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December 10, 2001

Mr. Marc McGinn  
Albany Fire Department  
1000 San Pablo Avenue  
Albany, CA 94706

**RE: Additional Investigations at 1001 Marin Ave, Albany, CA**

Dear Mr. McGinn:

In March 19, 1999, this Agency sent a letter (see enclosure) approving a work plan for the advancement of a soil boring to delineate the extent of MTBE at the site. As of the date of this letter we have not received communication from the City of Albany that this work has been or will be done.

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, the City of Albany, as the responsible party is 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.

At this time, I recommend that you obtain an environmental consultant to prepare a site conceptual model that will determine if any sensitive receptors are likely to be impacted by the former fuel release. If there are no sensitive receptors, I will review the case for closure.

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

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Hazardous Materials Specialist

email: James Gribi

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March 19, 1999

Mr. Ray Barker  
City of Albany Fire Department  
1000 San Pablo Avenue  
Albany, CA 94706

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**RE: Workplan Approval for an Additional Boring at 1001 Marin Avenue,  
Albany, CA**

Dear Mr. Barker:

I have completed review of Gribi Associates' (Gribi) March 1999 *Report of Soil and Groundwater Investigation and Workplan to Drill One Additional Soil Boring* prepared for the above referenced site. Recent investigation at the site included the advancement of two soil borings adjacent to the former gasoline UST. Soil samples collected from the borings did not contain significant levels of hydrocarbons. However, the grab groundwater sample from boring IB-2 contained 760ppb TPHg and 320ppb MTBE.

In order to determine if the MTBE plume is widespread, Gribi proposes to advance one additional boring 20 to 30' west of boring IB-2. One soil and one grab groundwater sample will be collected. The samples will be analyzed for TPHg, BTEX, and MTBE. Positive MTBE results will be confirmed using EPA Method 8260. This proposal is acceptable and field work should commence within 60 days of the date of this letter, or by **May 21, 1999**. Please notify this office at least 72 hours prior to the start of field activities.

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

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Hazardous Materials Specialist

c: James Gribi  
Gribi Associates  
1350 Hayes Street, Suite C-14  
Benicia, CA 94510

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January 6, 1999

Mr. Ray Barker  
City of Albany Fire Department  
1000 San Pablo Ave  
Albany CA 94706

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**RE: Workplan Approval for 1001 Marin Ave, Albany, CA**

Dear Mr. Barker:

I have completed review of Gribi Associates' January 1999 *Workplan to Conduct Soil Boring Investigation* prepared for the above referenced site. The proposal to advance two hand-augured borings in the vicinity of the former gasoline UST and collect soil and water samples is acceptable. All samples will be analyzed for TPHg, BTEX, and MTBE. Positive MTBE results will be confirmed using US EPA Method 8260.

Field activities should commence within 60 days of the date of this letter. Please notify this office at least 72 hours prior to the start of field work. If you have any questions, I can be reached at (510) 567-6762.

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May 12, 1998

Mr. Ray Barker  
City of Albany, Fire Department  
1000 San Pablo Ave  
Albany, C A, 94706

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

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RE: PSA for 1001 Marin Ave, Albany, CA

Dear Mr. Barker:

Thank you for the analytical results of soil and groundwater samples collected when two underground storage tanks (USTs) were removed from the above referenced site in April 1998. The grab groundwater sample, which was collected from the gasoline tank pit, contained up to 4,000 parts per billion total petroleum hydrocarbons as gasoline (ppb TPHg), 70 ppb benzene and 380 ppb MTBE. It appears an unauthorized release of fuel products has occurred at the site.

At this time additional investigations are required to determine the severity and extent of soil and groundwater contamination beneath the site. 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.

In order to proceed with this site investigation, you should obtain the professional services of a reputable environmental consultant. Your responsibility is to have the consultant submit for review a proposal outlining planned activities for the collection of soil and groundwater samples in the vicinity of the former gasoline UST. The workplan is due within 60 days of the date of this letter, or by **July 13, 1998**.

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

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Hazardous Materials Specialist

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BARBARA A. SHARID, Assistant Agency Director

December 28, 1993

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Albany Fire Department  
1001 Marin Ave.  
Albany, 94706  
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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH  
Hazardous Materials Division  
80 Swan Way, Rm. 200  
Oakland, CA 94621  
(510) 271-4320

**Re: FIVE-YEAR PERMITS FOR OPERATION OF UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK(S)  
1001 Marin Ave. Albany, 94706**

Dear Owner/Operator:

According to our records your facility referenced above has not received a five-year permit to operate UST's. In order to obtain a permit you must complete the following items marked below and return them within 30 DAYS. The necessary forms are enclosed. You may complete a "Consolidated Underground Tank Management Plan" which will assist you in preparing a monitoring plan, site plot plan and spill response plan for your tank(s). If supplemental information or forms are required, please submit it to this office with the completed questionnaire and application forms:

- \_\_\_ 1. An accurate and complete plot plan.
- \_\_\_ 2. A written spill response plan. (enclosed)
- \_\_\_ 3. A written tank monitoring plan. (enclosed)
- \_\_\_ 4. Results of precision tank test(s), (initial and annual).
- \_\_\_ 5. Results of precision pipeline leak detector tests (initial and annual).
- \_\_\_ 6. Complete UST PERMIT FORM A-one per facility. (enclosed)
- \_\_\_ 7. Complete UST PERMIT FORM B-one per tank. (enclosed)
- \_\_\_ 8. Complete UST PERMIT FORM C-one per tank if information is available. (enclosed)
- \_\_\_ 9. Letter stating how the tank is to be maintained during one year closure.

Be advised that Title 23 of the California Code of Regulation prohibits the operation of "ANY" UST without a permit. If our records are in error, you must contact this office immediately TO AVOID POSSIBLE ENFORCEMENT ACTION. Please feel free to contact this office at (510) 271-4320; to answer any questions which may arise in completing the mandatory five-year permit process. Be prepared to provide your zip code to speak with the Hazmat Specialist handling your case.

Sincerely,

*Cynthia Manji for LARRY SETO.*

LARRY SETO  
Sr HazMat Specialist

c: Edgar Howell, Chief, Hazardous Materials Div. (files)