



PORT OF OAKLAND

March 20, 1998

Ms. Madhulla Logan
Alameda County Health Care Services Agency
Department of Environmental Health
1131 Harbor Bay Parkway
Alameda, CA 94502

RE: Status Report for the Former Cryer Boat Yard, 1899 Dennison Street, Oakland

Dear Ms. Logan:

The following is in response to our conversation of March 10, 1998, and describes the Port's work at the former Cryer Boat Yard, 1899 Dennison Street, Oakland.

Subsurface Investigation

In the transmittal letter to the Port's workplan dated January 5, 1998, we estimated that once debris removal had occurred a site investigation would follow soon after, probably in April 1998. We have since learned that the debris removal will not include the boat ramps on-site and, therefore, site access will be limited (the boat ramps cannot be moved until an Initial Study determines their historic significance). This should not delay the field investigation but, we will have to alter sampling methods.

Since the boat ramps will not be removed, the drill rig (hollow stem auger) can only access boring SB17. The remaining borings will be conducted using a hand augering method at those locations indicated in the workplan, unless obstructions are encountered.

In our conversation you indicated that you would like to be present during the investigation. We will contact you at least 72 hours in advance to ensure your presence.

Slag Investigation

The Port confirmed the visual presence of a "slag" material in early February 1998 followed by sampling on February 26, 1998. Borings were drilled at two locations adjacent to proposed drilling locations SB16 and SB17 (please see figure 5 of the January 5, 1998 workplan). Two soil samples were taken from each boring and analyzed for CAM 17 metals. The results will be evaluated and presented in the risk assessment.

Risk Assessment

A report documenting the results of the additional borings (SB14-SB17) and the slag investigation will be included in the risk assessment report. We anticipate submitting the report to you by June 30, 1998, assuming the investigation can be conducted in April as planned.

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Human health and ecological risks will be evaluated as requested in your letter dated October 30, 1998. Screening level PRGs will be the basis for evaluating ecological and human health risks.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 510-272-1467 or Mr. Douglas Herman at 510-272-1184.

Sincerely,



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