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December 29, 1997

Susan Spencer
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RE: **Workplan for Preliminary Soil and Groundwater Investigation**
U C Gill Tract (our site # 6529)
1050 San Pablo Av., Albany CA 94710

Dear Ms. Spencer:

I have reviewed the Soil and Water Investigation submitted by Brown and Caldwell. The workplan proposes advancement of three soil borings to the west, north-west and south west of the former tanks, with analysis of soil and groundwater samples from each. The proposal is acceptable to this Office and work can begin at any time, but no longer than 60 days from the date of this letter. A report must be submitted within 45 days of the completion of this phase of the work.

You may contact me with any questions at (510)567-6770.

Sincerely,

Pamela J. Evans
Senior Hazardous Materials Specialist

c: Lenard D. Long, Brown and Caldwell, P.O. Box 8045, Walnut Creek CA 94596-1220

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RE: **Benzene Contamination of Soil and Groundwater**
U C Gill Tract (our site # 6529)
1050 San Pablo Av., Albany CA 94710

Dear Ms. Spencer:

In August of 1997, two tanks were removed at the Gill Tract. Soil and groundwater sampling done then show that benzene was present at levels up to 3 ppm in remaining soil and up to 1200 ppb in groundwater. These levels exceed human health protective levels given in the Tier I Table of the ASTM Risk-Based Corrective Action Guidelines (E 1739-95).

At this time, additional investigation is required to define the extent and severity of the release. The investigation shall be in the form of a Soil and Water Investigation, or SWI. The information gathered through the SWI will be used to choose an appropriate course of action to remediate the site, if deemed necessary. The SWI must be done in accordance with the Regional Water Quality Control Board (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 the SWI are summarized in the enclosed Appendix A.

The SWI proposal is due **within 45 days** of the date of this letter (**by December 11, 1997**). Once the proposal is approved, field work should commence within 60 days. A report must be submitted within 45 days after the completion of this phase of work at the site. Subsequent reports are to be submitted quarterly until this site qualifies for RWQCB "sign off." All reports and proposals must be submitted under seal of a California Registered Geologist, Certified Engineering Geologist, or Registered Civil Engineer.

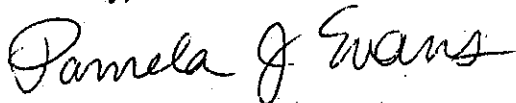
Please be advised that this is a formal request for technical reports pursuant to Title 23, CCR, Section 2722(c). Any extensions of the stated deadlines, or modifications of the required tasks, must be requested in writing and agreed to by this agency.

Susan Spencer
UC Berkeley - Gill Tract
October 27, 1997
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Please note that this Office has not received the full closure report for the tank removal. Please forward a copy of the report to my attention as soon as possible, along with copies of the A and B permit application forms. These forms should have been submitted along with the original closure plan, but are not in our files.

I have assumed responsibility for case oversight from Eva Chu. Please contact me at (510) 567-6770 with any questions.

Sincerely,



Pamela J. Evans
Senior Hazardous Materials Specialist

Enclosure
Appendix A

c: Gordon Coleman, Alameda County Environmental Health Services