

July 19, 2001  
Project No. 7315.000.0

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Mr. Don Hwang  
Alameda County Environmental Health Division  
1131 Harbor Bay Parkway, Suite 250  
Alameda, California 94502-6577

Subject: Local Case No. 3615—Former Gulf Service Station #0006  
460 Grand Avenue, Oakland, California

Dear Mr. Hwang:

This letter report presents the results of soil sampling performed by Geomatrix Consultants, Inc. (Geomatrix), on behalf of John C. Gibson, receiver for the Falaschi Brothers, at 460 Grand Avenue, Oakland, California (Figure 1). The objective of this sampling was to evaluate current conditions in soil at the location with an elevated concentration of benzene detected in 1992 (13 milligrams per kilogram [mg/kg], 5 feet below ground surface [bgs] at former Well C-2, Figure 2). The results will be used to re-evaluate the need for institutional controls for future residential land use, as required by the Case Closure Summary (Alameda County-HazMat, November 19, 1996). The Case Closure Summary includes a property use restriction, as follows:

Residential site development would be acceptable, provided that either 1) the development should include a 15' setback distance from Grand Ave., or 2) soil will be excavated within the 15' setback zone, soil samples collected under the purview of this Agency, and laboratory analysis indicates the samples are either non-detect or within acceptable concentrations (as per additional calculations and another revised Risk Evaluation).

Geomatrix advanced five shallow soil borings (B-1 through B-5; Figure 2) on June 29, 2001, using hand auger equipment. All augering and soil sampling equipment was cleaned prior to use and between each boring. Soil samples were collected at approximately 2 and 4.5 feet bgs and retained in 2.5-inch diameter, 6-inch long brass tubes. Teflon sheets were placed on the ends of the tubes, which were then capped, labeled, sealed in plastic bags, and stored in an ice-cooled chest. Following collection of the soil samples, excess soil cuttings were placed back in the borings.

The samples were submitted to STL Chromalab, of Pleasanton, California, a California-certified analytical laboratory, under Geomatrix chain-of-custody procedures. Copies of the

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laboratory report and the chain of custody are included in Attachment A. The chemical analytical program included the following methods:

- Total petroleum hydrocarbons quantified as gasoline (TPHg) by U.S. EPA Method 8015; and
- Benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and total xylenes (BTEX) by U.S. EPA Method 8020 (soil) or 8021B (water).

Chemical analyses were requested for the two samples collected at B-1, immediately adjacent to former Well C-2. The remaining samples were placed on hold, pending results for the samples from B-1.

The historical analytical data for samples within the vadose zone (0 to 5 feet bgs—according to the Case Closure Summary, groundwater is approximately 5 feet bgs) are summarized in Table 1 and Figure 2, along with the results from the recent boring B-1. (Comparison of the B-1 benzene data (<0.0050 mg/kg at 4.3 feet bgs) with the 1992 former Well C-2 data (13 mg/kg at 5 feet bgs) indicate that benzene in soil has biodegraded over time at that location. Therefore, the 1992 benzene concentration of 13 mg/kg at 5 feet bgs was not included in the data set used for comparison to the residential RBSLs.<sup>1</sup>

As shown on Table 1, the average concentration of BTEX within the vadose zone is less than the respective residential RBSLs. In addition, the results of resampling near former Well C-2 indicate that naturally occurring biodegradation reduced the benzene concentration from 13 mg/kg in 1992 to less than the laboratory reporting limit at that location in 2001. It is likely that BTEX detected in 1992 and 1994 at other locations at the Site have also been significantly reduced over time. As a result, the setback included in the 1996 Case Closure Summary does not appear to be warranted at this time based on current site conditions.

The 1996 Case Closure Summary includes a clause that states "[r]esidential development is acceptable, providing that...soil samples are collected under the purview of this Agency, and laboratory analysis indicates the samples are either non-detect or within acceptable concentrations." Therefore, it is requested that the Case Closure Summary be amended to allow unrestricted residential land use.

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<sup>1</sup> Risk-Based Screening Levels, Regional Water Quality Control Board, August 2000.

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We appreciate your prompt attention to this request. Please call me at (510) 663-4226 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,  
GEOMATRIX CONSULTANTS, INC.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Peggy Peischl".

Margaret K. (Peggy) Peischl, P.E.  
Senior Engineer

The following complete this letter report:

Table 1	Summary of Analytical Data
Figure 1	Vicinity Map
Figure 2	Site Plan
Attachment A	Chemical Analytical Laboratory Report

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cc: Roger D. Brewer, RWQCB  
Jack C. Gibson, Esq.

**TABLE 1**

**SUMMARY OF ANALYTICAL RESULTS—SOIL SAMPLES**

Former Gulf Service Station #0006

460 Grand Avenue

Oakland, California

Results reported in milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg)

Date	Sample ID	Sample Depth (feet bgs)	TPHg	Benzene	Toluene	Ethylbenzene	Total Xylenes
December-92	C-2	5	2,300 <sup>1</sup>	13 <sup>1</sup>	80 <sup>1</sup>	83 <sup>1</sup>	440 <sup>1</sup>
December-92	C-1	5	8.6	<0.0050	<0.0050	0.024	0.012
December-92	C-3	5	0.008	0.008	<0.0050	0.012	<0.0050
January-94	IX-11	5	3	0.6	0.24	0.097	0.5
January-94	IX-15	5	9	1.2	1.2	0.13	0.68
January-94	IX-18	4	15	0.18	0.49	0.52	3.1
January-94	IX-20	5	<1.0 <sup>2</sup>	<0.0050	0.006	<0.0050	0.008
January-94	WX-3	3	30	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	0.95
January-94	WO-5	5	<1.0	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	0.005
January-94	WO-6	5	5	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	0.011
January-94	WO-7	5	16	<0.0050	0.008	<0.0050	0.066
January-94	WO-8	4.5	10	0.005	0.007	0.007	0.031
January-94	WO-10	5	18	<0.0050	<0.0050	0.084	0.36
January-94	WO-11	4.5	<1.0	<0.0050	<0.0050	<0.0050	0.006
June-01	B-1-2.0	2.0	<1.0	<0.0050	0.014	<0.0050	<0.0050
June-01	B-1-4.3	4.3	<1.0	<0.0050	0.032	<0.0050	<0.0050
<b>Sample Mean</b>			8	0.13	0.13	0.06	0.38
<b>RBSLs<sup>3</sup></b>			---	0.18	8.4	24	1.0
<b>Region IX PRGs<sup>4</sup></b>			---	0.65	520	230	210

Notes:

1. These data are superceded by the new data collected on June 29, 2001, at boring B-1.
2. "<" indicates compound not detected above the laboratory reporting limit shown.
3. Risk-Based Screening Levels, RWQCB (August 2000)—Residential.
4. U.S. EPA Region IX Preliminary Remediation Goals (November 1, 2000)—Residential.

Abbreviations:

TPHg = total petroleum hydrocarbons as gasoline

bgs = below ground surface



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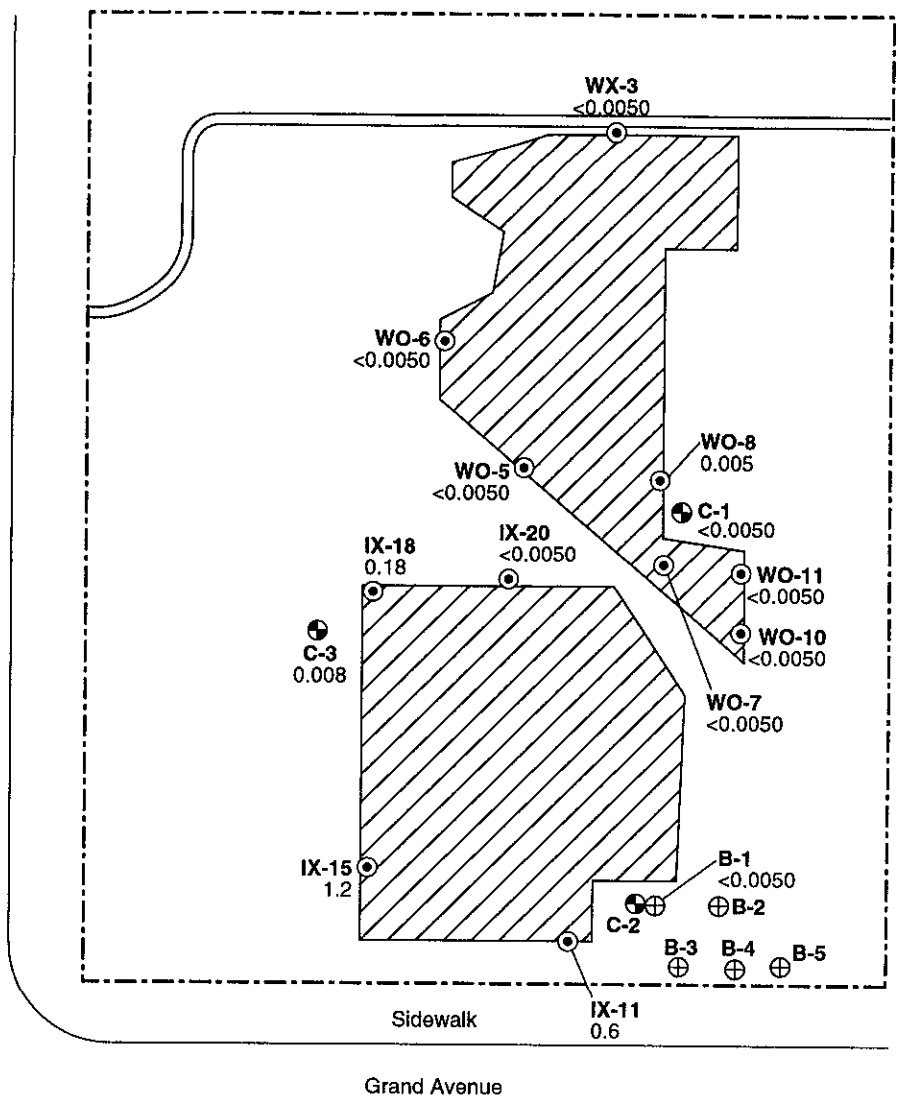


**SITE LOCATION MAP**  
460 Grand Avenue  
Oakland, California

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Figure  
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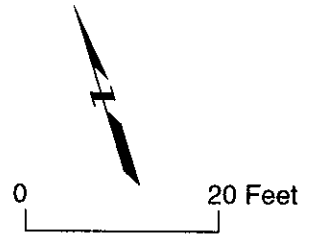
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Sidewalk  
Grand Avenue

**EXPLANATION**

- C-2 ⊕ Former monitoring well location
- IX-11 ⊙ 1994 confirmation sample location
- B-1 ⊕ 2001 shallow soil boring location
- 0.6 Benzene concentration in milligrams per kilogram
- <0.0050 Benzene not detected above laboratory reporting limit indicated in milligrams per kilogram
-  Excavation limits



Source: Touchstone Developments Environmental Management, 3/13/1994



**SITE PLAN**  
 460 Grand Avenue  
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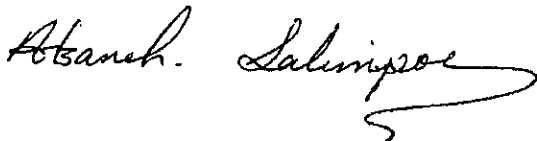
2101 Webster Street, 12th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Attn.: Peggy Peischl

Attached is our report for your samples received on Friday June 29, 2001  
This report has been reviewed and approved for release. Reproduction of this report  
is permitted only in its entirety.

Please note that any unused portion of the samples will be discarded after August 13, 2001  
unless you have requested otherwise. We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to you.  
If you have any questions, please call me at (925) 484-1919. You can also contact me via email.  
My email address is: [asalimpour@chromalab.com](mailto:asalimpour@chromalab.com)

Sincerely,



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Gas/BTEX

<b>Geomatrix Consultants</b>	✉ 2101 Webster Street, 12th Floor Oakland, CA 94612
Attn: Peggy Peischi	Phone: (510) 663-4226 Fax: (510) 663-4141
Project #: 7315.000	Project:

**Samples Reported**

Sample ID	Matrix	Date Sampled	Lab #
B-1-2.0	Soil	06/29/2001 10:54	1
B-1-4.3	Soil	06/29/2001 13:05	2



To: **Geomatrix Consultants**

Test Method: 8020  
8015M

Attn.: Peggy Peischi

Prep Method: 5030

Gas/BTEX

Sample ID: <b>B-1-2.0</b>	Lab Sample ID: <b>2001-06-0570-001</b>
Project: 7315.000	Received: 06/29/2001 16:07
Sampled: 06/29/2001 10:54	Extracted: 07/02/2001 17:54
Matrix: Soil	QC-Batch: 2001/07/02-01.02

Compound	Result	Rep.Limit	Units	Dilution	Analyzed	Flag
Gasoline	ND	1.0	mg/Kg	1.00	07/02/2001 17:54	
Benzene	ND	0.0050	mg/Kg	1.00	07/02/2001 17:54	
Toluene	0.014	0.0050	mg/Kg	1.00	07/02/2001 17:54	
Ethyl benzene	ND	0.0050	mg/Kg	1.00	07/02/2001 17:54	
Xylene(s)	ND	0.0050	mg/Kg	1.00	07/02/2001 17:54	
<b>Surrogate(s)</b>						
Trifluorotoluene	65.0	53-125	%	1.00	07/02/2001 17:54	
Trifluorotoluene-FID	56.1	53-125	%	1.00	07/02/2001 17:54	

# STL ChromaLab

Environmental Services (CA 1094)

Submission #: 2001-06-0570

To: **Geomatrix Consultants**

Test Method: 8020  
8015M

Attn.: Peggy Peischl

Prep Method: 5030

Gas/BTEX

Sample ID: <b>B-1-4.3</b>	Lab Sample ID: <b>2001-06-0570-002</b>
Project: 7315.000	Received: 06/29/2001 16:07
Sampled: 06/29/2001 13:05	Extracted: 07/02/2001 20:35
Matrix: Soil	QC-Batch: 2001/07/02-01.02

Compound	Result	Rep.Limit	Units	Dilution	Analyzed	Flag
Gasoline	ND	1.0	mg/Kg	1.00	07/02/2001 20:35	
Benzene	ND	0.0050	mg/Kg	1.00	07/02/2001 20:35	
Toluene	0.032	0.0050	mg/Kg	1.00	07/02/2001 20:35	
Ethyl benzene	ND	0.0050	mg/Kg	1.00	07/02/2001 20:35	
Xylene(s)	ND	0.0050	mg/Kg	1.00	07/02/2001 20:35	
<b>Surrogate(s)</b>						
Trifluorotoluene	64.6	53-125	%	1.00	07/02/2001 20:35	
Trifluorotoluene-FID	58.8	53-125	%	1.00	07/02/2001 20:35	

To: Geomatrix Consultants

Test Method: 8015M

Attn.: Peggy Peischl

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Prep Method: 5030

**Batch QC Report**  
Gas/BTEX

<b>Method Blank</b>	<b>Soil</b>	<b>QC Batch # 2001/07/02-01.02</b>
MB: 2001/07/02-01.02-001		Date Extracted: 07/02/2001 09:32

Compound	Result	Rep.Limit	Units	Analyzed	Flag
Gasoline	ND	1.0	mg/Kg	07/02/2001 09:32	
Benzene	ND	0.0050	mg/Kg	07/02/2001 09:32	
Toluene	ND	0.0050	mg/Kg	07/02/2001 09:32	
Ethyl benzene	ND	0.0050	mg/Kg	07/02/2001 09:32	
Xylene(s)	ND	0.0050	mg/Kg	07/02/2001 09:32	
<b>Surrogate(s)</b>					
Trifluorotoluene	113.4	53-125	%	07/02/2001 09:32	
4-Bromofluorobenzene-FID	94.2	58-124	%	07/02/2001 09:32	

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## Batch QC Report

Gas/BTEX

Laboratory Control Spike (LCS/LCSD)		Soil		QC Batch # 2001/07/02-01.02	
LCS:	2001/07/02-01.02-002	Extracted:	07/02/2001 10:04	Analyzed	07/02/2001 10:04
LCSD:	2001/07/02-01.02-003	Extracted:	07/02/2001 10:36	Analyzed	07/02/2001 10:36

Compound	Conc. [ mg/Kg ]		Exp. Conc. [ mg/Kg ]		Recovery [%]		RPD	Ctrl. Limits [%]		Flags	
	LCS	LCSD	LCS	LCSD	LCS	LCSD		Recovery	RPD	LCS	LCSD
Gasoline	0.463	0.446	0.500	0.500	92.6	89.2	3.7	75-125	35		
Benzene	0.0977	0.0979	0.1000	0.1000	97.7	97.9	0.2	77-123	35		
Toluene	0.100	0.100	0.1000	0.1000	100.0	100.0	0.0	78-122	35		
Ethyl benzene	0.0968	0.0975	0.1000	0.1000	96.8	97.5	0.7	70-130	35		
Xylene(s)	0.278	0.281	0.300	0.300	92.7	93.7	1.1	75-125	35		
<b>Surrogate(s)</b>											
Trifluorotoluene	534	546	500	500	106.8	109.2		53-125			
4-Bromofluorobenzene-FI	547	530	500	500	109.4	106.0		58-124			

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Prep Method: 5030

**Batch QC Report**

Gas/BTEX

<b>Matrix Spike ( MS / MSD )</b>	<b>Soil</b>	<b>QC Batch # 2001/07/02-01.02</b>
Sample ID: <b>B-1-2.0</b>		Lab Sample ID: 2001-06-0570-001
MS: 2001/07/02-01.02-019	Extracted: 07/02/2001 19:31	Analyzed: 07/02/2001 19:31 Dilution: 1.0
MSD: 2001/07/02-01.02-020	Extracted: 07/02/2001 20:03	Analyzed: 07/02/2001 20:03 Dilution: 1.0

Compound	Conc. [ mg/Kg ]			Exp. Conc. [ mg/Kg ]		Recovery [%]		RPD	Ctrl. Limits [%]		Flags	
	MS	MSD	Sample	MS	MSD	MS	MSD		Recovery	RPD	MS	MSD
Gasoline	0.283	0.283	ND	0.499	0.496	56.7	57.1	0.7	65-135	35	mso	mso
<b>Surrogate(s)</b>												
4-Bromofluorobenzene-F	294	295		500	500	58.8	59.0		58-124			

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Test Method: 8020

Attn.: Peggy Peischl

Prep Method: 5030

## Batch QC Report


Gas/BTEX

<b>Matrix Spike ( MS / MSD )</b>	<b>Soil</b>	<b>QC Batch # 2001/07/02-01.02</b>
Sample ID: <b>B-1-2.0</b>		Lab Sample ID: 2001-06-0570-001
MS: 2001/07/02-01.02-017	Extracted: 07/02/2001 18:26	Analyzed: 07/02/2001 18:26 Dilution: 1.0
MSD: 2001/07/02-01.02-018	Extracted: 07/02/2001 18:58	Analyzed: 07/02/2001 18:58 Dilution: 1.0

Compound	Conc. [ mg/Kg ]			Exp.Conc. [ mg/Kg ]		Recovery [%]		RPD	Ctrl. Limits [%]		Flags	
	MS	MSD	Sample	MS	MSD	MS	MSD		Recovery	RPD	MS	MSD
Benzene	0.0606	0.0583	ND	0.0996	0.0994	60.8	58.7	3.5	65-135	35	mso	mso
Toluene	0.0820	0.0798	0.0136	0.0996	0.0994	68.7	66.6	3.1	65-135	35		
Ethyl benzene	0.0625	0.0571	ND	0.0996	0.0994	62.8	57.4	9.0	65-135	35	mso	mso
Xylene(s)	0.185	0.170	ND	.300	0.298	61.7	57.0	7.9	65-135	35	mso	mso
<b>Surrogate(s)</b>												
Trifluorotoluene	395	376		500	500	79.0	75.2		53-125			

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CHAIN-OF-CUSTODY RECORD			№ 13663		Date: 6/29/01		Page 1 of 1										
Project No.: 7315.000			ANALYSES					REMARKS									
Samplers (Signatures)			EPA Method 8010	EPA Method 8020	EPA Method 8020 (BTEX only)	EPA Method 8240	EPA Method 8270	TPH as gasoline	TPH as diesel	TPH <sub>13</sub> /BTEX	HOLD	Cooled	Soil (S), Water (W), or Vapor (V)	Acidified	Number of containers	Additional Comments	
Date	Time	Sample Number															
6/29/01	1054	B-1-2.0								X			Y	S	N	1	
	1305	B-1-4.3								X							
	1130	B-2-2.0									X						
	1140	B-2-5.0									X						
	1154	B-3-2.0									X						
	1310	B-3-4.4									X						
	1237	B-4-2.0									X						
	1300	B-4-5.0									X						
	1344	B-5-2.0									X						
✓	1353	B-5-5.0									X						
			BCL														
			Turnaround time STANDARD			Results to: Roggy Peischl			Total No. of containers. 10								
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Company: Geomatrix			Company:			Company:											
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