

**Garcia-La Grille, Roseanna, Env. Health**

**From:** Griffin, Leroy [LGriffin@oaklandnet.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 09, 2004 3:27 PM  
**To:** Garcia-La Grille, Roseanna, Env. Health  
**Subject:** RE: Willie D. Harper Building

I don't have anything in my files for this site.

LeRoy Griffin  
Hazardous Materials Program Manager  
Oakland Fire Department/Office of Emergency Services  
lgriffin@oaklandnet.com  
(510)238-7759

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Garcia-La Grille, Roseanna, Env. Health [mailto:roseanna.garcia-lagrilleg@acgov.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 08, 2004 3:18 PM  
**To:** 'lgriffin@oaklandnet.com'  
**Subject:** Willie D. Harper Building

Hi Leroy,

I was wondering if you have any UST removal results or any other pertinent information for:

Oakland Unified School District  
Willie D. Harper Building  
314 International Blvd.  
*E. 10th* *DJP 12/9/05*

Donna believes that this site may be an LOP case that was never listed.

Please let me know if you have anything.

Thank you!  
Roseanna

*can Jack Park  
Oakland Schools re:  
UST at 4th Ave & 10th St*

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Roseanna E. Garcia-La Grille  
Hazardous Materials Technician  
Alameda County Dept. of Environmental Health  
1131 Harbor Bay Pkwy., Room 250  
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*Hadashi Nakadegawa  
836-8385  
Dec 2*

ALAMEDA COUNTY  
HEALTH CARE SERVICES

AGENCY  
DAVID J. KEARS, Agency Director



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October 9, 2002

Mr. Louis Freese, Director of Building and Grounds  
Oakland Unified School District  
955 High Street  
Oakland, CA 94601

RE: Willie D. Harper Building, 314 E. 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Oakland – Status of Underground Storage Tank

Dear Mr. Freese:

This letter follows our telephone conversation yesterday which focused on the status of the underground storage tank (UST) adjacent to the Willie D. Harper building. As I mentioned to you yesterday, this UST was identified at the subject facility in September 1992 after construction workers noticed petroleum product seeping into a nearby Pacific Bell underground utility vault they were working on at the time. In June and July 1993, the District wrote to this office advising that certain measures would be followed to develop a plan to remove the UST and assess the extent of the product release. These letters are the last we have received regarding this issue.

I have attached to this correspondence copies of the two District letters referenced, above, as well as a letter from this office in May 1993 outlining the UST requirements for this site at that time.

At your earliest convenience, please advise this office, and that of the Oakland Fire Department at the address shown, below, of the current status of the UST project. You may contact me at (510) 567-6783 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Scott O. Seery, CHMM  
Hazardous Materials Specialist

attachments (3)

cc: Robert Weston, ACDEH CUPA  
Leroy Griffin, Oakland Fire Dept., 1605 Martin Luther King Jr. Way  
Oakland, CA 94612

Listing of HAZMAT - FULL SITE HISTORY since 1987 for StID # 4597  
as of 12/14/2001 ..... all Activity Codes

SITE NAME & ADDRESS:

Willie D. Harper -- 314 E 10th St , Oakland CA 94606

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Archived Dailies:

| InspDat    | Insp Act | InspT | StID      | DRPro | Comment   | DailBDat |
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| 12/08/1992 | CL       | 74    | 1. 4597   | 2234A | EST - WORKED ON LTR   | *****    |
| 05/22/1997 | ADM      | 71    | 1. 4597   | 2234A | ADMINISTRATION CHARGE   | *****    |
| 05/17/1993 | CL       | 74    | 0.5 4597  | 2234A | EST - WORKED ON LTR   | *****    |
| 05/18/1993 | CL       | 75    | 0.5 4597  | 2234A | EST - LETTER RECEIVED   | *****    |
| 05/20/1993 | PS       | 74    | 0.5 4597  | 2234A | got letter out to Oakland Schools re ust Willie D. Harper Blding, 314 E 10th st | -0-      |
| 06/01/1993 | CL       | 75    | 0.5 4597  | 2234A | EST - LETTER RECEIVED   | *****    |
| 07/02/1993 | CL       | 74    | 0.5 4597  | 2234A | EST - LETTER RECEIVED   | *****    |
| 07/13/1993 | CL       | 74    | 0.5 4597  | 2234A | EST - LETTER RECEIVED   | *****    |
| 07/13/1993 | PS       | 75    | 0.25 4597 | 2234A | review bid proposal from Robert Nicloai   | -0-      |
| 10/07/1993 | CL       | 74    | 0.5 4597  | 2234A | EST - LETTER RECEIVED   | *****    |

Current Dailies:

| InspDat    | Insp Act | InspT | StID     | DRPro | Comment | DailBDat |
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| 05/22/1997 | AG       | 49    | 2.5 4597 | 22349 |         |          |

Complete

455 High St

Oak 94601

Director of Building  
+ Grounds

Louis Freese, P.E.

279-8387

Director of Building  
+ Grounds

Pacific Bell Claims  
P.O. Box 60377  
3707 Kings Way, Room A-1  
Sacramento, California 95860-0377



93 OCT -7 PM 12: 29

Tuesday, October 5, 1993

Paul M. Smith  
Department of Environmental Health  
80 Swan Way, Room 200  
Oakland, CA 94621

Re: Case No. : RB247-0151  
Date of Loss : D 8/18/92  
Location : 10th and 4th Ave, Oakland  
Damage To : Underground Telephone Facilities

Dear Mr. Smith:

Pursuant to your telephone message to Dick Weinberg of September 1, 1993, above referenced matter.

We are still waiting a response from your office regarding the removal of the subject underground storage tank at the School District offices. As this incident of damage to our facility is now over a year old, we are anxious to resolve the liability issues.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Dick Weinberg on 916-972-2894.

Very truly yours,

**K.D. Black**

Karol D. Black  
Area Claims Manager  
Pacific Bell Claims

Pacific Bell Claims  
P.O. Box 60377  
3707 Kings Way, Room A-1  
Sacramento, California 95860-0377

**PACIFIC BELL**  
A Pacific Telesis Company

98 JUL 29 PM 2:07

Wednesday, July 21, 1993

Paul M. Smith  
Department of Environmental Health  
80 Swan Way, Room 200  
Oakland, CA 94621

Re: Case No. : RB247-0151  
Date of Loss : Disc. 8/18/92  
Location : 10th St. and 4th Ave, Oakland  
Damage To : Underground Telephone Facilities

Dear Mr. Smith:

We received a copy of your letter dated May 19, 1993, addressed to Mr. Jack Phar, regarding the above referenced incident.

First, accept our thanks and appreciation for keeping us informed as your involvement with this issue continues. As the 45 day time period has now elapsed for some planned activity by the School District, we are anxious to know the present status of the fuel tank at issue.

We remain available to you should there be any questions or concerns where we can be of assistance in this matter. Please continue to use Mr. Weinberg as your contact with Pacific Bell and please continue to keep us informed of any significant events as they occur.

Very truly yours,

**K.D. Black**

Karol D. Black  
Area Claims Manager  
Pacific Bell Claims

FILE OR

ENVELOPE

PER NO.

M

No. of

PLAN REVIEW

\$ 750.00

DATE

TS

4/10/93

Pre-Con

No.

Plans Rec'd.

FOOT

Pre-Plas

Plans Approved

Layout Made

Rejected

Applicant Notified

Plans Returned

Permit Issued

CONSTRUCTION

Pre-Plaster/dryw

Pre-Final

Final

Send to CUPA

- UST compliance issue
- may become LOP based on nuisance conditions noted in 1992 - see record inside folder

OWNER Oakland Unif. School Dist.

Address 1025 Second Ave.

Oakland, CA 94606 Phone

Contractor Willie D. Harper

Address 314 E. 10th St.

Oakland 94606 Phone

OTHER (Specify)

Address

Phone

CONTACT FOR INVESTIGATION

XR

REMARKS

SITE

Date

By

REMARKS

Date

By

7/13/93 PS received bid proposal for contractors to submit closure info & remove USTs

5/20/93 letter to Jean Pham req work plan within 30 days for UST removal

Tank removed?

LOP eligible?

letter sent 10-7-02



Administration Building  
1025 Second Avenue, Room 112  
Oakland, CA 94606  
(510) 836-8103  
FAX: (510) 451-2926

OFFICE OF RISK MANAGEMENT

June 1, 1993

Mr. Paul M. Smith  
Senior Hazardous Materials Specialist  
Alameda County Health Care Services Agency  
Department of Environmental Health  
Hazardous Materials Division  
80 Swan Way, Room 200  
Oakland, CA 94621

Dear Mr. Smith:

In response to your May 19, 1993 letter, the Oakland Unified School District has taken the following steps to initiate action on the underground tank at its Willie D. Harper site at 314 East 10th Street, Oakland, CA.

1. Enclosed you will find a check for \$750.00 to establish our deposit/refund account as required by Alameda County Ordinance Section 3-140.5.
2. Oakland Unified has hired an industrial hygiene consulting company to assist in developing its initial "work plan proposal" to remediate the underground tank problem. The company is Hazard Management Services, Inc. (HMS, Inc.) of Modesto, California and the primary contact is Jim Sharp at (209) 551-2000.
3. Within 10 working days Oakland Unified will arrange to have any remaining product pumped from the tank. It is our intent to accomplish this by June 14, 1993. Oakland Unified will advise your office when the pumping will occur.
4. Samples of any remaining product will be taken to characterize its contents. This will assist in identifying any soil contaminants as they are encountered.
5. A comprehensive "work plan proposal" will be developed by HMS, Inc. and, after review by Oakland Unified, will be submitted to your office by July 2, 1993.

I hope these responses demonstrate our good faith efforts to resolve this underground tank problem. If you have any comments please call me at (510) 836-8103.

Sincerely,

  
Jack Phar, Director  
Risk Management

JP:cb

Enclosure

cc: R.P. Mesa  
Robert Nicolai

INS.884

ALAMEDA COUNTY  
HEALTH CARE SERVICES

AGENCY  
DAVID J. KEARS, Agency Director



RAFAT A. SHAHID, Assistant Agency Director

May 19, 1993

Mr. Jack Phar  
Risk Manager  
Oakland Unified School District  
1025 Second Avenue  
Oakland, CA 94606

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH  
Hazardous Materials Division  
80 Swan Way, Rm. 200  
Oakland, CA 94621  
(510) 271-4320

**\*\*\*Notice of Legal Obligation\*\*\***

**Re: Underground Storage Tank Removal at the Willie D. Harper  
Building, 314 E 10th Street, Oakland, CA 94606**

Dear Mr. Phar:

As you are aware on September 22, 1992 contractors for Pacific Bell entered a subterranean vault at the Northeast intersection of 4th Ave and 10th Street and noted visible petroleum product within a vault containing PacBell telephone wiring. Oakland Fire Department (Unit 12) and Alameda County Emergency Response units were called out to the scene. Samples collected from the vault indicated the presence of what appeared to be petroleum compounds mixed with water. The vault was pumped out by a hazardous waste hauler. A day or so later, the vault again contained petroleum hydrocarbon contaminated water which was evacuated.

Since that time we have had conversations regarding a possible source of this contamination from the above noted facility. After diligently researching this matter, you informed to me of the presence of an old fuel oil tank at the subject property in relatively close proximity to the vault location. It was/is unknown if the tank still contained product. You mentioned that it was the school district's intention to either conduct a subsurface investigation or to remove the tank and address any contamination issues following removal.

Sections 2670c, 2711 and 2712 Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations, require that underground storage tanks be either permitted or removed. Additionally, you should be aware that Section 13304 of the California Water Code gives the State of California Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) the authority to prevent discharges of waste into the waters of the state. Alameda County is acting as the (RWQCB)s agent in making this request.

**You are required to submit, within 45 days of the receipt of this letter a work plan proposal for review by this Division prior to implementation. The work plan should outline the proposed**



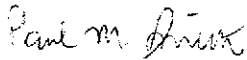
Mr. Phar  
May 19, 1993  
page 2 of 2

measures to address the tank removal, soil sampling and delineation of the contamination (if applicable). If product is still contained in the tank, it must be removed as soon as possible.

Finally, a deposit/refund account for this project has not yet been established. Section 3-140.5 of the Alameda County Ordinance allows fees for the regulatory oversight of site remediation projects. You are required to remit a check for \$ 750.00 made payable to Alameda County Treasurer. An account will be established and billed at a rate of \$ 75.00 per hour. Any unused portion of these funds will be returned to you at the completion of the project.

If you have any questions please contact me at (510) 271-4320.

Sincerely,



Paul M. Smith  
Senior Hazardous Materials Specialist

c:

Rich Hiatt, Water Resources Control Engineer, SFRWQCB, 2101  
Webster St, Fifth Floor, Oakland, CA 94612  
R.P. Mesa, Superintendent of Schools, 1025 2nd Ave.,  
Oakland, CA 94606  
Dick Weinberg, Pacific Bell, P.O. Box 60377, Sacramento, CA  
95860-0377

file # RB2470151

For Bell Claims

Attn Dick Weinberg

PO BOX 60377

Sacramento, 95860-0377

(916) 972-2894

? size of fence

2/16/93

tel con w/

re:

removal of VST at Oakland School Dist  
admin offices at 4<sup>th</sup> Ave & 10<sup>th</sup> St  
Oakland.

Since that he called Jack Pharr of Oakland  
schools and was told that VST removal would  
occur in spring (after rains).

I need to call Jack Pharr and request  
a completed closure applic.

Dick requested that we cc him on any  
correspondence to Oakland schools.

3/30/93 con from Dick Weinberg inquiring  
of status of VST removal. Requested  
that a letter to Oakland schools is appropriate

s/2/02

Michael Gylson Pac Bell

977-2171

LTL Auto Repair

94606

470 E 10th St

451-2105

Dr Willie D Harper Bldg

314 E 10th St

Oakland Schools

membrane ~~at~~ 713A<sup>3</sup>

s/2/02 Called Joan Pham to contact  
Max King

836-8385

12/2/02 tel con Tadashi Nakadigawa of Oakland  
Schools + discussed possible strategy prelim  
subsurface invest vs UST rem + excav.  
during winter I expressed to him  
that both this Agency + Pac Bell would  
like to see UST/contam addressed as  
product has historically entered the adjacent  
Pac Bell vault on 4th Ave + 10th St.  
called Mike Gylson of Pac Bell at 977-2171  
and told him the above