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Subject: Status of Subsurface Characterization Activities
901 Embarcadero, Oakland, California
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Dear Mr. Chan:

This letter is submitted by Kennedy/Jenks Consultants (Kennedy/Jenks) on behalf of Praxair, Inc. (Praxair) to provide you with a status report regarding the subsurface characterization activities at 901 Embarcadero in Oakland. The Subsurface Characterization Work Plan for 901 Embarcadero (Work Plan) was submitted to you in early February 2001. Following receipt of your approval of the Work Plan in mid-April 2001, the characterization activities were scheduled and coordinated.

Collection of soil and groundwater samples occurred on 17 and 18 May 2001. The analytical results were obtained from the laboratory and reviewed by Kennedy/Jenks. Following discussions of the results with Nick DiFranco of Praxair, Kennedy/Jenks proceeded with preparation of a draft report to present the results, findings and conclusions. The draft Subsurface Characterization Report (Report) was initially submitted to Praxair for review, and subsequently submitted to representatives of the Port of Oakland (the Port).

The next step is for representatives of Praxair and the Port to discuss the draft Report and potential future actions. However, due to a series of individual vacations, this meeting to discuss the report will not occur until early September 2001. Following the meeting, and assuming that there is some concurrence regarding the conclusions of the subsurface characterization activities, we anticipate that the final Report will be prepared and submitted to you.

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I apologize for the delay in submitting the Report. If you have any questions regarding this project, please call either Nick DiFranco of Praxair at (732) 738-3424 or me at (415) 243-2534.

Very truly yours,

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