshops as they may miss valuable discussion that will not be repeated at the Board meeting. NOTE: There is no voting at workshops. Items requiring Board action must come to a Board meeting. Items will be discussed during their scheduled time period unless there is insufficient time to do so, in which case they will be carried over to the next period.

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# ITEMS 1-20 WILL BE DISCUSSED STARTING AT 9:00 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY JUNE 5, 1991

#### PUBLIC FORUM

1. **Public Forum.** (Any member of the public may address and ask questions of the Board relating to any matter within the Board's jurisdiction. This need not be related to any item on the agenda.)

#### WATER QUALITY (still working on what to use for side heading-mm)

2. Consideration of Approval of an Amendment to the Comprehensive Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Region Revising Surface and Ground Water Quality Objectives for the Mission San Diego and a Portion of the Santee Hydrologic Subareas. (The Board will be asked, at a Board meeting, whether to approve an amendment revising surface and ground water quality objectives for portions of the Mission San Diego and Santee Hydrologic Subareas.)

3. Consideration of an Amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Santa Clara River Basin (4A) Adding Beneficial Uses and Revising Surface and Ground Water Quality Objectives for Piru, Sespe, and Santa Paula Hydrologic Areas. (The Board will be asked, at a Board meeting, whether to approve an amendment adding beneficial uses and revising surface and ground water quality objectives for Piru, Sespe, and Santa Paula Hydrologic Areas.)

4. Consideration of Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director or his Designee, to Accept the Federal Fiscal Year 1991 Clean Water Act Supplemental Section 106 Ground Water Grant and to Negotiate, Execute, Approve, and/or Amend the Grant, Workplan Activities, Contracts, and Agreements not Affecting the Total Grant Amount (The Board will be asked, at a Board Meeting, whether to adopt the proposed resolution authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to accept the grant for an amount not to exceed \$735,000, and to negotiate, amend, and execute workplan activities, grant applications, and contracts not affecting the total grant amount.)

#### WATER QUALITY

14. Consideration of Acceptance of Dairy Waste Task Force Guidance Documents for Use by the California Regional Water Quality Control Boards in Regulating Dairies and Confined Animal Feed Lots. (The Board will be asked, at a Board meeting, whether to approve the standardized documents prepared by the Dairy Waste Task Force for use by the California Regional Water Quality Control Boards.)

15. Consideration of a Resolution Directing the Executive Director to Negotiate a Cooperative Agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 9, to Apply for and Accept a Grant of Approximately \$1,100,000 and to Negotiate a Workplan to Accelerate Source Investigation Activities in the San Fernando Valley. (The Board will be asked, at a Board meeting, to direct the Executive Director to accept the grant and to negotiate the Cooperative Agreement and Workplan with EPA for the San Fernando Valley Source Identification Activities.)

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17. Consideration of the 1991 Agricultural Drainage Water Management Loan Program Priority List. (The Board will be asked, at a Board Meeting, whether to adopt the proposed priority list.)

#### SWRCB DROUGHT ACTIVITIES UPDATE

18. Drought Information Item. (Staff will advise the Board regarding the substance of pending drought-related water right petitions or applications and any delegated action regarding such petitions or applications. Information item only.)

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

19. Summary of Major Board Activities. (Information Item)

CLOSED SESSION -- ITEM 20 (Please note Closed Sessions are not open to the public)

#### LITIGATION

20. Consideration of pending and potential litigation involving hydroelectric projects. (The Board will meet in closed session to consider cases involving hydroelectric projects, including the cases of <u>Keating</u> v. <u>Federal Energy Regulatory Commission</u>, United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, No. 90-1080; <u>Nugget Hydroelectric</u>, <u>L.P.</u> v. <u>State Water Resources Control Board et al.</u>, United States District Court, Eastern District of California, No. CIVS-90-0203 EJG--EM; and <u>Sayles Hydro Associates</u> v. <u>State</u> <u>Water Resources Control Board et al.</u>, United States District Court, Eastern District of California, No. CIVS-86-868 LKK.)

#### ITEMS 21-23 WILL BE DISCUSSED STARTING AT 9:00 A.M. ON THURSDAY JUNE 6, 1991

#### PUBLIC FORUM

21. Public Forum. (Any member of the public may address and ask questions of the Board relating to any matter within the Board's jurisdiction. This need not be related to any item on the agenda.)

# STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD WORKSHOP SESSION/OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COUNSEL JUNE 5 AND 6, 1991

ITEM :

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SUBJECT: IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF ALVIN BACHARACH AND BARBARA BORSUK FOR REVIEW OF ALAMEDA COUNTY CLEANUP ORDER ISSUED JANUARY 14, 1991. OUR FILE NO. A-728.

DIS-CUSSION:

On January 14, 1991, the County of Alameda issued an order pursuant to Health and Welfare Code, Section 25299.37(c) for cleanup of an underground tank leak. The statute authorizes the State Board to review such orders. Using the approach the Board has developed for dealing with cleanup and abatement orders, this order considers the issue of adding the name of the lessee of a parking garage to that of the owner in assessing responsibility for the cleanup. The record is not complete on the responsibility issue. The order suggests that the County determine whether the site was leaking during the time the tenant was in possession and, if that is the case, directs the County to add his name to the order.

## POLICY ISSUE:

Does the State Board's approach to cleanup and abatement orders apply to a County order?

FISCAL IMPACT:

This activity is budgeted within existing resources and no additional fiscal demands will occur as a result of approving this item.

REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT: No.

# STAFF

**RECOMMEN-DATION:** Adopt order as proposed

Policy Review Legal Review Fiscal Review

# STATE OF CALIFORNIA STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

In the Matter of the Petition of ) ALVIN BACHARACH AND BARBARA BORSUK ) For Review of Alameda County Cleanup ) Order Issued on January 14, 1991. ) Our File No. A-728. )

ORDER NO. WO 91-

BY THE BOARD:

The Alameda County Health Care Services Agency (County) has taken responsibility for supervising the cleanup of certain leaking underground tank sites within its jurisdiction. On July 31, 1990, the County issued a notice of violation to Alvin Bacharach and Barbara Borsuk (Petitioners) concerning a piece of property in Oakland which they have owned since about 1945. The site, located at 1432 Harrison Street, had served as a parking garage for several decades. It was leased to various operators over the years including Douglas Motor Services (Douglas) which occupied the site from 1972 through 1988. Petitioners asked the County to amend the notice of violation, as well as subsequent requirements for site assessment and cleanup, to include Douglas as a responsible party. On January 14, 1991, the County refused to do so. This petition followed on February 7, 1991.

# I. <u>STATE BOARD JURISDICTION</u>

In 1989 the Legislature added several new sections to the underground tank law. Chapter 6.75--Petroleum Underground

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# II. CONTENTION AND FINDING

1. <u>Contention</u>: Petitioner raises only one point in its brief to the State Board. Petitioner contends that the County erred in refusing to add the name of Douglas Motor Services to the order to investigate subsurface contamination of the parking garage. Petitioner has dropped the argument it made to the County that only Douglas should be named in the order.

Finding: Petitioner's claim that Douglas ought to be added to the order has merit. While a landowner generally should be named whenever he or she knew of and allowed the activity which caused the problem, it would be unfair to place all of the responsibility on the landowner. The Water Code provides for the issuance of cleanup and abatement orders to "dischargers." Orders issued pursuant to the Health and Safety Code section under which the County is proceeding are equivalent to cleanup and abatement orders under Section 13304 of the Water Code. Thus, equating "dischargers" with "operators" or "other responsible parties" in this order is proper. Lessees have often been named as responsible parties under Section 13304. (See e.g. Order No. WQ 89-8, Arthur Spitzer et al., Order No. WQ 85-15, Stuart Petroleum.)

Several factors support a conclusion that Douglas ought to be named in this order. Douglas operated a parking garage on the site for about 16 years. During that time, he pumped gas from two underground tanks. His business benefited from his ability to provide gasoline to his customers. Over time, he

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DRAFT - May 24, 1991

# IV. ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this matter is remanded to the County for action consistent with this order.

# CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Administrative Assistant to the Board, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an order duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on June 20, 1991.

AYE:

NO:

ABSENT:

**ABSTAIN:** 

Maureen Marché Administrative Assistant to the Board

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Dear Mr. Cobb:

On March 27, 1991, Mr. Leland Douglas presented me with a copy of the March 25, 1991, letter from Cynthia L. Webster to your regarding the above-referenced matter. Although I realize that, technically, my client's time to respond to Petitioners' allegations has passed, the "information" presented in Mrs. Webster's letter is misleading to the point of demanding clarification, which is the purpose of this letter.

Douglas Motor Services is not a "sophisticated commercial party familiar with the requirements of the state UST statute". The company's business is parking cars. At a couple of its parking garages, where USTs were already on site anyway, Douglas has offered gasoline as a service to parkers. In all cases, however, the amount pumped is very small, so small that Douglas, on affirmatively addressing the issues with the appropriate agencies, was told that the would not be required to comply with vapor recovery regulations nor would they have to perform with the yearly tank integrity testing. Product reconciliation and permitting was all that Douglas was required to do.

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With regard to the 1881 Harrison Street tanks (address in the notice from the county is incorrect, it should be 1833 Harrison), the situation is, interestingly, somewhat similar to the one now before the Board. The tanks were installed long before Douglas leased the property and are owned by the property owner. The tanks were used first by Avis Rent-a-car and then by Thrifty Rent-a-car; Douglas has never used the tanks. When the UST statutes were enacted and Douglas, as the lessee of the property at that time, began receiving notices regarding the tanks, the company automatically forwarded all correspondence to March 28, 1991 Page 2

the property (and tank) owner. Apparently, the property owner ignored the requirements of the agency resulting in the August 20, 1990, notification to Douglas. Since then, however, the property owner has acknowledged responsibility for the tanks and has indicated that they will be removed at the owner's expense.

As for the 1721 Webster Street site, when tank permitting went into effect, Douglas dutifully registered its tanks. Around 1987, use of one of the tanks was discontinued a circumstance which Douglas made known as part of its annual permitting. Since there had never been even a hint of release from the tank, Douglas considered it appropriate to simply remove all remaining product from the tank and seal it up, in effect, closing it in place. No additional closure work was suggested by any agency even thought the abandonment of the tank known to them; Douglas therefore thought that it had complied with all requirements. This situation will now be reinvestigated.

Douglas's "behavior" throughout has been proper and consistent with its understanding of the law as gleaned from actual agency contact.

If you have additional questions or would like to discuss any of the above further, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Your patience and consideration in this matter is appreciated.

Yours truly,

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cc: Jonathan S. Leo, Esq. Mr. Paul M. Smith Mark Thomson, Esq. Mr. Steven R. Ritchie Mr. Leland Douglas Michael Willcoxon, Esq.

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> In the Matter of the Petition of Alvin Bacharach and Barbara Borsuk, File No. A-728: Supplemental Information

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Dear Mr. Cobb:

The above-referenced Petition was received by the State Water Resources Control Board ("State Board") on February 7, 1991. Petitioners have conducted further investigations since that time, and have discovered additional relevant information. Therefore, Petitioners hereby submit this letter, and the attached Exhibits, as an Addendum to their original Petition.

Petitioners have asked the State Board to add Douglas Motor Services ("Douglas") to the Cleanup and Abatement Order issued to Petitioners by the County of Alameda. The Petition makes the point that Douglas runs a number of garage businesses in Alameda County which have underground storage tanks ("USTs") on the property. This indicates that Douglas is a sophisticated commercial party familiar with the requirements of the state UST statute. A review of the County's files reveals that Douglas has encountered problems with the USTs at some of these locations as well. Petitioners believe that this information has bearing on Douglas' behavior in this matter in abandoning the USTs on Petitioners' property and failing to comply with state law in their operation.

The County issued Douglas a Final Notice of Violation in August 1990 for failing to submit a tank closure plan or to

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Theodore A. Cobb, Esq. March 26, 1991

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obtain a permit for the tanks located at its 1881 Harrison Street property. A true and correct copy of the August 20, 1990 Final Notice of Violation is attached hereto as Exhibit 1. The County's records also indicate that Douglas abandoned an underground storage tank at another location in Alameda County. A true and correct copy of the UST Program Facility/Site Information and Permit Application for the 1721 Webster Street property is attached hereto as Exhibit 2.

Thank you for your consideration of this information. Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

w thia L. Koehler

Enclosures

cc: Mark Borsuk Alvin Bacharach Paul Smith Mark Thomson Leland Douglas Stephen Richie Michael Willcoxon



DAVID J. KEARS, Agency Director

August 20, 1990-

ALAMEDA COUNTY

Douglas Parking 1881 Harrison St. Oakland, CA 94612

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

RE: 1881 Harrison St.

# FINAL NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear owner/operator:

Our records indicate that there are underground tank(s) at your site at the above facility. You have been notified of the below violations and you have not yet corrected them.

In accordance with the California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Chapter 3, Subchapter 16 Underground Tank Regulations you must perform one of the following actions:

- 1.
- Submit a tank closure plan to this Department as required by Article 7, 2670, forms available from this office, or Apply for a permit as required by Article 10, 2710. Permit 2. applications Part A and B are available from this office.

Please note that section 25299 of the California Health and Safety Code states that any operator or owner of an undergound 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 undergound storage tank, as

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact this

Sincerely,

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Thomas F. Peacock, Senior HMS Hazardous Materials Division

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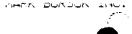
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> Theodore A. Cobb, Esq. Senior Staff Counsel State Water Resources Control Board P.O. Box 100 Sacramento, CA 95812-0100

# In the Matter of the Petition of Alvin Bacharach and Barbara Borsuk, File No. A-728: Supplemental Information

Dear Mr. Cobb:

The above-referenced Petition was received by the State Water Resources Control Board ("State Board") on February 7, Petitioners have conducted further investigations since 1991. that time, and have discovered additional relevant information. Therefore, Petitioners hereby submit this letter, and the attached Exhibits, as an Addendum to their original Petition.

Petitioners have asked the State Board to add Douglas Motor Services ("Douglas") to the Cleanup and Abatement Order issued to Petitioners by the County of Alameda. The Petition makes the point that Douglas runs a number of garage businesses in Alameda County which have underground storage tanks ("USTs") on the property. This indicates that Douglas is a sophisticated commercial party familiar with the requirements of the state UST statute. A review of the County's files reveals that Douglas has encountered problems with the USTs at some of these locations as well. Petitioners believe that this information has bearing on Douglas' behavior in this matter in abandoning the USTs on Petitioners' property and failing to comply with state law in their operation.

The County issued Douglas a Final Notice of Violation in August 1990 for failing to submit a tank closure plan or to

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obtain a permit for the tanks located at its 1881 Harrison Street property. A true and correct copy of the August 20, 1990 Final Notice of Violation is attached hereto as Exhibit 1. The County's records also indicate that Douglas abandoned an underground storage tank at another location in Alameda County. A true and correct copy of the UST Program Facility/Site Information and Permit Application for the 1721 Webster Street property is attached hereto as Exhibit 2.

Thank you for your consideration of this information. Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely, ynthia L. Koehler

Enclosures

cc: Mark Borsuk Alvin Bacharach Paul Smith Mark Thomson Leland Douglas Stephen Richie Michael Willcoxon

EXHIBIT 1



August 20, 1990

ALAMEDA COUNTY

Douglas Parking 1881 Harrison Št. Oakland, CA 94612

RE: 1881 Harrison St.

# FINAL NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear owner/operator:

Our records indicate that there are underground tank(s) at your site at the above facility. You have been notified of the below violations and you have not yet corrected them.

In accordance with the California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Chapter 3, Subchapter 16 Underground Tank Regulations you must perform one of the following actions:

1.

Submit a tank closure plan to this Department as required by Article 7, 2670, forms available from this office, or Apply for a permit as required by Article 10, 2710. Permit 2. applications Part A and B are available from this office.

Please note that section 25299 of the California Health and Safety Code states that any operator or owner of an undergound 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 undergound storage tank, as

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact this

Sincerely,

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Thomas F. Peacock, Senior HMS Hazardous Materials Division

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

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> In the Matter of the Petition of Alvin Bacharach and Barbara Borsuk for Review of Alameda County <u>Cleanup Order, No. A-728</u>

Dear Mr. Cobb:

I write to confirm our telephone conversation of this afternoon regarding your letter of March 6, 1991. You informed me that this letter should have read: "The State Board will <u>now</u> begin review of the issues raised in the Petition," instead of "The State Board will <u>not</u> begin review of the issues raised in the Petition."

I appreciate your clarifying this typographic error.

Sincerely,

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# BY FEDERAL EXPRESS

Craig M. Wilson, Esq. Office of Chief Counsel State Water Resources Control Board 901 P. Street, 4th Floor Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Enclosed for filing is a Petition for Review by the State Board in accordance with 23 C.C.R. §2050 appealing a decision by Alameda County regarding an underground storage tank corrective action.

Please call me if you have any questions.

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cc: Mark Thomson, Esq. Mark Borsuk, Esq. Mr. Alvin Bacharach Mr. Paul Smith HELLER, EHRMAN, WHITE & MCAULIFFE

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#### Appeal of Harrison Street Garage: County Decision to State Water Resources Control Board

Dear Mr. Thomson:

This letter serves as formal notice that Alvin Bacharach and Barbara Borsuk (collectively, "Petitioner") have decided to appeal the County of Alameda's ("County") final decision not to add Douglas Motor Services to the corrective action order issued against them by the County with regard to the Harrison Street A copy of the Petition and related documents filed with Garage. the State Board is enclosed pursuant to 23 C.C.R. §2050(a)(9).

Petitioner hereby requests pursuant to 23 C.C.R. §2050(a)(8), that the County provide the State Board with a list of all persons other than those listed in Section 8 of the Petition, if any, known by the County to have an interest in the subject matter of the Petition, which is the addition of Douglas Motor Services as a responsible party on the aforementioned Cleanup Order.

Petitioner also hereby requests the County to prepare the County's record of its decision in this action pursuant to 23 C.C.R. §2050(a)(10).

Thank you very much for your cooperation in this matter.

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Enclosure CC: Paul Smith

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May 4, 1993

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> Re: Responses to Petitions A-843 A-843(A)

Dear Mr. Cobb:

ROBERT A. RANDICK, JR. BRIAN M. O'DEA

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This letter is simply to confirm the telephone message which I left for you on the morning of May 4, 1993. The attorneys representing Alvin Bacharach and Barbara Borsuk had requested a 30-day extension of time to June 11, 1993 in which to prepare a response to the Petition of Douglas Motor Service (file number A-843). A subsequent suggestion was made by the same counsel that the response due to the Bacharach and Borsuk Petition also be due on June 11, 1993.

Our office, on behalf of Douglas Motor Service, is in agreement with this extension of time. And, in fact, we were separately intending on contacting your office to request a similar extension of time.

If you have any questions or concerns related to this request for extension, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Very truly yours,

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# VIA FACSIMILE AND U.S. MAIL

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# Re: Response to Petition of Douglas Motor Service File No A-843

Dear Mr. Cobb:

This letter is a follow up to a letter of April 28, 1993 sent by my colleague, Janet Absher. In that letter, copy enclosed, Ms. Absher requested a 30-day extension of time, up to and including June 11, 1993, to file with the State Board our Response to the Petition of Douglas Motor Service. Douglas' Petition is in your File No. A-843.

By this letter, we request that the 30-day extension to June 11 also apply to Douglas' time to respond to our Petition on behalf of Alvin H. Bacharach and Barbara Jean Borsuk. I believe our Petition is in your file No. A-843(a). It makes sense for the Board to extend the time on both Petitions, because both Petitions involve the same property and closely related matters. In addition, extending the time on both Petitions will give all parties the same opportunity to respond and will allow the County to simultaneously file comments or responses regarding both Petitions, if the County wishes to do so.

Theodore A. Cobb, Esq. April 30, 1993 Page 2

In short, a mutual extension of time on both Petitions will benefit everyone. We appreciate your consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,

Randall D. Morrison

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# Re: Response to Petition of Douglas Motor Service File No A-843

Dear Mr. Cobb:

This will confirm that Alvin H. Bacharach and Barbara Jean Borsuk hereby request a thirty day extension of time up to and including June 11, 1993 within which to file with the State Water Board a Response to the Petition of Douglas Motor Service, File No. A-843. We are hoping that we will soon have a response regarding the most recent evidence we have submitted to the County, and we expect that the requested extension will allow sufficient time within which to conduct further dialogue with the County, if necessary.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours

Janet C. Absher

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March 8, 1993

State Water Resources Control Board 901 "P" Street Sacramento, CA 95814 Attn: Legal Department

> Re: Petition for Review of Failure to Act by the County of Alameda Health Care Services Agency re: Corrective Action Order for Harrison Street Garage, 1432 Harrison Street, Oakland, California 94612 and Request to Hold Petition in Abeyance

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have enclosed the Petition for Review of property owners Alvin H. Bacharach and Barbara Jean Borsuk. The Petition requests that the State Board require Alameda County's Order of February 5, 1993, to be amended, to name Douglas Motor Service and its partners as responsible parties for additional areas of contamination at this property. The County's present Order names Douglas and its partners as responsible parties, but only with regard to gasoline tank releases. The owners request that Douglas also be named as a responsible party with regard to the hydraulic lift and tank and waste oil piping and tanks in the basement.

Since issuance of the County's Order, the owners' counsel and consultants have met with Mr. Paul Smith of the County to review the evidence regarding Douglas' responsibility for contamination in these areas. By agreement with Mr. Smith, the owners will submit a further letter and review of the evidence to the County on these issues, and we expect that the County will invite further evidence from the Douglas parties as well. It may therefore be possible for the property owners to resolve their disagreements with the County as to Douglas' responsibility for the hydraulic lift area and basement contamination.

For this reason, the owners request that their Petition be held in abeyance for a period of <u>thirty</u> days to allow further discussions between the property owners and the County on these issues. The Douglas parties have,



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meanwhile, filed their own Petition on March 5, 1993, requesting review of the County's Order insofar as it names Douglas as a responsible party with regard to the gasoline tank releases.

To promote economy and efficiency for all parties concerned -including the State Board and County -- the owners respectfully request that both the owners' and Douglas' Petitions be held in abeyance for thirty days, with all times for response extended accordingly. By holding the Petitions in abeyance for this brief period, the State Board and the parties may avoid a debate on at least two of the three issues now pending. This brief delay will not prejudice Douglas or anyone else.

Very truly yours,

# KANDALL D. MORRISON

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Enclosure

cc: Messrs. Ron and Leland Douglas c/o William J. Trinkle, Esq. (via messenger)

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# Re: 1428-1434 Harrison Street and 1435-1443 Alice Street, Oakland, CA: Appeal of County Decision to State Water Resources Control Board

Dear Mr. Smith:

This letter serves as formal notice that, pending further discussions with you and Mr. Gil Jensen, the owners of the subject property, in order to preserve all rights of review with the State Water Resources Control Board, have decided to file an appeal of the County of Alameda's ("County") decision not to name Douglas Motor Service and its partners as responsible parties with respect to the hydraulic lift and tank and the underground piping and waste oil system in the Harrison Street garage.

Enclosed is a list of persons who have an interest in the subject matter of the Petition. Pursuant to 23 C.C.R. § 2050(a)(8), Petitioners request that the County provide them with a list, with a copy to the State Board, of any additional persons known by the County to have an interest in the subject matter of the Petition.



Mr. Paul M. Smith. March 4, 1993 Page 2

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Petitioners also hereby request the County to prepare the County's record of its decision in this action pursuant to 23 C.C.R. 2050(a)(10).

Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Randall D. Morrison

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cc: Gilbert A. Jensen, Esq.

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July 12, 1993

Theodore A. Cobb Senior Staff Counsel State Water Resources Control Board Paul R. Bonderson Building 901 P Street P.C. Box 100 Sacramento, CA 95812-0100

> Re: Petition of Douglas Motor Service/File No. A-843 Petition of Alvin A. Bacharach/File No. A-843(a)

Dear Mr. Cobb:

This letter is to confirm our conversation on the morning of July 9, 1993 regarding the above-referenced Petitions. Initially, you informed me that Mark Borsuk had requested and received an extension to July 30, 1993 in which to respond to Douglas Motor Service Petition due to a death in his family.

On behalf of Douglas Motor Service, I requested an extension of time to <u>August 12, 1993</u> in which to respond to the Bacharach Petition (843(a)) due to a scheduled vacation and also the pendency of the review process in Alameda County. You agreed to this extension of time.

Very truly yours,

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William J. Trinkle

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June 9, 1993

# VIA FACSIMILE AND U.S. MAIL

Theodore A. Cobb Senior Staff Counsel State Water Resources Control Board Paul R. Bonderson Building 901 P Street P. O. Box 100 Sacramento, CA 95812-0100

# Re: Petition of Douglas Motor Service/File No A-843 Petition of Alvin A. Bacharach/File No A-843(a)

Dear Mr. Cobb:

This will confirm that I have spoken to counsel for Douglas Motor Service regarding the above-captioned Petitions, and we have mutually agreed to extend the deadline for the filing of our Responses to same to July 12, 1993 in order to allow further negotiations at the County level. Per my telephone conversation with you on June 7, 1993, this will also confirm that you have agreed to the requested extensions.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours; Janet C. Absher

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cc: Interested Persons Mailing List Via Regular Mail

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June 10, 1991

Ms. Cynthia L. Koehler Heller, Ehrman, White & McAuliffe 333 Bush Street San Francisco, CA 94104-2878

Dear Ms. Koehler:

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF ALVIN BACHARACH AND BARBARA BORSUK FOR REVIEW OF ALAMEDA COUNTY CLEANUP ORDER ISSUED ON JANUARY 14, 1991. OUR FILE NO. A-728.

Enclosed is a copy of the proposed order of the State Water Resources Control Board relating to the above-entitled matter.

Adoption of the proposed order will be considered by the State Board at its business meeting on June 20, 1991, commencing at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be held in the First Floor Hearing Room of the Bonderson Building, 901 P Street, Sacramento. Evidence relating to this matter will not be heard. Brief comments on the proposed order may be made. As a result of the meeting, the order may be adopted as proposed or may be modified as determined by the State Board.

Sincerely,

Craig M. Wilson Assistant Chief Counsel

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Enclosed is a copy of the proposed order in the above-entitled matter. The State Water Resources Control Board will consider this order at its workshop which will be held on Wednesday, June 5, 1991, commencing at 9:00 a.m. in the First Floor Hearing Room of the Bonderson Building, 901 P Street, Sacramento.

Formal action will not be taken on this matter at the workshop session. At its workshop meetings, the State Board restricts itself to a discussion of the petition which has been filed. Interested parties may comment on the proposed order. Submittal of additional evidence will not ordinarily be allowed.

Sincerely,

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The petition you have filed with the State Board is complete. The State Board will not begin review of the issues raised in the petition.

All interested parties are hereby notified that they may file a response to the petition within 20 days of the date of this letter. Petitioner may also supplement its petition within the same time period. Copies of the petition may be obtained by contacting the petitioner at the address above. The County of Alameda is hereby notified that it must prepare and file with the State Board, within the same 20 days, a complete copy of the record as it pertains to this petition.

Sincerely,

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Theodore A. Cobb Senior Staff Counsel

cc: Steven R. Ritchie, Executive Officer California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region 1800 Harrison Street, No. 700 Oakland, CA 94612

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Enclosed is a copy of Order No. WQ 91-07 which was adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board at its regular business meeting on June 20, 1991.

Sincerely,

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Craig M. Wilson Assistant Chief Counsel

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Mr. William J. Trinkle RANDICK & O'DEA 1800 Harrison, Suite 2350 Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Trinkle:

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PETITION FOR REVIEW

This will acknowledge receipt on March 5, 1993, of the petition to review Alameda County Department of Environmental Health's Corrective Action Order issued on February 5, 1993 for Douglas Motor Service and its Partners, petitioners.

On all future correspondence regarding this petition, please use File No. A-843.

Sincerely,

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Dear Messrs. Trinkle and Morrison:

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITIONS OF DOUGLAS MOTOR SERVICE, ALVIN BACHARACH AND JEAN BORSUK, FOR REVIEW OF CORRECTIVE ACTION ORDER ISSUED ON FEBRUARY 5, 1993 BY ALAMEDA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH. OUR FILE NOS. A-843 AND A-843(a).

The petitions you have filed on behalf of Douglas Motor Service and Alvin Bacharach and Jean Borsuk are complete. The State Water Resources Control Board will now begin review of the petitions and the issues they raise.

All interested parties are hereby notified that they have 20 days from the date of this letter within which to file with the State Water Board any comments or responses to these petitions. Copies of the petitions should be obtained from the petitioners listed above. Alameda County shall file with the State Water Board, within 20 days of this letter, the administrative record pertaining to these petitions.

If any interested person has questions about this process, please call me at the number listed above.

Sincerely,

Theodore A. Cobb Senior Staff Counsel

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In view of the August 31, 1993 Review Panel meeting which Alameda County and the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board "will convene for the purpose of determining responsible parties as well as appropriate closure, site assessment, clean-up and mitigation of contamination" at the Harrison Street location, it would make no sense for the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to proceed with its consideration of the two petitions. The matter will be placed on hold until after the Review Panel has met. No one need file any further papers before the Review Panel meets, irrespective of prior commitments to do so.

After the Review Panel has met and new or revised orders, if any, have been issued, any party interested in pursuing a petition with the State Water Board should notify me in writing with copies to other interested parties. Such notice must be sent within 30 days of the date of the order. If the existing petition adequately addresses all concerns, the notice should say that. If additional argument is necessary, it should be enclosed.

At the end of the 30-day period after rendition of any orders resulting from the Review Panel meeting, the State Water Board will begin its review of the petitions still pending before it.

William J. Trinkle, Esq. Randall D. Morrison, Esq.

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If you have any questions about this procedure, please call me at the number above.

Sincerely,

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Gilbert A. Jensen, Esq. Senior Deputy District Attorney Consumer and Environmental Protection Division 7677 Oakport Street, Suite 400 Oakland, CA 94621 Compliance Summary for 1432 Harrison St., STID 498

Aug 31, 93 Review Panel Held

Sep 22, 1993 - Order from Regional Water Quality Control Board directing the RP's to:

1) remove tanks, hydraulic lift, piping

2) workplan for investigation

3) tanks to be removed by Dec. 1, 1993 RWQCB order required:

1. removal of UST's by Dec. 1, 1993

2. workplan to define vericle and lateral extent of pollution in soil and groundwater. Furthermore, required to conduct both soil and groundwater investigation

October, 93 workplan stated that well drilling would occur within 1 month, report would be submitted within 3 weeks of sample receiptOct 14, 1993 - workplan received

Oct 18, 1993 - workplan reviewed and accepted

Nov 8, 1993 - 1 copy of tank removal plan received, need 2 others. Notice of Violation sent out to RP's concerning failure to submit a plan to remove the tanks within 45 days of the Regional Board's letter. 45 days expired on Nov 6, 1993.

Nov 10, 1993 - Tank removal plan reviewed and accepted

Nov 16, 1993 - Gary Collins of Oakland F.D. reported complaints of tank removals, had no knowledge of any permits being applied for with O.F.D.

Nov 17, 1993 - John Sturman reports a delay in the removal schedule. Faxed schedule received.

Nov. 19, 93 Plan submitted to remove the UST's

Nov 23, 1993 - Waste oil tank removal scheduled for today, canceled after arrival. Removal schedule received from Levine-Fricke.

Nov 24, 1993 - waste oil tank removal accomplished. 2 - 750 gal. tanks wrapped and stored on site.

Nov 29, 1993 - 3 hydraulic lifts and one storage tank removed. No schedule for removal of the gasoline tanks. Still need to apply for an excavation permit from the City. Do not anticipate removing tanks until after Dec. 1, 1993. Removal of the gasoline tanks is yet to be accomplished.

Dec 12, 93 Tanks removed, clean up letter signed for the fund

Feb 22, 94 Tank closure report

Feb 25, 94 Notice of non-compliance for not submitting a tank closure report (written but not yet submitted) and no monitoring wells installed

Apr 14, 94 Report on workplan implementation delayed, will be submitted by July 94

June 28, 94 additional delay

June 30, 94 new timeline submitted: report to Alameda Co. by Aug 31, 94, received Sep 1, 94

July 19, 94 request to submit report to Alameda Co. by Sep 7, 94

July 30, 94 monitoring wells finally drilled, 1 week later than last extension

Aug 16, 94 request to submit monitoring schedule by 1 Oct 94, never deleivered

Sep 1, 1994 Soil and Groundwater Investigation Report by Levine Fricke

Sep 6, 1994 letter to RP's concerning soil & gw report

Sep 26, 94 requested extension to Nov 1, 94 for submittal of 2nd monitoring report. Never granted and no report has been submitted. Now in the 4th quarter since the tanks were removed and there has only been 1 quarterly report submitted

Oct 3, 1994 Spoke with Dave Deaner concerning case charge filing

Oct 22, 1994 letter from Mark Borsuk re: site search cost

#### Christmas Card from Mark Borsuk

Dec 21, 1994 GW sampling report from Blaine Tech Services Jan 9 1995 Fax from Levine Fricke, letter on proposed implementation of workplan

Jan 23, 1995 letter from Mark Borsuk on sampling

Jan 26, 1995 NOV sent out for not submitted four quarterly "reports and monitoring according to their workplan

Feb 1, 1995 letter from Mark Borsuk on sampling

Feb 10, 1995 letter to RP's concerning sampling report

Feb 15, 1995 letter from Mark Borsuk re: MW sampling

Feb 22, 1995 letter from Mark Borsuk re: Paul Smith's letter

Mar 13, 1995 in field report looking at adjacent site, as referenced by Mark Borsuk

Apr 12, 1995 GW sampling report from Blaine Tech SvsApr 14, 1995 letter from Mark Borsuk re: discontinue sampling

Apr 26, 1995 letter to RP's concerning reports and progress

May 15, 1995 letter from Cambria

May 16, 1995 Appeal of LOP charges

May 22, 1995 letter from Mark Borsuk re: site access for soil borings

June 22, 1995 response to Mark's letter questioning charges

July 11, 1995 letter from Mark Borsuk re: project update and questioning charges

August 3, 1995 Cover for Blaine Tech report dated August 4, 1994 (should be 1995) covering 2 quarters. Individual quarterly

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reports were not sent.

August 10, 1995 Results of Subsurface investigation by Cambria with August 16, 1995 cover

August 14, 1995 County response to July letter

September 13, 1995 County letter concerning Subsurface investigation by Cambria

September 19, 1995 Mark Borsuk appeal of LOP charges

September 20, 1995 Mark Borsuk project update

November 15, 1995 Mark Borsuk cover to Blaine Tech Novemeber 14, 1995 GW sampling report

November 23, 1995 Mark Borsuk LOP charges detail

December 19, 1995 Mark Borsuk White Paper submission "Abolish the UST Program"

December 22, 1995 County letter concerning lop charges

January 2, 1996 Mark Borsuk Fax re: site status

January 22, 1996 Mark Borsuk appeal of LOP charges

January 28, 1996 Blaine Tech GW Sampling report with February 12, 1996 cover by Mark Borsuk

February 9, 1996 County letter Re: Mark Borsuk appeal of LOP charges

February 20, 1996 ACC Environmental Phase I request

March 1996 Environmental Law Reporter - "The Leaking Tank Scam" by Mark Borsuk (8 pages)

April 8, 1996 County review letter of last GW sampling report. Directive within 30 days to submit a proposal for further investigation with field work to begin in 60 days.

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April 16, 1996 Cambria letter saying they will submit a workplan by May 8, 1996

April 17, 1996 another letter - Cambria letter saying they will submit a workplan by May 8, 1996

April 21, 1996 Mark Borsuk letter questioning District Attorney charges

April 26, 1996 Mark Borsuk letter questioning District Attorney charges

May 6, 1996 county letter to Dave Deaner concerning unrequested site search, file review, phase I work

May 7, 1996 fax from Cambria concerning workplan - in final stages

May 12, 1996 Mark Borsuk cover to Blaine Tech GW sampling report dated May 10, 1996 for sampling done 3-26-96.

May 16, 1996 Cambria Investigative Workplan

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The petitions you have filed on behalf of Douglas Motor Service and Alvin Bacharach and Jean Borsuk are hereby dismissed. It has been more than 30 days since the September 22, 1993 letter from the Executive Officer of the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) designating the responsible parties and requesting a supplemental technical report pursuant to Water Code Section 13267. The July 28, 1993 letter from this office made clear that any further consideration of this matter by the State Water Resources Control Board would be predicated on a supplemental filing within 30 days of the date of the Regional Water Board notice. As no one has filed a supplemental petition or a notice that the original petition still raises all relevant issues, dismissal of the petitions is appropriate.

If you have any questions about this matter, please call Ted Cobb at (916) 657-0406.

Sincerely,

William R. Attwater Chief Counsel

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Dear Mr. Peacock and Mr. Kaiser:

PETITION, UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK (UST) LOCAL OVERSIGHT PROGRAM, SITE NO. 498, 1432 HARRISON STREET, OAKLAND, ALAMEDA COUNTY, FILE NO. P96-175

We have received a petition from Mark Borsuk on behalf of Alvin H. Bacharach and Barbara Jean Borsuk, a copy of which was sent to both of you. Please provide this office with a response to the petition within the next 20 days. A copy of each response shall be forwarded to Mr. Borsuk. In addition to responding to the issues raised in the petition, the County's response shall also include a brief history of the site including historic and current land use and status of cleanup. A copy of the entire site file shall be provided to this office and to Mr. Borsuk.

If you have any questions, please telephone me at (916) 227-4325.

Sincerely,

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Lori Casias Local Oversight Program

Mark Borsuk CC: Attorney at Law 1626 Vallejo Street San Francisco, CA 94123-5116

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Dear Mr. Chambers:

PETITION, UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK (UST) LOCAL OVERSIGHT PROGRAM, SITE NO. 498, 1432 HARRISON STREET, OAKLAND, FILE NO. P96-175

I have enclosed a copy of a petition submitted by Mark Borsuk on behalf of Alvin H. Bacharach and Barbara Jean Borsuk (Petitioners). Over the last two years, there has been an ongoing dispute regarding the issues of noncompliance and inappropriate oversight costs incurred by the County associated with site remediation.

Some time ago, Gil Jenson offered to prepare a response to a letter submitted by Mr. Borsuk regarding these issues because of the long history of the District Attorney's involvement with this site. In an effort to resolve the issues informally, we never requested that response from Mr. Jenson. To aide this office in responding to the petition, we now ask for your assistance. It would be helpful if you could prepare a response describing your office's historic and current involvement with the County in connection with this site.

We appreciate your assistance and if you require additional information, please telephone me at (916) 227-4325.

Sincerely,

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Lori Casias Local Oversight Program

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√ Tom Peacock Alameda County Hazardous Materials Division 1131 Harbor Bay Parkway, 2nd Floor Alameda, CA 94502 Mark Borsuk Attorney at Law 1626 Vallejo Street San Francisco, CA 94123-5116



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SUBJECT: Preparation of Local Agency Record State Board Appeal Requirement

Dear Mr. Peacock:

Please forward a copy of the local agency record to the State Board and to this office. Appeal and State Board notice attached.

Sincerely yours, Mark Borsuk

cc: Ms. Lori Casias, State LOP Administrator.



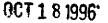


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This is in response to your letter dated August 25, 1996 challenging two oversight charges. We are treating your letter as a petition; however, the petition is defective in that it does not contain all of the information outlined in the enclosed petition procedures. Specifically, the information needed to complete the petition follows:

- 1. The name and address of the petitioner;
- 2. The specific action by the State Board or the local agency which the petitioner requests;
- 3. A statement of points and authorities in support of legal issues raised in the petition;
- 4. A list of persons, if any, other than the petitioner, known by the local agency to have an interest in the subject matter of the petition. Such list shall be obtained from the local agency;
- 5. A statement that the petition has been sent to the local agency, the appropriate Regional Board, and to any responsible parties other than the petitioner, known to the petitioner or the local agency;
- 6. A copy of the request to the local agency for preparation of the local agency record.

An amended petition must be submitted within 30 days from the date of this letter.

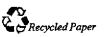
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# ALAMEDA COUNTY - ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH - ENVIRONMENIAL PROTECTION DIVISION

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 24, 1997

TO: Gordon

FROM: Tom

SUBJ: petition, Mark Borsuk

Attached is a copy of my response. The original has been sent to Mee Ling Tung, who requested, separately, my response. This is ready to be sent out, and may be sent out by Mee Ling as is. If you would like anything changed, please get those changes to her before the response is sent.

# July 24, 1997

Lori Casias, County Liaison Division of Clean Water Programs State Water Resources Control Board P.O. Box 944212 Sacramento, CA 94224-2120

Dear Lori Casias:

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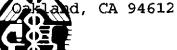
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If you have any questions please contact me at (510) 567-6782.

Sincerely,

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c: Thomas Peacock, Manager, LOP Gordon Coleman, Chief Mark Borsuk, 1626 Vallejo St., San Francisco, CA 94123-5116

# ALAMEDA COUNTY HEALTH CARE SERVICES AGENCY

DAVID J. KEARS, Agency Director

January 26, 1995 STID 498

Alvin H. Bacharach and Barbara J. Borsuk Trust 383 Diablo Rd., Suite 100 Danville, CA 94526

Leland Douglas Douglas Parking Co. 1721 Webster St., Oakland, CA 94612

#### NOTICE OF VIOLATION

RE: 1432 - 1434 Harrison St., Oakland, CA 94612

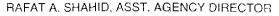
Dear Alvin H. Bacharach and Barbara J. Borsuk:

This office received and reviewed Proposal dated January 9, 1995 for Phase II Implementation of your Work Plan for the above site submitted by Levine-Fricke. This office has not received a quarterly monitoring report for this period, as required by Title 23, Division 3, Chapter 16, Article 11, 2726(a) of the California Code of Regulations. The following are comments concerning this proposal and the lack of an appropriate quarterly monitoring report:

1. Initial well development and sampling was done 30 Jul 94. This would have made the next quarterly report due in October. The Chevron site which is nearby was sampled on Sep. 26, 1994. It was be due again in December. Levine Fricke sampled wells on Sep. 13 (there appears to be a discrepancy in coordination between Sep. 13 and 26) but only for groundwater level measurements. There was no sampling done for any contamination which is on the site.

2. In a Sep. 6 letter from this office we agreed to a minimum of 4 quarters of monitoring. Quarterly reports are due every quarter. A requested deadline of submittal of an addendum to Nov. 1, 1994 was not agreed to by this office.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH State Water Resources Control Board Division of Clean Water Programs UST Local Oversight Program

ALAMEDA COUNTY CC4580 DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION 1131 HARBOR BAY PKWY., #250 ALAMEDA CA 94502-6577



# ALAMEDA COUNTY



DAVID J. KEARS, Agency Director

July 24, 1997

Lori Casias, County Liaison Division of Clean Water Programs State Water Resources Control Board P.O. Box 944212 Sacramento, CA 94224-2120

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## ALAMEDA COUNTY HEALTH CARE SERVICES



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**RESPONSE TO PETITION, DATED DECEMBER 11, 1996,** SUBJECT: ALAMEDA COUNTY SITE #498, 1432 HARRISON STREET, OAKLAND, CA

Listed below is the response of Regional Board staff to the issues raised in the petition for the above site, submitted by Mark Borsuk. Comments are listed by section as submitted in the origional petition.

I. Introduction to Petition

Statement of opinions and facts. No action is requested. No response necessary.

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cc:

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AUG 4 1997

Tom Peacock Alameda County Environmental Health Services 1131 Harbor Bay Parkway, 2nd Floor Alameda, CA 94502-6577

Dear Mr. Peacock:

PETITION, UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK (UST) LOCAL OVERSIGHT PROGRAM, SITE NO. 498, 1432 HARRISON STREET, OAKLAND, ALAMEDA COUNTY, FILE NO. P96-175

This will confirm our telephone conversation wherein you requested a time extension to submit your agency's response to the subject petition. As agreed, your response shall be submitted by August 11, 1997.

If you have any questions, please telephone me at (916) 227-4325.

Sincerely,

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Lori Casias Local Oversight Program

cc: Mark Borsuk Attorney at Law 1626 Vallejo Street San Francisco, CA 94123-5116



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VIA FAX & MAIL FOUR PAGES

June 22, 1999

Chairman James M. Stubschaer & Board Members State Water Resources Control Board 901 P Street Sacramento, CA 95814 (916) 657-2399 / FAX 657-0932

SUBJECT: False Billing Investigation Water Board Reconsideration Request 23 CCR 768 SWRCB/CWP File P96-175 (LOP Site 498) UST FUND Claimant #2219 Barbara Jean Borsuk and Estate of Alvin H. Bacharach

Dear Chairman Stubschaer and Board Members:

The Claimant asks the Board to overrule the Executive Director's dismissal on May 24, 1999 of a false billing petition filed against Alameda County. The Claimant requests the Board to independently consider the matter as provided in 23 CCR 768. All correspondence and documentation referred to in this appeal are already in the possession of the Board and are hereby incorporated by reference and made part of the record.

#### Procedural History.

On November 25, 1995, the Claimant initiated the false billing petition. The Water Board's Local Oversight Program ("LOP") granted petition status on August 25, 1996. The LPO requested the UST FUND and the Alameda County District Attorney ("DA") to provide responses to the petition. On March 4, 1997, Water Board's counsel promised Claimant to provide the UST FUND and DA responses. On March 25, 1997, Water Board counsel again promised Claimant to provide the local agency response.

On July 7, 1997, the Claimant expressed concern to the Water Board's counsel that, through a bureaucratic subterfuge, the public would be denied knowledge of the false, excessive and unnecessary billings. The subterfuge allows dismissal of the petition, if the Board does not hear the petition within 270 days. Obviously, this regulatory provision permits much mischief to occur without the Board's knowledge. See 23 CCR 2814.3(d).

On July 9, 1997, the LOP again requested the local agency to provide a response along with a response from the Regional Board. On July 18, 1997, San Francisco Bay Regional Board filed a response. Claimant never received a response from the UST FUND or DA.

On December 13, 1998, Claimant expressed outrage at the attempt to "bury" the false billing petition. On May 24, 1999, the Executive Director dismissed the petition due to the Water Board not acting within 270 days. This ploy sought to prevent the Board from learning about the abuses in Alameda County.

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#### First Issue — False Billing.

The Claimant believes Alameda County falsely billed for oversight time. The basis for the belief surrounds a **\$62.44** charge made in October 4, 1994. Every time the Claimant challenges the false billing, the bureaucracy creates a new justification for the charge. This includes the Executive Director's latest tale. The outline below chronicles these prevarications.

Story #1. On October 3, 1994, Mr. Paul Smith charged his time to the LOP for work on the Claimant's site. The time charge was for consultant or responsible party meetings. The activity code designation is 212. Smith's time was \$52.03 plus another 20% for overhead.

Story #2. The Claimant challenged the LOP's explanation on September 19, 1995. Alameda County replied on December 22. The reply stated the former case officer used the wrong activity code. The corrected code designation was 204 meaning a meeting with Regional Board or other affected agencies regarding the site.

The Claimant sought justification for the charge on January 22, 1996. Why had a former case officer who had not been associated with the site since April 1993 suddenly begun charging for his time in October 1994? On July 26, 1996, the State LOP attempted to justify the 204 charge.

Story #3. The State LOP office stated Mr. Deaner, head of the UST FUND, initiated a call to Mr. Smith. They said Mr. Deaner had a concern over the tanks not being removed and the site being out of compliance. Unfortunately, the reasoning attributed to Mr. Deaner is implausible. The tanks came out on December 7, 1993 and Mr. Deaner wrote to the Claimant on December 17, 1993 to notify them of their eligibility for UST FUND reimbursements. The Claimant received the first reimbursement in June 1994.

Story #4. The San Francisco Bay Regional Board on July 18, 1997 responded to the Claimant's appeal by stating "the fund manager was in contact with Regional Board staff during that timeframe discussing the same issues, ..." The Regional Board's reply is curious since it had no direct oversight involvement during the period in question.

Story #5. The Water Board's Executive Director stated on May 24, 1999 the reason for Mr. Deaner's call to Mr. Smith on October 3, 1994 was to determine whether the tanks were permitted prior to removal. There is no reimbursement for unpermitted tanks unless otherwise excused. See 23 CCR 2811 (a) (2) (A). The Executive Director also stated Mr. Deaner was concerned over the eligibility of the Claimant for UST FUND reimbursements.

This last story scrapes the bottom of the barrel to justify the County's phony billing. The UST FUND would not approve a reimbursement claim if the claimant could not provide proof of holding a UST permit on January 1, 1990 or explain the circumstances why a permit was not obtained. The UST FUND's application form specifically asked the question. The Claimant did not have a permit on January 1, 1990 and provided the explanation with the application.

On January 16, 1992, the Claimant stated in Section IX-C of the application the following:

"Claimants Alvin H. Bacharach and Barbara Jean Borsuk have never operated the garage or the underground storage tanks. They were informed by the previous tenant, Douglas Motor Services, that Douglas had obtained the necessary permits for the underground tanks. Claimant received a Statement from Alameda County for funds due October 26, 1990, and were subsequently advised by Paul Smith of the Alameda County Health Services Agency that these funds were permit fees for the tanks. Claimants paid the fees but never received a permit.

In these circumstances, it was beyond claimants' reasonable control for them to obtain a permit, or to apply for a permit, by January 1, 1990. It would be

unreasonable and inequitable to require claimant to have obtained a permit, or to have applied for a permit by January 1, 1990, when they had no knowledge until October, 1990, that a permit was necessary for tanks no longer in use. When claimants learned that a permit was necessary, they paid the fee for it."

On December 17, 1993, almost two years later, after carefully vetting the Claimant's application, the UST FUND issued a "Letter of Commitment" to begin reimbursing the claim. During that time, the UST FUND never contacted the Claimant over the permit issue. Furthermore, in June 1994, the UST FUND paid the first reimbursement to the Claimant. Thus, the UST FUND had two and one half years to resolve any permit question, but never did. The reason for the silence was the UST FUND's acceptance of the Claimant's explanation for not having a permit on January 1, 1990. Many other claimants were in the same position.

The Executive Officer's story does not hold water. Is the Board to believe Mr. Deaner still had questions in October 1994 after the Claimant had made it through UST FUND's exacting review process to weed out false claims? Even if Mr. Deaner had a concern, why with thousands of claims to manage would he personally become involved with this claim? Furthermore, if there was a permit question, why was it not raised in the application review or before the first payment? The Claimant's petition challenges the bureaucracy's veracity and the cover-up of false billings. The Claimant raises a substantial issue for the Board to review.

#### First Issue — Relief Requested.

The Claimant requests the Board to reverse the Executive Officer's decision and deduct the \$62.44 charge from the Alameda County LOP bill.

#### Second Issue — Unwarranted Billing.

The Claimant challenges the appropriateness of the Alameda County LOP in issuing a "Notice of Violation" in January 1995 and charging the Claimant \$121.20. The Claimant believes the County acted recklessly in issuing the notice.

The record shows the Claimant sought to install two additional monitoring wells in March 1994 and the County gave its approval in April. The Claimant began sampling the three wells in the third quarter of 1994 (August 1) and on September 1, the Third Quarter Report was submitted to the County. On December 21, the fourth quarter sampling took place. The Fourth Quarter Report was sent to the County on January 23, 1995.

The Executive Director's attempt to insinuate a pattern of non-compliance leading to a "Notice of Violation" is totally misleading and is not supported by the record. Instead, there is a clear pattern of compliance to ensure the County would receive complete information from the site's characterization. The only monitoring schedule slippage, if any, occurred early in 1994 as the Claimant's consultant and the County delineated the site's characterization. The Claimant raises a substantial issue for the Board to review.

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#### Third Issue — No Investigation of Alameda County's False, Excessive and Unnecessary Billing Practices.

The Executive Director attempts to sabotage the Claimant's request to investigate Alameda County by stating the State Controller found no "serious" audit problems with the program or billing practices. That

may be true between the LOP and the State because the audit's focus was on tracking the "...allowability of cost claimed for reimbursement..." from the Water Board. See second page of the Auditor's report.

What the auditors did not examine was the underlying transactions between County agencies like the LOP and DA or between the County and responsible parties, like the Claimant. The audit stated, "...it would have been inefficient to evaluate the effectiveness of the internal control structure." See page two of the Auditor's report. The false, excessive and unnecessary billings are the result of an inefficient internal control structure.

Instead of exonerating Alameda County, the audit raises a red flag over the underlying practices and what was swept under the rug. Lest the Board forget, it had ample warning about corruption and gross incompetence at Los Angeles Regional Board but failed to stop the rot. The Claimant raises a substantial issue for the Board to review.

#### Third Issue — Relief Requested.

The Claimant requests the Board to have an independent audit of the Alameda County LOP program from FY 1990 to 1996. The purpose of the audit is to test for excessive, fraudulent and unnecessary billing of responsible parties by County regulators, and false, excessive and unnecessary billing regarding UST matters between the DA's office and the County Health Services Agency operating the LOP.

### Fourth Issue - Suspension of Further Oversight Payments.

The Claimant requests the Board to continue suspension of the oversight payments. Although the UST FUND reimburses claimants for LOP oversight costs, the Board's continuing suspension of payment serves notice on Alameda County that their billing practices are under scrutiny. The Claimant raises a substantial issue for the Board to review.

#### Fourth Issue — Relief Requested.

The Claimant requests the continued suspension of LOP payments.

Finally, the Board should know the UST FUND will now pay all the costs of complying with the County's excessive, unnecessary and extra work done at the site. It has taken four years to vindicate the Claimant. The UST FUND's decision to reimburse for past wrongs supports the Claimant's contentions on appeal.

If the Board requires additional documentation or information, please contact me.

Sincerely yours, Mark Borsuk

cc:

Winston H. Hickox-Secretary for Environmental. Protection Mary Jane Forster-Vice Chair John W. Brown-Board Member Arthur G. Baggett, Jr.-Board Member Walt Pettit-Executive Director Dorothy Jones-Staff Counsel Stephen Morse-San Francisco Bay Regional Board Tom Peacock-ACHCSA Hans Herb. Esg.

## Peacock, Tom, Public Health, EH

From:	Lori Casias[SMTP:casiasl@gwgate.swrcb.ca.gov]
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Subject:	Bacharach/Borsuk

I thought you might be interested to know that Pettit signed the dismissal letter dismissing the LOP petition submitted by Mark Borsuk on 8/25/96 on behalf of his mother. The charges petitioned totalled a whopping \$183.44. Another example of taxpayer dollars being used wisely!

Lori



Winston H. Hickox Secretary for Environmental Protection

## State Water Resources Contro Board

### **Executive Office**

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## **CERTIFIED MAIL**

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Mr. Mark Borsuk Attorney at Law 1626 Vallejo Street San Francisco, CA 94123-5116

Dear Mr. Borsuk:

## PETITION OF ALVIN H. BACHARACH AND BARBARA J. BORSUK TRUST: DISMISSAL SWRCB/CWP FILE P96-175 (LOP SITE 498)

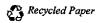
The above-entitled petition has been forwarded to me for further action. The petition asks the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to (1) reverse Alameda County (County) Underground Storage Tank Local Agency Oversight (USTLOP) charges in the amount of \$183.44, (2) investigate the County USTLOP, (3) transfer site 498 to the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board), and (4) suspend any further USTLOP payments by petitioners until the allegations in the petition have been investigate

Review of the petition is complete. This review indicates that the petition fails to raise substantial issues that are appropriate for review by the State Water Board. Accordingly, the petition is dismissed as of this date. (See State Water Board Resolution 88-23, Attachment 22 section (2)(E); *People* v. *Barry* (1987) 194 Cal.App.3d 158 [239 Cal.Rptr. 349.])

## **OVERSIGHT CHARGES**

As you have previously been informed, the State Water Board's USTLOP staff has investigated the charges in question and concluded that they were reasonable, necessary, and properly billed. The \$62.44 charge billed to petitioners which was dated October 3, 1994, was associated with a telephone conversation between Mr. Dave Deaner, manager of the State Water Board's Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund (Cleanup Fund) and Tom Peacock and Paul Smith of the County USTLOP. Mr. Deaner initiated the call because his records indicated that prior to tank removal, the tanks had not been permitted, and he was concerned about eligibility requirements that provide that a responsible party must be in compliance with the applicable

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provisions of Chapters 6.7 and 6.75 of the Health and Safety Code before that party can receive funds from the Cleanup Fund.

The \$121.20 charge dated November 15 and 16, 1994, was associated with two conversations between Gil Jensen, formerly with the Alameda County District Attorney's Office and County USTLOP staff. The County required petitioners to submit quarterly monitoring reports for this site and only one monitoring report had been submitted in the four quarters following tank removal. The County USTLOP staff was seeking advice from Mr. Jensen about options to ensure that the monitoring reports would be submitted in accordance with the required schedule. As you know, a notice of violation to petitioners for failure to submit the required reports was issued by the County on January 26, 1995.

## INVESTIGATION OF ALAMEDA COUNTY USTLOP

As part of normal USTLOP administration, the County USTLOP was audited by the State Controller. The audit found no serious problems with the County USTLOP or its billing practices. A copy of that audit has previously been provided to you.

## TRANSFER OVERSIGHT RESPONSIBILITY TO SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGIONAL WATER BOARD

California Health and Safety Code section 25262 provides a method for responsible parties at a release site to request designation of an agency to oversee cleanup at the site. It is my understanding that State Water Board USTLOP staff have previously informed you of this process.

## SUSPENSION OF FURTHER OVERSIGHT PAYMENTS

As noted above, the State Water Board will not take any further action on your petition. Therefore there is no need to suspend further oversight payments. Our records show that \$5,225.75 is due and payable to the State Water Board for local agency oversight charges for this site through October 31, 1996. As you are no doubt aware, the USTLOP is not billing responsible parties for local agency oversight costs incurred after December 31, 1996.

The State Water Board's petition procedures provide that if the State Water Board does not act on a petition within 270 days after receipt, the petition shall be deemed denied. The State Water Board did not take action on this petition within this time period. Although the State Water Board could consider this petition on its own motion, extending the date for review in this manner is unnecessary because the petition does not raise issues which are appropriate or which require review by the State Water Board.

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If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Ms. Dorothy Jones, Staff Counsel, in the Office of Chief Counsel, at (916) 227-4421.

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