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Subject: Former Sutta Recycling site, 3401 Wood Street, Oakland, CA  
Case number RO0000347

Dear Ms. Jakub:

Alameda County Environmental Health Services has requested monitoring well-related information on the subject site that once included a diesel underground storage tank (UST). The property was purchased by the state in 1994 for construction of the relocated Cypress Freeway (Interstate 880), the original freeway having collapsed during the 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake. The UST had been removed by the previous property owner in 1991. The state investigated the site's subsurface and also installed three monitoring wells around the former UST location in May 1995. Three monitoring well sampling events were completed in 1995 (May 12, June 29, and October 24). During that time the only detected fuel hydrocarbons were found during the October event: diesel constituents at fairly low levels in all three wells, TPH-D less than or equal to 0.4 mg/L.

It was shortly after 1995 that freeway construction began on the site, and the wells were damaged and lost. At least one of them was likely removed entirely by the excavation for a bridge column and its footing. Efforts by this office (surveying, metal detection, hand-tool digging) to find the wells in 2009, catalyzed by the information requests from your office, resulted in no sign of any well elements. Given the very low probability of finding the wells' remains and the area's lack of shallow groundwater resource sensitivity, it is proposed that your agency remove this site from any further monitoring and reporting requirements.

Please feel free to contact me at (510) 286-5647 or [chris.wilson@dot.ca.gov](mailto:chris.wilson@dot.ca.gov) if have any questions or would like more information. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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