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SUBJECT: Shell Station, Hopyard and Las Positas, Pleasanton

I spoke with Rick Mueller of the City of Pleasanton Fire Department approximately 2-3 weeks ago; he informed me that a monitoring well at the site had come up with 16,000 PPB of Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons. I told him that I could not respond immediately to the situation, but that I would do so in the near future when we speak to Stan Roller of Shell regarding Shell's approach to fuel leaks in the Bay Area. Preparation for meetings with the oil companies includes extensive case review for sites in sensitive areas, of which Pleasanton is one.

I spoke with Rick again regarding this site this morning. He said that he has also alerted: 1) the field services engineer (Bill Wilkins: 847-8064) for the city, and 2) Zone 7. I then called Craig Mayfield at Zone 7 (464-2600), who requested information on the status of other fuel leak sites, and suggested that I speak with Uldis Kapostas, who referred me to Mitch Baker (447-6704).

Before calling Mitch, I called Bill Wilkins. He informed me that the city of Pleasanton contracts for a fixed amount of surface water from Zone 7, and that additional demand is met using groundwater from Zone 7 and city wells. He has ordered the shutdown of the city's well #7 in order to minimize the possibility of drawing the plume towards it; he is also having the well sampled. He said that he can go about 30 days before he needs to use the well again for water supply. He also said that they have had complaints from customers in the past concerning a petroleum odor in the water. Well #7 is reportedly in the vicinity of Zone 7's Hopyard wells (see map); Bill is going to call me back with information on the exact location of this and other city wells. Well #7 is approximately 1/2 mile from the Shell station, and has a screened interval beginning at 485 feet.

I next called Mitch Baker of Zone 7, who said that their supply wells are not in use at this time, and will not be used until the summer. I advised him that all wells should be sampled for BTEX using EPA 602, and possible gasoline, with an appropriate standard, using EPA 8015.

