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December 8, 1995

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RE: Diesel Tank Excavation - New Century Beverage Company, 1150 Park Avenue, Emeryville, California WA Job #14-0307-86

## Dear Ms. Hugo:

This letter summarizes our proposed strategy for the diesel tank excavation at the New Century Beverage Company facility in Emeryville, California (Figure 1), and is in follow-up to our telephone conversation of December 7, 1995, where we discussed the:

- 1) analytic results for the soil samples collected on November 30, 1995, from a series of fourteen borings drilled west, north, and east of the former diesel tank pit excavation;
- 2) suspected source of the diesel contamination observed in the soil samples which were collected and analyzed from the borings, and
- 3) probable need for backfilling the current excavation.

Because the analytic results for the soil samples collected from the borings show that diesel-impacted soils may extend eastward beneath the building, and because we have entered the rainy season, we have decided to backfill the current excavation and postpone any additional excavation until New Century vacates the property in May 1996 and demolishes the building. Although the completion of this excavation will be delayed for several months, we will continue to monitor ground water quality in the onsite wells listed on the proposed "Quarterly Ground Water Sampling Program Schedule" submitted to your office on September 11, 1995, and we will continue to report the results of the ground water program to your office on a quarterly basis.

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The benefits of resuming the excavation in late May-early June 1996, when the building is anticipated to be demolished include:

- 1) access to the diesel-impacted soils which potentially extend east beneath the structure:
- 2) no extended weather delays, and
- 3) no adverse impact on site operations.

Backfilling of the current excavation is scheduled to begin early the week of December 11, 1995. We will keep you apprised of our progress. Please contact either of us at (510) 450-6000 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Figure 1 Site Location Map

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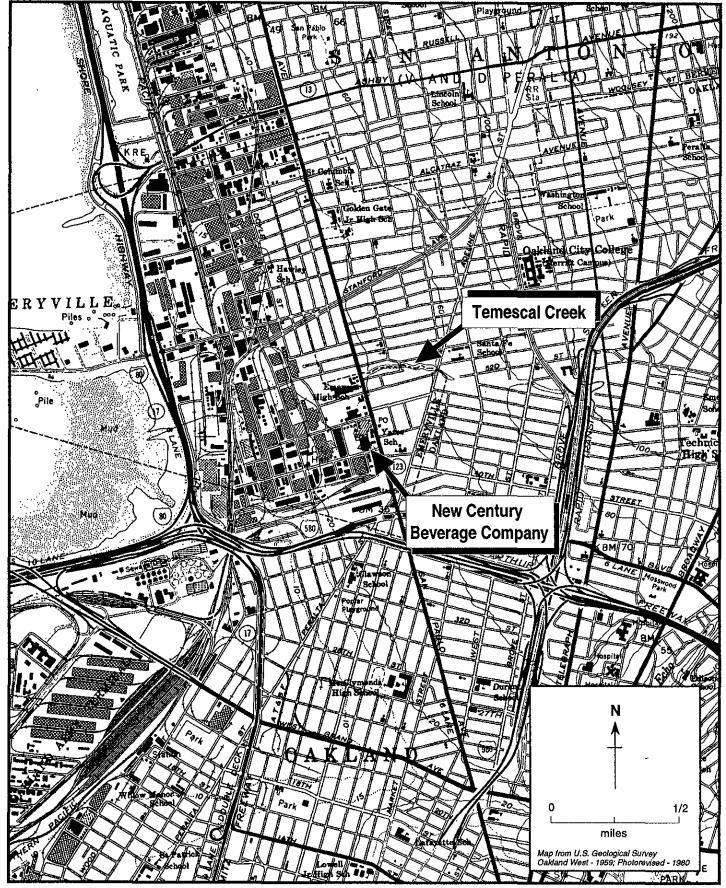


Figure 1. Site Vicinity Map - New Century Beverage Company, 1150 Park Avenue, Emeryville, California