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Mr. Dalton Reed  
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RE: (FORMER) B&J TRUCKING / REEVE TRUCKING, 3742 VALLEY AVENUE,  
PLEASANTON - UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK RECORDS

Dear Mr. Reed:

Thank you for taking the time to speak to me today regarding issues relating to the underground storage tank (UST) formerly located at the subject site. As we discussed, the Alameda County Department of Environmental Health (ACDEH), Environmental Protection Division, is contracted with the City of Pleasanton for oversight of environmental investigations associated with leaking UST located within the city purview.

We understand that the subject site and businesses were formerly located on real property contiguous with the Utility Vault Company operation. We understand that the owner of B & J Trucking was an individual by the name of John Strait, and that the owner of Reeve Trucking was an individual by the name of Don Reeve. We also understand that Mr. Reeve is now employed by Utility Vault Company.

The record indicates that a single 10,000 gallon diesel UST was removed from the subject site on or around April 8, 1987. Based on correspondence gleaned from files archived by the Pleasanton Fire Department (PFD), the UST removal appears to have been contracted to Aqua Science Engineers, Inc. (San Ramon, CA) jointly by both Messrs. Strait and Reeve. The subject UST appears to have been owned by Mr. Strait.

Although a final UST closure report was never submitted to the PFD as required by provisions of Chapter 6.7 of the California Health and Safety Code, preliminary laboratory data submitted to PFD by Aqua Science indicate a noteworthy release of fuel from the UST system was identified. We understand that soil excavated from the UST pit remained on-site for some period of time during which it was periodically sampled to gauge the effect such aeration may have had on latent fuel compounds in the stockpiled soil.

The last file entry relating to the subject UST is dated January 6, 1988.

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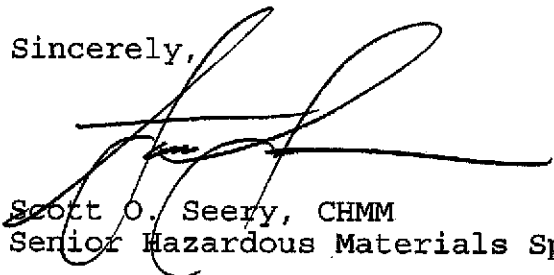
At this time, ACDEH is attempting to resolve a few outstanding issues:

- 1) locate and receive any technical reports relating to this project issued since January 1988
- 2) determine the last owner/operator of the UST just prior to it being taken out of service
- 2) determine the mailing addresses of Messrs. Strait and Reeve

This information is necessary so that ACDEH may make a determination whether any additional assessment and/or cleanup work is warranted as a result of the release documented at this site, and which party or parties will be considered a *responsible* party under the law.

Thank you in advance for your timely assistance. I may be reached at 510/567-6783 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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cc: Mee Ling Tung, Agency Director  
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Mr. Tim W. Berger  
BSK & Associates  
1181 Quarry Ln., Bldg. 300  
Pleasanton, CA 94566

Dear Mr. Berger:

In a letter sent by facsimile to this office on March 25, 1991, as well as in a subsequent telephone conversation, you requested current environmental information on a large number of sites in Pleasanton, California. These sites are within an approximate 1/4-mile radius of property that BSK may purchase on Quarry Lane. As a result of this request for information, we have searched our hazardous waste generator, mitigation, and emergency response files for the sites you requested. Regarding your request for underground tank information, as well as for specific hazardous material storage information, this office does not administer either of these programs within the city limits of Pleasanton. You may wish to contact the Pleasanton Fire Dept. for information on underground tanks or Hazardous Material Management Plans they have on file.

**This office has no information on file for the following sites:**

Abtox, 1232 Quarry Ln.;  
Air Systems, 1228 Quarry Ln.;  
Alameda Instruments, 1075 Serpentine Ln.;  
Arco/Armour Oil Co./Gas N Save, 4191 First St.;  
Dale Soze, 1040 Serpentine Lane #210;  
Dublin Construction, 1181 Quarry Lane;  
Irby Milk Store, 3780 Stanley Blvd.;  
Manning Groves, Ltd. (no address given);  
Norick Brothers (no address given);  
Pleasanton Steel & Supply Co., 3500 Valley Ave.;  
Scholastic Magazines, Inc., 4460 Black Ave.; or  
Tri-Valley Cab Co., 1043 Serpentine Ln.

**Kenneth Best, 2700 Boulder St.**

**Unauthorized Releases:** On February 3, 1989, this office was called for an emergency response to this lot behind an RV storage facility, as a result of rain causing runoff of hydrocarbons from an illegal auto dismantling operation. Gasoline and motor oil was found in open containers and tanks, throughout the lot and in the dumpster in the middle of the property. Dikes were erected as a temporary measure to prevent further runoff of hydrocarbons.

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Assessments, Characterizations, Remediation: Several months later, the property owner hired a consulting firm to characterize the lateral and vertical extent of contamination, via surface samples and shallow borings in hydrocarbon-stained areas. The results indicate that contamination was limited to 1-3 foot depths in a few areas. Soil was excavated and aerated on-site, and no further work was done.

Hazardous Waste Generation, Storage, and Handling: Auto dismantling is no longer occurring at the site; the lot is being used for vehicle storage.

(R0796) Pleasanton Ready Mix Concrete, 3400 Boulder St.

Hazardous Waste Generation, Storage, and Handling: This facility generates waste oil, which is stored in containers in an outdoor area.

Western Concrete Products, 3500 Boulder St.

Unauthorized Releases: An inspection by this office in September 1989 revealed stained areas of sand and gravel from waste oil/diesel spillage and sloppy housekeeping. The company was ordered to excavate and properly dispose of the contaminated soil, and then to sample beneath to ensure cleanup.

Assessments, Characterizations, Remediation: In a letter dated November 3, 1989, the company submitted a plan for correction of the problems at the site; the letter stated that one stained area had already been cleaned, and another would be cleaned within two weeks. This letter also mentioned the hiring of a consulting firm to collect confirmation samples.

Hazardous Waste Generation, Storage, and Handling: This business stores a variety of hydrocarbons, such as diesel, hydraulic oil, motor oil, and form oil. It generates waste oil, which is stored in a double-contained bin.

Pleasanton Rentals, 20 California Ave.

Hazardous Waste Generation, Storage, and Handling: This business generates small quantities of used oil, storing it in a single 55-gallon drum.

DeCoite's Auto Body Emporium, 32 California Ave. #E

Hazardous Waste Generation, Storage, and Handling: This business maintains one 55-gallon drum of waste thinner, and also generates

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small amounts of used oil and antifreeze from automobiles. It stores a wide variety of acrylic auto paints.

Larry's Automotive, 39 California Ave. #309

Unauthorized Releases: In March 1989, the business owner at this location complained about a neighboring business at 39 California called All-Valley Auto Body. The complaint, later verified by police and fire dept. officials, involved the illegal outdoor painting of vehicles after hours. This caused uncontrolled volatile organic vapor emissions, and drifting paint that damaged downwind property. The owner of All-Valley Auto Body may have disposed of paint waste into the storm drain.

Assessments, Characterizations, Remediation: No file information for 39 California Ave.

Hazardous Waste Generation, Storage, and Handling: Larry's Automotive generates used oil and solvent waste, as well as spent antifreeze. All-Valley Auto Body is not on record as storing any hazardous wastes on site.

Quality Auto Craft and Diablo Auto Body, 57 California Ave. #D, #H, respectively

Hazardous Waste Generation, Storage, and Handling: Each business maintains a 55-gallon drum of waste thinner, and stores a wide variety of acrylic auto paints.

German Auto Werke, 57 California Ave. #J

Hazardous Waste Generation, Storage, and Handling: This business was last inspected in May 1989, and may no longer be in operation. It generates waste oil, stored in two 55-gallon drums, as well as spent antifreeze and dirty solvent.

Techni-Tune & Brake, 57 California Ave. #Q

Hazardous Waste Generation, Storage, and Handling: This business does change oil, and stores used oil in two 55-gallon drums; it also generates waste solvent from parts cleaning.

Metalaser Technologies, 1244 Quarry Lane

Hazardous Waste Generation, Storage, and Handling: This business stores acetone, alcohols, petroleum-based solvents, and cooling

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oils. Small amounts of the solvents are generated as waste, and stored in 5-gallon containers. Waste oils are stored in 55-gallon drums.

Clayton Environmental Consultants, 1252 Quarry Ln.

Hazardous Waste Generation, Storage, and Handling: The company operates a hazardous waste analytical lab in this location. It stores a large variety of chemicals and reagents for lab work. the largest category of wastes generated are acids, non-chlorinated solvents, and chlorinated solvents, which are all stored and disposed of separately.

Airrigation Engineering Co., 1279-C Quarry Ln.

Hazardous Waste Generation, Storage, and Handling: This site was formerly occupied by Berkeley Glass Labs, which ceased operations at this location in late 1987. BGL had two 4,000-gallon tanks of hydrofluoric acid (HF) it used in its manufacturing process, which generated waste HF. In June 1987, the company was found to be illegally neutralizing this waste HF, using sodium carbonate, in plastic pools on the roof of the building. Our office issued a notice of violation for this activity. There are copies in the file of two manifests dated June 26, 1987, for disposal of 9,300 gallons of HF waste through IT Corp. The firm had been issued an Extremely Hazardous Waste Disposal Permit by Calif. DHS in July 1986, good for one year. The company subsequently filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy, and worked with the Pleasanton Fire Dept. on site closure in September 1987. Airrigation Engineering, now in Suite C of 1279 Quarry Ln., generates pesticide waste, waste solvent, and used oil, all of which are generally stored in 5-gallon containers.

Accurate Tool & Manufacturing Co., 1048 Serpentine Ln. #313

Hazardous Waste Generation, Storage, and Handling: This machine shop uses both oil- and water-based coolant/cutting fluid, but mainly the water-based fluid, which evaporates and is not stored or disposed of as a waste. There is a solvent tank on the premises, so the facility generates dirty solvent for off-site recycling.

Ed Turman & Co., 1051 Serpentine Ln., Suite 400

Hazardous Waste Generation, Storage, and Handling: This facility stores flammable paints and thinners, and operates a thinner recycling unit. As a result, there is no liquid hazardous stored for disposal. The facility uses an air-dry technique to dry paint

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residuals; once hard, this material is disposed of in the regular trash.

**AMP Printing, 1056 Serpentine Ln.**

**Hazardous Waste Generation, Storage, and Handling:** Hazardous materials stored on the premises include inks, film developers, fixer, and hydraulic oils in the printing presses. Waste generated is spent fixer, which is stored in 5-gallon plastic "cubes."

**Air Factors, 1071 Serpentine Ln.**

**Hazardous Waste Generation, Storage, and Handling:** This business uses a phosphoric acid etching solution for aluminum; waste etchant is discharged to the sanitary sewer under permit. Other materials used are chlorinated solvents, oil- and water-based adhesives, paints, and thinners. The company generates small amounts of waste oil.

**Advanced Printing, 1072-A Serpentine Ln.**

**Hazardous Waste Generation, Storage, and Handling:** Hazardous materials stored at this company are inks, developer, fixer, and oils. Wastes generated are spent fixer (there is a silver recovery unit on-site) and waste oil, which is stored in a 55-gallon drum.

**Ry-Nck Tire & Brake, 3420 Stanley Blvd.**

**Hazardous Waste Generation, Storage, and Handling:** The facility stores bulk oils and generates waste oil, spent solvent, and used antifreeze.

**Stop & Go Independent VW Repair, 3440-A Stanley Blvd.**

**Hazardous Waste Generation, Storage, and Handling:** Hazardous wastes at this site include used oil, antifreeze, and sludge from the caustic hot tank. During a routine inspection in February 1990, this company could not produce adequate documentation for proper disposal of these wastes.

**Pleasanton Import Car Service, 3440-D Stanley Blvd.**

**Hazardous Waste Generation, Storage, and Handling:** The facility stores bulk oils and generates waste oil, spent solvent, and used antifreeze.

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Wilson Automotive, 3440-F&G Stanley Blvd.

Hazardous Waste Generation, Storage, and Handling: The facility stores bulk oils and generates waste oil, spent solvent, and used antifreeze.

Awesome Automotive, 3440-I Stanley Blvd.

Hazardous Waste Generation, Storage, and Handling: The facility stores bulk oils and generates waste oil, spent solvent and carburetor cleaner, and used antifreeze.

Bernie's Body Shop, 3440-B Stanley Blvd.

Hazardous Waste Generation, Storage, and Handling: This business maintains several 55-gallon containers of spent paint thinner, and stores extra thinner and paints in bulk.

Pleasanton Body Shop, 4262 Stanley Blvd.

Hazardous Waste Generation, Storage, and Handling: This business maintains several 55-gallon containers of spent paint thinner, and stores extra thinner and paints in bulk.

(R0980) B&J Trucking Lines/D&L Trucking Co., 3742 Valley Ave.

Apparently, in 1982 or 1983 the Alameda County District Attorney's Office filed a complaint against this operation for the following hazardous waste violations (based on interrogatories propounded to the plaintiff from the defendants' law firm):

1. Improper storage/handling of hazardous wastes;
2. November 22, 1982 - an illegal discharge of PCB-contaminated waste to a storm drain leading to Arroyo del Valle;
3. Failure to take steps to stop this discharge;
4. Illegal disposal of hazardous waste (soil contaminated with PCBs) at a solid waste landfill; and
5. Illegal transportation of hazardous waste.

In an article in the February 25, 1983 Daily Review, a spokesman speculates that 200 gallons of PCB oil may have been released, and that B&J Trucking had been a waste hauling contractor for PG&E for 10 years. There is no other file information on this site.



(R0725) Utility Vault Co., 3786 Valley Ave.

Unauthorized Releases: The adjacent property at 3800 Valley Ave. had an ongoing series of waste oil releases to the ground from a former tenant.

Assessments, Characterizations, Remediation: Utility Vault, the property owner, had this oil/water mixture pumped on May 11, 1990, and removed contaminated soil. The area of contamination was apparently limited to shallow soil.

Hazardous Waste Generation, Storage, and Handling: Utility Vault and its tenants at 3800 Valley Ave. generate waste oil, which is generally kept in outdoor storage areas. The 3786 Valley Ave. property contains bulk petroleum products, including form oil.

Big "O" Tires, 3688-A Washington St.

Hazardous Waste Generation, Storage, and Handling: This facility stores bulk petroleum products and generates waste oil, which is stored in 55-gallon drums.

J&T Auto Center, 3688-D Washington St.

Unauthorized Releases: On August 18, 1989, an employee of this business apparently disposed of waste oil and antifreeze to the parking lot behind the 3688 building. This material clogged the storm drain in the parking lot, pooled, and overflowed into a dirt area beyond the parking lot. Samples this office collected from the pooled liquid and surrounding soil contained high levels of lead and other metals, as well as oil & grease. The owner was instructed to remove the liquid and contaminated soil, store these materials in containers, and dispose of them as hazardous wastes.

Assessments, Characterizations, Remediation: There is no record of any subsequent site characterization or confirmation of cleanup.

Hazardous Waste Generation, Storage, and Handling: This business generated waste oil, antifreeze, and solvent, and stored bulk oils. It may no longer be operating at this location.

Autotron, 3688-F Washington St.

Hazardous Waste Generation, Storage, and Handling: This business was last inspected in March 1988, at which time it generated waste oil, antifreeze, and solvent.

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R02425) Can-Am Plumbing, 151 Wyoming St.

Hazardous Waste Generation, Storage, and Handling: This business generates used oil, primarily from vehicle maintenance, as well as dirty solvent from a solvent sink.

Central Petroleum Maintenance Co., 176 Wyoming St.

Hazardous Waste Generation, Storage, and Handling: Waste oil is stored in a 55-gallon drum; dirty solvent is also generated. As of the last inspection in March 1988, the solvent was being mixed with the waste oil.

This letter contains information limited to files in this office, and does not reflect information that may be available from other agencies or parties. As I explained over the phone, your company will be billed for provision of this service at the rate of \$67 per hour labor; enclosed is a copy of the invoice sent to our Billing Department.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact the undersigned at 271-4320.

Sincerely,

*Gilbert M. Wistar*

Gil Wistar  
Hazardous Materials Specialist

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