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Martha Utter
Transamerica Finance Group
1150 S. Olive St. #1730
Los Angeles CA 90015

re: Macy Mover's site
200 Victory Ct. (aka Fallon St.)
Oakland CA 94607

Dear Ms. Utter,

We have received a letter from your lawyer, Helaine Lasky, dated 9/23/93, requesting a tank closure letter for the above referenced site. As you know, a 1000-gallon underground storage tank (UST) was removed on 5/18/92. Contamination was detected in the soils and water associated with the tank removal. However, it appears that this contamination is not related to the UST, as per the information submitted to this office.

This letter confirms the completion of site investigation and remedial action for the former 1000-gallon UST removed from the above site on 5/18/92. With the provision that the information provided to this agency was accurate and representative of existing conditions, this office has determined that no further action concerning the former UST is required at this time.

However, the remaining soil and groundwater contamination at the site needs to be addressed. Since it appears that a regional soil and groundwater contamination problem exists, this case is being referred to the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) for oversight.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Eberle
Hazardous Materials Specialist

cc: Helaine Lasky; Crosby, Heafey, Roach and May, attorneys at
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RE: Macy's Movers site
200 Victory Ct. (aka Fallon St.)
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Dear Ms. Utter,

We are in receipt of the request for tank closure letter written by Helaine Lasky of Crosby, Heafey, Roach and May, dated 6/10/93. The letter gives an explanation for the UST being used only for gasoline. The tank appeared intact upon removal; its contents were analyzed and appeared to be gasoline. Since a black oily substance appeared in the tank excavation, soil samples were analyzed for volatile organics, heavy petroleum and polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons and selected metals, in addition to TPH-gasoline and BTEX. The results indicated non-detectable concentrations of TPH-gasoline and low levels of BTEX. However, high concentrations of diesel were detected in soils, as well as concentrations of polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons and heavy metals.

Your environmental consultant, Subsurface Consultants Inc. (SCI), explained that these heavier constituents were detected in nearby sites, and are associated with lumber and wood treatment operations formerly conducted in that area. Further, it appears that the area was filled with contaminated soils in order to reclaim the marshland. The area where the tank was located appears to have been filled in the 1920s, when wood treatment operations were ongoing at the corner of Fallon and Victory Ct., according to SCI. Therefore, it appears that the subsurface contamination in the tank vicinity is unrelated to the tank.

However, further investigation is requested to determine the extent of contamination on the Macy's Movers site. We request a workplan for a subsurface (soil and groundwater) investigation within 45 days or by August 2, 1993.

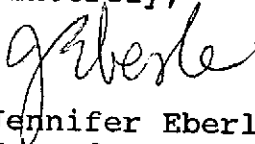
All work should adhere to a) the Tri-Regional Board Staff Recommendations for Preliminary Evaluation and Investigation of Underground Tank Sites, dated 8/10/90; and b) Article 11 of Title 23, California Code of Regulations. Reports and proposals must be submitted **under seal** of a California-Registered Geologist, - Certified Engineering Geologist, or -Registered Civil Engineer.

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Since we are no longer considering this case tank-related, but further investigative work is needed, this case will be transferred from the Local Oversight Program (LOP) to the deposit refund program within this Division. This will change the way our oversight activities are funded. Whereas responsible parties are billed for work already conducted via the LOP, we work off funds submitted up front in the deposit refund program. Therefore, we request that a deposit of \$500.00 be submitted for oversight of this case. Detailed records are maintained of the time spent working on cases, and the deposit is expended at a rate of \$75 per hour. Upon completion of the project, the balance will be refunded. This deposit is authorized by section 3-140.5 of the Alameda County Ordinance Code.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 510-271-4530.

Sincerely,



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