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Mr. Paresh Khatri
Alameda County Health Care Services Agency
Environmental Protection Division
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Alameda, California 94502-6577

RE: Letter Supporting No Further Action
Former Helmut Motors, 82 W. A Street, Hayward, California
Fuel Leak Case #RO0002454, Geotracker Global ID T0600191687

Dear Mr. Khatri:

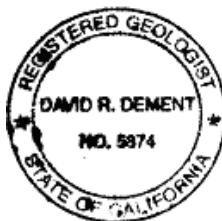
On behalf of Mr. Mike Kho, the current property owner of 82 W. A Street, Hayward, California (Site), Environmental Risk Specialties (ERS) is formally requesting no further action related to the former underground storage tanks (USTs) removed from the Site in October 1990.

Two 5,000-gallon gasoline and one 550-gallon waste oil USTs were removed in October 1990. At the direction of Ms. Pamela Evans, caseworker for the Alameda County Health Care Services Agency (ACHCSA), the waste oil UST was subsequently overexcavated in November 1990 and again in January 1991. Ms. Evans reviewed the results of confirmation soil samples collected under the waste oil UST and prepared her February 23, 1993 letter to the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) requesting closure (attached). The RWQCB reviewed the case and subsequently prepared a Case Closure letter dated April 19, 1993 (attached). A copy of the April 19, 1993 closure letter was also provided to your office as an attachment to a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment provided by Mr. Kho.

ACHCSA and RWQCB letters referenced in this letter are being uploaded to the State's GEOTRACKER website and ACHCSA's FTP database as necessary to update the case and continue to support the RWQCB's regulatory closure. On behalf of Mr. Kho, we respectfully request that tasks requested in your July 3 and October 31, 2008 letters be rescinded and the case be closed with no further action.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (925) 938-1600, extension 109 or email me at ddement@erscorp.us.

Sincerely,



David DeMent, PG, REA II
Senior Geologist

cc: Mr. Mike Kho

Attachments

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February 23, 1993

Richard Hiett
Regional Water Quality Control Board
2101 Webster St., 4th Floor
Oakland CA 94612

RE: Helmut Motors
82 A St.
Hayward CA 94541
REQUEST FOR SITE CLOSURE

Dear Mr. Hiett:

In December of 1990, Richard Faber, owner of Helmut Motors, filed an Unauthorized Release Report as a result of oil and grease contamination found beneath a former waste oil tank at the site. Below, in chronological order, is a summary of the tank removal and remediation activities that have occurred at the site:

1. October, 1990 - Gasoline and waste oil tanks were removed. Significant levels of oil and grease were found in native soils at (370 to 640 ppm) at a depth of 4 to 5 feet.
2. November, 1990 - An additional 1 - 2' of soil was excavated from the waste oil pit and a confirmatory sample was taken at a depth of about 6 feet. This sample was found to contain 59 ppm of oil and grease.
3. January, 1991 - Additional soil was excavated from the tank pit. A confirmatory sample was taken from the bottom of the tank pit at about 7 feet. This sample was analyzed for Total Oil and Grease and BTEX components. No detectable contamination was found.

Recently, the property owner, Richard Faber, asked that the site be considered for closure. Data gaps do exist for the site: Field notes for the site are incomplete (June, 1991 sampling event is not documented.) As well, the property owner has not carried out investigative work that would reliably establish soil conditions and depth to groundwater at his site. Nevertheless, I am asking that you consider closure for this site for the following reasons:

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1. The confirmatory sample analyses for samples taken in June of 1991, showed no detectable levels of contaminants.
2. The native soil in the tank pit appeared to contain a great deal of clay. While I can not say for certain that the clay layer beneath the tank was more than 2 1/2 feet thick, I feel that it was probably an effective barrier to the spread of oil and grease to deeper soil layers.
3. Depth to groundwater is likely to be 35 to 45 feet, based on data from monitoring wells at neighboring sites. It is reasonable to assume that a soil barrier of at least 20 feet exists between the contamination and groundwater.
4. The waste oil pit, which was backfilled in the summer of 1991, had been excavated to the extent feasible, considering that the west wall of the shop was within 1 1/2 feet of the edge of the pit. The owner fears damage to the structure will result from any further soil removal.

I believe that the soil removal done at the site thus far has removed the source of contamination and mitigated its potential threat to groundwater. Unless your review of this case results in conclusions different from my own, please send written concurrence at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,



Pamela J. Evans
Senior Hazardous Materials Specialist

c: Richard Faber, Helmut Motors
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April 19, 1993
File 2198.17 (UST)

Mr. Richard Haber, Helmut Motors
82 W. A Street
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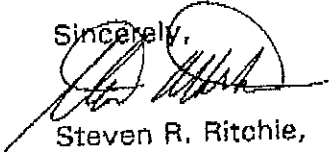
Subject: UST case closure for Helmut Motors, 82 W. A Street, Hayward, California.

Dear Mr. Haber:

The Alameda County Department of Environmental Health has submitted a report which summarizes the investigation and cleanup of hydrocarbon pollution resulting from leaks associated with two 5000 gallon gasoline and one 500 gallon waste oil underground storage tanks at the above mentioned site, and recommends that the case be closed. The Regional Board staff reviewed the report and concur with the recommendation. Therefore, based on the available information for the above site, it appears that further investigation and cleanup of the hydrocarbon pollution is not necessary at this time. However, further work may be required if conditions change or a water quality problem is discovered at the site.

Please contact Susan Rigala at (510)-286-0434, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


Steven R. Ritchie,
Executive Officer

CC: Pamela Evans, ACDEH