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Lane Metal Finishers
Address Unknown

Subject: SLIC Case RO0002567, Geotracker Global ID SL0600138148, Chung Property/Lane Metal Finishers, 2942 San Pablo Avenue, Oakland, CA 94608

Dear Chae M. and Jung H. Chung:

The purpose of this letter is to provide notice of the transfer of regulatory oversight for this case from Alameda County Environmental Health (ACEH) to the California Department of Toxic Substances (DTSC) and to identify several issues related to recent grading of the site. The site located at 2942 San Pablo Avenue is currently being investigated as a Spills, Leaks, Investigations, and Cleanups (SLIC) under regulatory oversight of ACEH. Petroleum hydrocarbons have been detected in soil and groundwater in an area of the site that was previously used as a service station. Elevated concentrations of chlorinated solvents, metals, and cyanide have been detected in soil and groundwater in the area of a former metal plating operation. These releases are believed to be a result of the metals finishing operations conducted by Lane Metals Finishers. Lane Metal Finishers operated a plating shop at 2942 San Pablo Avenue from 1959 to 1979 (Ecology & Environment 2002). Former owners and operators of Lane Metals Finishers, Donald Dean and Emil Pansky, also operated the Cal-Tech metals finishing facility at 841, 829, and 825 31st Street in Oakland, CA. The Cal-Tech site on 31st Street is currently being investigated under the regulatory oversight of DTSC.

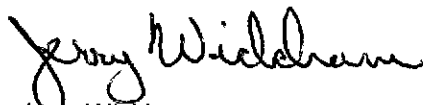
Regulatory oversight of the case at 2942 San Pablo Avenue is being transferred from Alameda County Environmental Health to the California Department of Toxic Substances Control. DTSC will provide future direction regarding the completion of site characterization activities, public notification, and site cleanup.

On February 22, 2007, we received information from a nearby resident that grading activities were taking place at 2942 San Pablo Avenue. On February 23, 2007, Jerry Wickham of ACEH visited the site and observed two small excavators, freshly excavated soil, and a stockpile of concrete and soil in the center of the site. During a telephone conversation between Jerry Wickham of ACEH and Jason Chung on February 22, 2007, we informed Mr. Chung that surface soils at the site were contaminated with metals and that site grading should not be conducted without the proper plans and controls in place. Furthermore, conducting site grading in an uncontrolled manner could potentially expose workers and nearby residents to site contamination. No further grading of the site is to be conducted without explicit authorization and approval of the lead regulatory agency.

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If you have any questions, please call me at (510) 567-6791.

Sincerely,



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