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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Clean Water Programs
UST Local Oversight Program
80 Swan Way, Rm 200
Oakland, CA 94621
(510) 271-4530

February 1, 1993
STID 429

Bill Martini
Martini Company
3669 Grand Ave.
Oakland, CA 94610

RE: 3509 Grand Ave., Oakland, CA 94610

Dear Bill Martini:

This office has received and reviewed a report in which well monitoring is requested to cease and site closure is inferred. This was by ATT in January 1993. This office has reviewed other documents concerning the above site. The following comments are to be considered:

1. A letter of recommendation for case closure should be submitted where the items listed in the attached outline are discussed and all necessary information is presented.
2. The last report only answers selected questions rather than giving a complete summary. This outline needs to be followed so that the Regional Board can also see enough information to close the site.

Enclosed is the format the Regional Board would like followed for site closure. If you have any questions, please contact this office at (510) 271-4530.

Sincerely,

Thomas Peacock, Supervising HMS
Hazardous Material Division

cc: Richard Hiett, RWQCB
Edgar Howell, Chief - files
Stanley Pillar, Stanley Pillar & Assoc., 3351 Grand
Ave., Oakland, CA 94610
Terry Carter, ATT, 2950 Buskirk Ave., Suite 120, Walnut
Creek, CA 94596
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August 6, 1992

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Stanley Pillar
Stanley Pillar & Assoc.
3351 Grand Av.
Oakland CA 94610

Re: Taymuree Foreign Auto Center
3509 Grand Av.
Oakland CA 94610

Dear Mr. Martini & Mr. Pillar,

The case file for the above referenced site has been reassigned to Jennifer Eberle, Hazardous Materials Specialist. Please forward future correspondence to her attention.

Laboratory results for the sampling of groundwater monitoring well MW-1 for January and May 1992 were received in this office on July 14th and 21st, 1992. It was learned that quarterly groundwater monitoring reports were not prepared for these sampling events, as per a telephone conversation between J. Eberle of this office and Terry Carter of Aqua Terra Technologies (ATT) on 8/6/92. It was also learned that groundwater flow direction was not determined. Therefore, the analytical results are of limited value in recommending case closure for this site. This office required the installation of one well **on the condition** that groundwater flow direction could be verified in the immediate vicinity of the site, as per a letter to Bill Martini from Gil Wistar of our office, dated 3/1/90.

Therefore, we request that you submit a quarterly groundwater monitoring report with the next quarterly sampling which includes groundwater flow direction data. If you cannot obtain such data from a site **in the immediate vicinity**, you will be required to install two more monitoring wells in a triangular fashion with the first well to obtain this information. This request is consistent with the requirements in our letter dated 3/1/90. We also request that the quarterly report include a map which locates the nearby wells, if this is the case.

All work associated with this site should adhere to the Tri-Regional Board Staff Recommendations for Preliminary Evaluation and Investigation of Underground Storage Tank Sites, revised 8/10/90.

Bill Martini
Stanley Pillar
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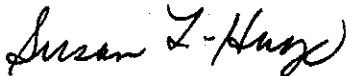
We expect that you begin groundwater flow direction determinations **within 45 days** of the date of this letter, or by **September 21, 1992**.

All reports and proposals must be submitted **under seal** of a California-Registered Geologist, -Certified Engineering Geologist, or -Registered Civil Engineer. All proposals, reports, and analytical results pertaining to this investigation and remediation must be sent both to our office and to:

Rich Hiett
RWQCB, San Francisco Bay Region
2101 Webster St., Suite 500
Oakland CA 94612

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Eberle at 510-271-4320.

Sincerely,



Susan Hugo
Senior Hazardous Materials Specialist

cc: Terry Carter, ATT, 2950 Buskirk Av., Suite 120, Walnut Creek CA
94596
Rich Hiett, RWQCB
Ed Howell/File

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
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(415)

Mr. Tom Nixon
SLCU - Law Department
Traveler's Companies
19800 Mac Arthur Blvd.
Brinderson Towers I, Suite 1210
Irvine, CA 92715

Subject: Site Search - Taymuree Foreign Auto Center, 3509 Grand Avenue, Oakland, CA 94610

Dear Mr. Nixon:

The Alameda County Department of Environmental Health, Hazardous Materials Division, has researched the files of Taymuree Foreign Auto Center for the information requested in your letter dated May 3, 1991.

The following is a summary of our findings:
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Our records further indicate the presence of two underground storage tanks in front of said address. These tanks have not been in recent use and are not currently permitted. Consequently, the owner has been asked to remove these tanks.

To date, no remediation activities have been initiated. A California Hazardous Material Incident Report has been filed with the State Office of Emergency Services for distribution. Copies of this report and other pertinent information are attached with this letter.

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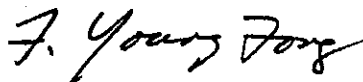
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Re: 3509 Grand Avenue, Oakland, CA
July 1, 1991
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You will be billed for the provision of this service. Please find enclosed a copy of the invoice sent to our billing unit.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Paul Smith or myself at (415) 271-4320.

Very truly yours,



F. Young Fong
Environmental Health Specialist

FY:sms

Enclosures

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Oakland, CA 94621
(415)

November 26, 1990

Taymuree Foreign Auto Service
3509 Grand Ave.
Oakland, CA 94610
Attn: Property Owner

Dear Property Owner:

Our records indicate that your project has depleted the deposit submitted to Alameda County Hazardous Materials Division for the site located at 3509 Grand Ave., Oakland. Prior to any further activity at this site, an additional deposit must be received by this office in the amount of \$300.00.

If you have any questions, please contact Gil Wistar at (415) 271-4320.

Sincerely,

Edgar B. Howell III, Chief
Hazardous Materials Division

EH:mam

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September 6, 1990

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
Hazardous Materials Program
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Oakland, CA 94621
(415)

Mr. Richard Jones
Pacific Gas & Electric Co.
Electric Transmission and Distribution
4801 Oakport St.
Oakland, CA 94601

Re: Contamination in open trench in front of 3509 Grand Ave.,
Oakland

Dear Mr. Jones:

This letter is a follow-up to a conversation this morning about PG&E's work installing utilities at the above location. As you know, hydrocarbon contamination from old fuel tanks has hampered work on this section of Grand Ave. for nearly 10 months; the tanks have been removed, and as much as possible of the contaminated soil has been excavated. However, not all of the dirty soil could be removed from this trench, due to the numerous utility lines in this area, as well as the need to maintain the structural integrity of the roadbed on one side of the trench and the building at 3509 Grand Ave. on the other side.

This office therefore acknowledges that some contaminated soil may have to be left in place; any migration of hydrocarbons from this soil to the groundwater will be monitored on an ongoing basis via monitoring wells, once the trench has been backfilled. Because the residual fuel components in the soil leaked from the tanks many years ago, they are not volatile and should pose no health threat to workers who avoid handling the soil without dermal protection.

This office is not requiring further soil excavation and will permit PG&E to lay utility cables and backfill the trench adjacent to 3509 Grand Ave. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact the undersigned at 271-4320.

Sincerely,

Gil Wistar
Hazardous Materials Specialist

cc: Bill Martini (3669 Grand Ave., Oakland, CA 94610)
Stanley Piller (3351 Grand Ave., Oakland, CA 94610)
Rafat Shahid, Asst. Agency Director, Environmental Health
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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
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Oakland, CA 94621
(415)

May 8, 1990

Mr. Stanley Piller
Stanley Piller & Assoc.
3351 Grand Ave.
Oakland, CA 94610

Dear Mr. Piller:

As I discussed over the phone today with Bill Martini, the Alameda County Department of Environmental Health, Hazardous Materials Division has exhausted its deposit for the oversight of remediation at 3509 Grand Ave. Please submit an additional deposit of \$300, made payable to Alameda County, for our continued oversight of this case. We will draw upon these funds at a given hourly rate whenever a Hazardous Materials Specialist works on the case.

If you have any questions about the Division's deposit/refund system, please contact the undersigned at 271-4320.

Sincerely,

Gil Wistar
Hazardous Materials Specialist

cc: Rafat A. Shahid, Asst. Agency Director, Environmental Health files

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HAZARDOUS MATERIALS PROG.
80 SWAN WAY, SUITE 200
OAKLAND, CA 94621
430-4530

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March 1, 1990

Telephone Number: (415)

Mr. Bill Martini
Martini Company
3669 Grand Ave.
Oakland, CA 94610

**Re: Unauthorized release from underground storage tank(s),
sidewalk in front of 3509 Grand Ave., Oakland**

Dear Mr. Martini:

As you know, on January 30 and February 1, 1990, the Alameda County Department of Environmental Health, Hazardous Materials Division witnessed the removal of two underground storage tanks from the above location. Analytical results of soil samples taken from the bottom of the tank pit and from the excavated soil indicate hydrocarbon levels well above 100 ppm. This is the threshold value that the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) considers to be evidence of a tank leak requiring further investigation. Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations requires all such releases from underground tanks to be reported. An unauthorized release report has been filed with this office; you must now initiate further investigation and/or cleanup activities at this site.

This office will be the lead agency overseeing site environmental investigation and cleanup. The RWQCB is currently unable to manage the large number of fuel leak cases within Alameda County, and has therefore delegated this authority to our office. However, you must keep the Water Board apprised of all actions taken to characterize and remediate contamination at this site, because the Board retains the ultimate responsibility for ensuring protection of waters of the state.

As a first step in the environmental investigation, you must conduct a preliminary assessment to determine the extent of soil and groundwater contamination that has resulted from the leaking tank system. The information gathered by this investigation will be used to assess the need for additional actions at the site. The preliminary assessment should be designed to provide all of the information in the format shown in the attachment at the end of this letter, which is based on RWQCB guidelines. You should be prepared to install one monitoring well, if you can verify the direction of groundwater flow in the immediate vicinity of the site, and three wells if you cannot.

Until cleanup is complete, you will need to submit reports to this office and to the RWQCB every three months (or at a more frequent interval, if specified at any time by either agency). These

Mr. Bill Martini
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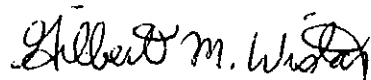
reports must include information pertaining to further investigative results; the methods and costs of cleanup actions implemented to date; and the method and location of disposal of any contaminated material.

Soils contaminated at hazardous waste concentrations (above 1,000 ppm - this would appear to include the excavated soil) should be transported by a licensed hazardous waste hauler and disposed of or treated at a facility approved by the California Department of Health Services. Soils contaminated below the hazardous waste threshold may be managed as nonhazardous, but are still subject to the RWQCB's waste discharge requirements. Stockpiled soil with detectable levels of contamination may not be used to backfill the hole permanently.

Your work plan is to be submitted to this office by **April 2, 1990**. Copies of the proposal should also be sent to the RWQCB (attention: Lester Feldman). Because we are overseeing this site under the designated authority of the Water Board, this letter constitutes a formal request for technical reports, per Sec. 13267(b) of the California Water Code. Failure to respond in a timely manner could result in civil liabilities under the Water Code of up to \$1,000 per day. Other violations of California law may also be cited.

If you have any questions about this letter or about remediation requirements established by the RWQCB, please contact the undersigned at 271-4320.

Sincerely,



Gil Wistar
Hazardous Materials Specialist

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enclosure

cc: Howard Hatayama, DOHS
Lester Feldman, San Francisco Bay RWQCB
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October 31, 1989

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(415)

Mr. Bill Martini
Martini Company
3669 Grand Ave.
Oakland, CA 94610

**Re: Abandoned underground storage tanks in front of Taymuree
Foreign Auto Center, 3509 Grand Ave., Oakland**

Dear Mr. Martini:

On October 10, 1989, the Alameda County Department of Environmental Health, Hazardous Materials Division, responded to an incident involving gasoline-contaminated soil at the above location. A Pacific Gas & Electric Co. crew had excavated a trench in the sidewalk to lay utility lines, and had encountered the contaminated soil. Our hazardous material unit responded, collecting a soil sample from the trench in front of Taymuree and taking photographs of the scene. The source of the hydrocarbons was not immediately apparent, but employees from the Oakland Office of Public Works indicated that they had had problems in the past with gas and diesel odors emanating from adjacent street manholes. In any case, because of the contamination problem, PG&E's contractor was forced to suspend their work.

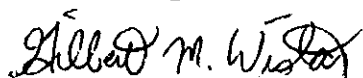
Subsequently, on October 24, 1989, this office conducted an inspection of Taymuree Foreign Auto Center to determine if this business could be the source of the contamination. During the course of the inspection, two underground storage tanks were discovered directly in front of the shop. These tanks appeared to be very old, and out of operation for many years, although they clearly were at one time associated with a business at 3509 Grand Ave. Mr. Ghulam S. Taymuree, President of Taymuree Foreign Auto Center, stated that he didn't even know the tanks existed. This means that as the owner of the property, the two underground tanks are your responsibility.

State law requires that all underground tanks be either permitted to operate or removed. Because these tanks are not properly permitted, and there is no record of their use, they are presumed to have been abandoned and must be removed immediately, under tank closure procedures established by this office. Tank closure includes the cleanup of any soil or groundwater contamination that has resulted from the tank systems; based on the above history, hydrocarbons appear to have migrated from the tank(s) to at least the surrounding soil.

Mr. Bill Martini
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Enclosed are forms and information regarding the closure of underground tanks in Alameda County. You are directed to have the closure form filled out and sent in triplicate, along with a deposit of \$498, to this office, within 30 days, i.e., no later than **November 30, 1989**. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact the undersigned at 271-4320.

Sincerely,



Gil Wistar
Hazardous Materials Specialist

enc.

cc (letter only):

Stanley Piller, Stanley Piller & Assoc.
Ghulam S. Taymuree, Taymuree Foreign Auto Center
Lori Lewis, Lori Lewis Dance Studio
Richard S. Jones, PG&E Central Division
Joseph C. Levine, City of Oakland Office of Public Works
Gil Jensen, Alameda County District Attorney, Consumer and
Environmental Protection Division
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