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March 26, 2014

Elsie M. Williams Trust 4320 Bond Street Oakland, CA 94601

Subject: Fuel Leak Case No. RO0000415 and GeoTracker Global ID T0600101065, 4411 Foothill Boulevard, Oakland, CA 94601

Dear Elsie Williams Trust:

Under the direction of this office, Shell Oil Products US is conducting an environmental investigation for a property located at 4411 Foothill Boulevard in Oakland. A fuel leak from a former service station at 4411 Foothill Boulevard has resulted in soil and groundwater contamination in the area of the site. The extent of the soil and groundwater contamination is not fully defined but may extend to your property at 4320 Bond Street. Alameda County Environmental Health (ACEH) is requiring Shell Oil Products US to characterize the extent of contamination from their site and to evaluate any potential health risks from the contamination.

A gasoline shortage was discovered at the Shell service station in April 1958. It was determined that a piping leak released fuel into the soil in the vicinity of the underground storage tanks. According to historic documents for the site, gasoline was found in an irrigation well at your property at 4320 Bond Street around 1958. The property owner at that time, Tony Alves, Jr., allowed Shell to pump gasoline out of the well several times and he agreed to temporarily suspend the use of the well.

We have no information on the current status of this well. Therefore, we are requesting your assistance in providing information as to whether the irrigation well still exists at your property and whether it is still used. If so, the well should be sampled for petroleum hydrocarbons in order to assess whether the well is a receptor for contamination from the former service station. We ask that you either send me an electronic mail message at jerry.wickham@acgov.org, call me at 510-567-6719, or send me a message by U.S. Mail to let us know whether an irrigation well still exists and whether it is used at your property. If the well was destroyed or removed, any information on when and how the well was destroyed would be useful. We would also like to know whether your house has a basement or sump, the depth of those features below ground surface, and type of floor in the basement. This information is helpful in assessing how your property could potentially be affected by subsurface contamination. Thank you in advance for assisting in this effort.

If you have any questions, please call me at 510-567-6791 or send me an electronic mail message at <u>jerry.wickham@acgov.org</u>. Online case files can be viewed over the Internet on the Alameda County Environmental Health website (<u>http://www.acgov.org/aceh/lop/ust.htm</u>) or the State of California Water Resources Control Board GeoTracker website (<u>http://geotracker.swrcb.ca.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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