

ALAMEDA COUNTY
HEALTH CARE SERVICES



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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
Hazardous Materials Program
80 Swan Way, Rm. 200
Oakland, CA 94621
(415)

August 2, 1991

Mr. John Moe
Southern Pacific Transportation Company
One Market Plaza
San Francisco, CA 94105

Re: 744 High Street, Oakland, Project # 785A

Dear Mr. Moe:

This office has received requests from both you and Mr. Hollander to review this case and provide closure on this site. This investigation was begun in 1989 as a result of a property transfer site assessment. This assessment indicated that there were high levels of oil and grease in the soil, and PCE contamination was identified. A site investigation was begun in 1989. Six monitoring wells were installed, and contaminated soils were excavated to below 50 ppm oil and grease.

To begin this process, there are two initial steps that need to be taken. These are:

1. Submit copies of all reports to Mr. Lester Feldman of the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB). The address is:

2101 Webster Street, 5th Floor
Oakland, California 94612

This should include copies of the original site assessments prior to SP's investigation. The RWQCB has final sign-off on all cases regarding water quality issues, and would want to have as complete a file as possible.

2. Remit \$670.00, payable to Alameda County, to cover the cost of oversight review. Please reference the project number listed above. We will not be able to provide any oversight until we have received payment.

Please be advised that sign-off is usually not considered by the RWQCB until it can be demonstrated that there is no threat to water quality. In most cases this usually is defined as providing four quarters of non-detectable values for the contaminants identified. At this site, the last round of sampling was in September, 1990, and analyses from one of the six

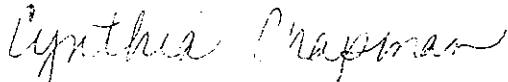
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The reports indicate that encountered contaminated soil has been excavated. The available data regarding the soil indicates that the site does not appear to pose an undue risk to human health or the environment. Based on the current information, our office has no concerns with paving the site, as Mr. Hollander requested, but we recommend leaving the wells in place until the agencies make a sign-off determination. At this point, the item to address is one of water quality.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at 415/271-4320.

Sincerely,



Cynthia Chapman
Hazardous Materials Specialist

c: Mr. Lester Feldman, RWQCB
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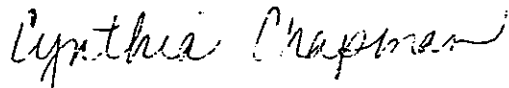
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