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STID 2363

Mr. Mike Dingman
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RE: VALLEY CREST LANDSCAPING, 7043 COMMERCE CIRCLE, PLEASANTON,
ALAMEDA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Dear Mr. Dingman:

In correspondence from this office dated March 11, 1996, you were requested to submit: 1) a completed *Underground Storage Tank Unauthorized Release (Leak) / Contamination Site Report* (ULR) on the provided form; and, 2) a soil and water investigation (SWI) work plan pursuant to provisions of Section 2720 et seq. of Article 11, Title 23, California Code of Regulations (CCR). Both the ULR and SWI work plan were due within 90 days, or by June 10, 1996. To date, neither have been received.

Please be advised that you are currently in violation of several provisions of 23CCR and California Health and Safety Code (HSC) for failure to submit the requested work plan within the prescribed time frame. Please be further advised that HSC Section 25299(b) provides for civil penalties of up to \$5000 per tank for each day of violation upon conviction.

At this time, pursuant to HSC Sections 25299.37(c)(1) and 25299.78(b), and 23CCR Section 2652(c), you are directed to submit the SWI work plan and completed ULR within 15 days of the date of this letter.

Please contact the undersigned at 510/567-6783 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,


Scott O. Seery, CHMM
Senior Hazardous Materials Specialist

cc: Mee Ling Tung, Agency Director
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William Halvorsen, Pleasanton Fire Department

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Dear Mr. Dingman:

This agency is in receipt and has completed review of the September 1992 Applied Environmental Solutions, Inc. (AES) report documenting the 1992 removal of four underground storage tanks (UST) from the subject site. This report was only just recently submitted to the Pleasanton Fire Department (PFD) under Environmental Industries, Inc. cover dated February 22, 1996. Because a noteworthy release of fuel hydrocarbons was reportedly identified during UST closure activities, the PFD has referred this case to this agency for continued oversight. A summary of the salient facts in this case and the basis for requesting additional environmental assessment work follows.

It is reported that four (4) fuel USTs were removed from the subject site between March 30 and April 9, 1992 by AES, an environmental contractor based in San Jose, California. Three of the tanks were reportedly clustered in a common excavation ("Pit 1"). The fourth tank was removed from a separate excavation ("Pit 2") located some distance from Pit 1. All tanks were reportedly of single-wall steel construction and ranged from 2000 to 10,000 gallons in capacity.

Although AES reports that all USTs and appurtenances appeared to be sound, product staining and odor were identified in soils encountered in both UST excavations and piping trench. Shallow ground water was encountered in both excavations at an approximate depth of 8 feet below grade (BG).

Initial soil samples collected from excavation sidewalls and product piping trench revealed the presence of elevated concentrations of fuel hydrocarbons (Example: 4800 parts per million [ppm] total petroleum hydrocarbons as gasoline [TPH-G] and 18 ppm benzene - sample 2PL-3, collected below the dispenser island near Pit 2). Residual fuel concentrations were reportedly

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reduced in samples collected after overexcavation of both tank pits, product line trench and dispenser area. Ground water was shown, however, to be impacted in samples collected from both UST excavations.

Please be advised that as a result of the confirmed release of product from the UST system at this site, certain tasks must be completed at this time. First, an *Underground Storage Tank Unauthorized Release (Leak) / Contamination Site Report* must be completed and submitted to this office within 7 working days. A copy of this form is enclosed with this letter for this purpose. Second, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), San Francisco Bay region, and provisions of Article 11, *Corrective Action Requirements*, Title 23, California Code of Regulations (CCR), require additional environmental investigations to be performed when releases are discovered.

The investigation which follows a confirmed release as documented at your site is in the form of a **Soil and Water Investigation**, or SWI. The information gathered by the SWI will be used to determine the lateral and vertical extent of the release, and whether any further assessment or cleanup are warranted. The SWI must be conducted in accordance with the RWQCB Staff Recommendations for the Initial Evaluation and Investigation of Underground Tanks, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Leaking Underground Fuel Tank (LUFT) Field Manual, and Article 11 of 23 CCR.

In order to proceed with a SWI, you should obtain the professional services of a reputable environmental consultant. Your responsibility is to have the consultant you select submit a SWI work plan to this agency for review which presents planned activities pertinent to meeting the criteria described in the referenced guidance documents. These criteria are broadly outlined in the RWQCB **Appendix A**, also enclosed.

The SWI work plan is due within 90 days of the date of this letter. Work should commence no later than 60 days following work plan approval. A report must be submitted within 60 days of the completion of field activities associated with this phase of work at the site. Subsequent reports are to be submitted **quarterly** until this site qualifies for final case closure.

The referenced initial and quarterly reports must describe the status of the investigation and include, among other elements, the following:

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- o Details and results of all work performed during the designated reporting period: records of field observations and data, boring and well construction logs, water level data, chain-of-custody forms, laboratory results for all samples collected and analyzed (including QA/QC data), tabulations of free product thicknesses and dissolved fractions, etc.
- o Status of ground water contamination characterization
- o Interpretation of results: water level contour maps showing gradients, free and dissolved plume definition maps for each target compound, geologic cross sections, etc.
- o Recommendations for additional work

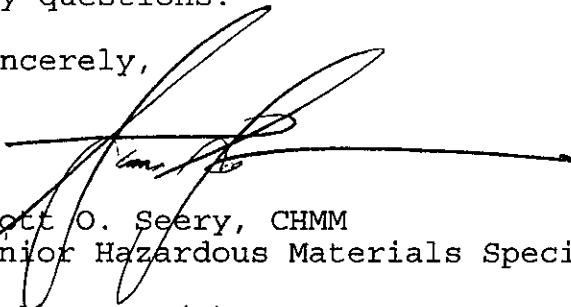
All reports and proposals are to be submitted under seal of a California-registered geologist or civil engineer with the appropriate environmental background. Include a statement of qualifications for lead professionals involved with the project.

Please be advised that this letter constitutes an official request for technical reports pursuant to California Water Code Section 13267(b).

For your information, as a result of SB2004, the Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund (Fund) was created to assist eligible owners and operators of leaking USTs with their efforts to assess and perform corrective action. The SWRCB manages the Fund. You are encouraged to contact the SWRCB Fund office at (916) 227-4529 about the process or to request an application to access these monies.

Please feel free to contact me at (510) 567-6783 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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