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RE: SMISER TRUCK YARD, 1755 AURORA DRIVE, SAN LEANDRO

Dear Mr. Lundberg:

Thank you for our recent receipt of the November 12, 1996 Blakely Environmental Investigations, Inc. (BEI) report documenting the results of recent sampling activity at the site. These data appear to have addressed the lingering environmental assessment issues at the subject site. We are now beginning to process your case towards closure.

As I mentioned in my previous correspondence, data documenting the final disposition of stockpiled soil must be submitted. This information has yet to be received. These data are important elements that will delay completion of your case closure should they not be submitted shortly.

Please call me at (510) 567-6783 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Scott O. Seery, CHMM
Senior Hazardous Materials Specialist

cc: Mee Ling Tung, Director, Environmental Health
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RE: SMISER TRUCK YARD, 1755 AURORA DRIVE, SAN LEANDRO

Dear Mr. Lundberg:

Thank you for our recent receipt of the October 1, 1996 Blakely Environmental Investigations, Inc. (BEI) work plan and October 23, 1996 addendum submitted to address the lingering environmental assessment issues at the subject San Leandro site. As you know, the additional assessment work appeared necessary due to our lack of confidence in data submitted previously following the reported removals of three (3) underground storage tanks (UST) from the site during 1991. The following account summarizes the issues.

We understand that two diesel USTs shared a single excavation, and one waste oil UST was located in a separate, remote portion of the site. Although a final UST closure report documenting field observations and sampling results, among other elements, was apparently not produced, all accounts indicate noteworthy evidence of a release associated with the waste oil UST. Individuals familiar with the UST closure project initially informed this office that post-closure assessment work (soil borings) was "substituted" for the sampling that normally would have occurred during the UST closure project.

The results of this subsequent assessment work were presented in a CKY Inc., Environmental Services ("CKY") report dated November 1991. Excavation and "biotreatment" of affected soil are also proposed. According to this report, 16 soil borings were advanced about the two UST excavations from which soil and, as is the case with 8 of the borings, water samples were collected and analyzed for a variety of target compounds. Unfortunately, a number of requisite target compounds were not sought when they should have been (e.g., semivolatile organic compounds [SVOC] from the waste oil UST area, etc.) in samples otherwise contaminated by elevated concentrations of other fuel and non-fuel compounds. Apparent reporting and laboratory QA/QC problems are also evident in the CKY report.

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Although previously reported to the contrary, laboratory report sheets which appear to document the analyses of soil and water samples collected from the UST excavations during the 1991 UST closures were apparently "discovered" and also submitted recently to this office. These data are, regrettably, wrought with quality control problems (e.g., sample numbers not keyed to sample locations, incomplete or incorrect analyses performed, illegible or nonsensical sample location maps, etc.). Hence, although significant effort appears to have been expended during and following the UST closures, the validity of the data is questionable and, hence, unacceptable. It is for this reason this office requested additional, limited assessment work at the site.

The current BEI proposal, as amended, calls for the advancement of 3 hand-augured soil borings in the two UST areas: one (1) boring in the former diesel UST area, and two (2) in the former waste oil UST area. The focus of this assessment is to relocate contaminant "hot" zones in each UST area and analyze samples for those target compounds previously overlooked and which "drive" our evaluation of possible human health risks. Both soil and ground water will be collected from borings advanced in the waste oil UST area; only soil will be collected from that boring advanced in the fuel UST area.

The cited BEI proposal, as amended, has been accepted with the following modifications:

- 1) Proposed boring B-1 should be relocated to the vicinity of CKY boring SB-10 to maximize the probability of encountering contaminated sediments (Note: CKY boring SB-10 identified the highest concentrations of petroleum contaminants during the CKY investigation);
- 2) All soil samples shall be collected at depths consistent with the presence of evident contamination, most likely within or near capillary zone, as it has been reported that ground water was encountered at the approximate 8' depth (Note: Samples from the CKY borings were collected at the 2 and 5' depths; the highest concentrations were found in the 5' samples in all cases where contamination was discovered);
- 3) Boring logs shall be presented in the follow-up report which include a description of encountered sediment type, texture, presence or absence odors, staining, etc.

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In addition, data documenting the final disposition of stockpiled soil must be submitted. Receipt of these data now will prevent further delay later as we prepare to evaluate your site for final case closure.

Please call me at (510) 567-6783 should you have any questions and when field work has been scheduled.

Sincerely,



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August 27, 1996

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Mr. Tom Dabney
EMAX Laboratories, Inc.
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Torrance, CA 90503

RE: 1755 AURORA STREET, SAN LEANDRO, ALAMEDA COUNTY

Dear Mr. Dabney:

This letter with attachments is sent following your August 23rd request for information regarding this case. Enclosed are copies of: 1) the November 1991 CKY, Inc., Environmental Services report documenting the removals of two (2) underground storage tanks (UST) and subsequent soil investigation; and, 2) the May 1991 CKY, Inc., Analytical Laboratories laboratory report sheets in question for samples apparently collected during UST removals. Please note that the May 1991 laboratory data do not appear nor are referenced in the November 1991 CKY report.

Please let me know if you require any other data during your evaluation. I may be reached at (510) 567-6783.

Sincerely,



Scott O. Seery, CHMM
Senior Hazardous Materials Specialist

attachments

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August 19, 1996

STID 4544

Dr. Kam Pang
Emax Laboratories, Inc.
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RE: 1755 AURORA STREET, SAN LEANDRO, ALAMEDA COUNTY

Dear Dr. Pang:

This letter is in follow-up to our telephone conversation August 7 and my message to you August 15, 1996. As you will recall, I requested that your laboratory (formerly CKY Inc., Analytical Laboratories until July 1996) review records for analyses performed on soil and water samples collected by CKY staff at the referenced site in 1991. I informed you that numerous quality control (QC) problems became apparent upon review of these data such that the validity of any of the presented data is questionable. Hence, this agency's ability to determine case status, which, unfortunately, is substantially based on the data in question, is seriously jeopardized.

We had hoped that these QC problems could be rectified to the extent that this agency might rely on the reported data. Should this not occur, however, the property owner may be directed to perform additional work at the site, essentially repeating efforts and expending resources already spent.

The CKY control numbers in question are: 910538-1 and -2; and, 910516-1, -2, -3, -4, -5, -6, -7, -8, and -9. Examples of the many issues include: the apparent reporting and description of water samples as if for soil; and, lab report cover sheets indicating chain-of-custody forms were correctly filled out when, in fact, they appear in error.

Please submit the result of your evaluation in writing within 15 days of the date of this letter.

I may be reached at 510/567-6783 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Scott O. Seery, CHMM
Senior Hazardous Materials Specialist

Dr. Kam Pang
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August 14, 1995

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RE: SMISER TRUCK YARD, 1755 AURORA DRIVE, SAN LEANDRO

Dear Mr. Lundberg:

Thank you for our recent receipt of supplemental information regarding the May 1991 closures of three (3) underground storage tanks at the referenced site. The referenced information was provided August 2 and 9, 1995 by Mr. Tim Pipes of Morro Bay, California. As you will recall, much of this information was initially requested in correspondence from this office dated June 9, 1993, and again July 26, 1994. We understand that there was some delay in responding to these requests because it was not known to you how to get into contact with Mr. Pipes.

We understand that Mr. Pipes was under contract with you during the original UST closures, and that a final closure report, per se, documenting the results of this work was not completed. Hence, such a report was never submitted to the San Leandro Fire Department, the local UST agency.

We also understand that in lieu of collecting soil and ground water samples from within the subject UST excavations at the time of closure, CKY, Inc. Environmental Services (CKY) advanced several borings about the UST excavations, collecting both soil and ground water samples in the process. This work was documented previously in a CKY report dated November 1991, which report included a work plan for remediation of the impacted soil encountered during CKY's sampling efforts. We understand that the soil remediation work proposed by CKY was never implemented.

It has been reported that the waste oil UST removed during the 1991 closures exhibited signs of failure. The chemical composition of this tank's contents has not been confirmed as of this writing. Consequently, Mr. Pipes was requested to contact Adono Oil, the reported company involved with the analysis of the UST contents prior to its delivery to Alviso Independent Oil (Alviso, California), to request a copy of the analysis results. Such preliminary information is needed to better narrow the scope of future pending assessment work required to be performed at the site.

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The initial limited assessment of the site performed by CKY, as well as reported observations made at the time of the subject UST closures, identified that a confirmed release has occurred at this site. Although the specific suite of compounds sought during the initial CKY diesel UST investigation was incorrect (e.g., analysis for gasoline-range compounds instead of for those in the diesel-range), and, hence, inconclusive, clearly a release associated with the waste oil UST has been demonstrated. Therefore, as was noted previously, further assessment work must be performed.

To facilitate this task, a soil and water investigation (SWI) work plan must be submitted for review. This request is pursuant to provisions of Article 11 of Title 23, *Corrective Action Requirements*, California Code of Regulations (CCR).

The SWI work plan is due within 90 days of the date of this letter.

A report must be submitted within 45 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 RWQCB "sign off."

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

- 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 and characterization
- o Interpretation of results: water level contour maps showing gradients, free and dissolved product plume definition maps for each target compound, geologic cross sections, etc.
- o Recommendations for additional work

All reports and proposals must be submitted under seal of a California-registered geologist or civil engineer with the appropriate environmental background. Please include a statement of qualifications for each lead professional involved with this project.

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

The recent submittal of information cited herein, and your continued compliance with requests from this office for technical reports and corrective action, pursuant to provisions of 23CCR and Chapter 6.7 of the California Health and Safety Code, have presently suspended your Pre-Enforcement Review Panel Hearing previously scheduled for August 16, 1995.

Please feel free to call me at 510/567-6783, should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Scott O. Seery, CHMM
Senior Hazardous Materials Specialist

cc: Jun Makishima, Acting Agency Director
Gil Jensen, Alameda County District Attorney's Office
Kevin Graves, RWQCB
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Tim Pipes (via facsimile)

Alameda County Health Care Services Agency, Department of Environmental Health, Division of Environmental Protection

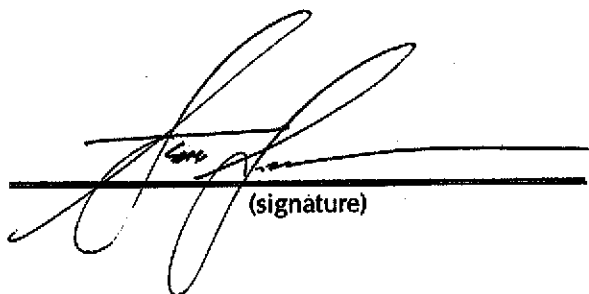
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Proof of Service of Notice of Pre-Enforcement Review Panel

Smiser Trucking)
1755 Aurora Drive)
San Leandro, CA 94577)

I Scott Seery, do hereby certify that I served Jerry Lundberg with a copy of the attached Notice of Pre-Enforcement Review Panel to convene on August 16, 1995 by certified mailer #Z 196 176 803.

Dated: 6-23-95



(signature)

**Alameda County Health Care Services Agency,
Department of Environmental Health,
Division of Environmental Protection**

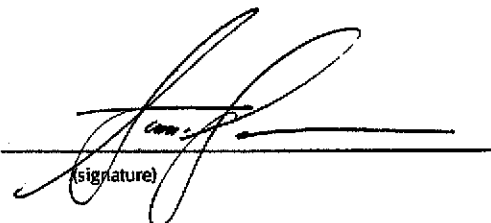
In Re The Properties Known As: <u>Smiser Trucking</u> <u>1755 Aurora Drive</u> <u>San Leandro, CA 94577</u>))))))	Notice of Pre-Enforcement Review Panel
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Notice is hereby given that upon the motion of the Alameda County Environmental Protection Division a **Review Panel** will convene on August 16, 1995 at 11:00 a.m. in the offices of the Alameda County Hazardous Materials Division, located at 1131 Harbor Bay Parkway, Room 250, Alameda, CA 94502. This hearing of the **Review Panel** will convene for the purpose of determining responsible parties as well as appropriate closure, site assessment, clean-up and mitigation of contamination at the above locations.

The Alameda County Environmental Protection Division has named and served notice of this **Review Panel** on the following persons or entities as having proposed responsibility for closure, site assessment, clean-up and mitigation of contamination at the above location, and by this notice all parties named herein are informed of the right to appear and show cause, if any they have, for the exclusion or inclusion of any of the parties served herein from said responsibility or obligations:

1. **Jerry Lundberg**
 JDL Corporation
 8221 E. Third Street, Ste. 204
 Downey, CA 90241

Dated: June 23, 1995



 (signature)

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RAFAT A. SHAHID, Assistant Agency Director

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July 26, 1994

Mr. Jerry Lundberg
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ALAMEDA, CA 94502-6577

RE: 1755 AURORA DRIVE, SAN LEANDRO, ALAMEDA COUNTY

Dear Mr. Lundberg:

Your attention is directed to the June 18, 1993 correspondence from this office in which was requested the submittal of all environmental assessment and remediation reports with respect to the former underground storage tank (UST) and "grease pit" areas. The collection of possible reports or other documents requested in the cited correspondence includes, among others, that which documents the UST closure(s). A copy of the June 18, 1993 letter is attached for your reference.

Our request for documents was clarified for you during our telephone conversation of June 24, 1993. Specifically, you were requested during this conversation to submit documents detailing the UST closure(s), provide a history of site use, particularly the use and construction of, and waste materials placed into, the "grease pit," and any other environmental reports regarding this site. It has recently been reported to us that the former UST pit remains open, while the "grease pit" has been backfilled.

Although more than a year has passed since our last contact, to date, we have not received the requested information.

At this time, you are directed to submit the requested information within 30 days of the date of this letter. Failure to adequately respond to this request will result in the referral of this case to the appropriate enforcement agency for possible action.

You may reach me at our temporary telephone number of 510-337-2866 should you have any further questions.

Sincerely,



Scott O. Seery, CHMM
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attachment

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June 18, 1993 (SECOND MAILING)

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RE: UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK LEAK AND ASSESSMENT FILES, 1755
AURORA DRIVE, SAN LEANDRO

Dear Mr. Lundberg:

This office is currently reviewing the underground storage tank (UST) leak and assessment file for the referenced site. The information presently available in this file appears incomplete, particularly where concerning the UST closure report and supporting documents (e.g., lab reports, sample location map, etc.), the history and investigation of the UST and "grease pit" areas, and any subsequent ground water and soils investigations. Our most recent document is a site remediation and assessment work plan submitted by CKY, Inc. Environmental Services, dated November 1991. We are not aware if this plan has been implemented.

Please submit all documents relating to the noted activities at your earliest convenience, preferably within the next 30 days. You may contact me at 510/271-4530 should you have any questions.

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June 9, 1993

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