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Mark Arniola (*Sent via E-mail to: marniola@oaklandnet.com*)
City of Oakland
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Oakland, CA 94612

Subject: Request for Site History Reports for City of Oakland Gas Station Oil/Depot, City of Oakland Vehicle Maintenance Garage, and Old Lake Merritt Pump Station formerly located at 5th Avenue, Oakland, California

Dear Mr. Arniola:

Alameda County Department of Environmental Health (ACDEH) is requesting site history information for the City of Oakland Gas Station Oil/Depot, City of Oakland Vehicle Maintenance Garage, and Old Lake Merritt Pump Station, facilities formerly owned and/or operated by the City of Oakland up to the 1960's at 5th Avenue in Oakland, the current location of Peralta Community College. A Leaking Underground Fuel Tank (LUFT) case (RO0000384) is currently open at the Peralta Community College site located at 501 5th Avenue in Oakland and site investigations have been ongoing. As explained below, this information will assist ACDEH staff with its investigation of groundwater contamination in the vicinity as well name additional Responsible Party(ies) in accordance with California Code of Regulations, Chapter 16, Article 11, §2720. This letter is directed to you as the former owner and operator of the above-cited facilities.

Background

ACDEH understands that the City of Oakland operated the above-cited facilities at 500 block of 5th Avenue in Oakland from at least 1936 up to the late 1960's, when the land was purchased by Peralta Community College District. Several underground storage tanks and various hazardous materials were utilized at the facilities.

During environmental investigations conducted in 1992 through 2012 at the Peralta Community College site located 501 5th Avenue in Oakland, petroleum hydrocarbons have been detected in soil, groundwater and soil vapor samples. This subsurface contamination appears to pose a risk to human health and the environment and therefore, must be fully evaluated. The City of Oakland facilities historical information will assist ACDEH staff determine the source(s) of the contamination.

Please submit a technical report containing the following information by Friday, **October 20, 2017**.

TECHNICAL COMMENTS

1. A description of: (a) the period of time that the City of Oakland operated at the property, (b) the operator's name and current mailing address, (c) a contact person and their current phone number, and (d) the nature of the City of Oakland's facility operations, including chemicals stored and/or utilized.
2. Any reports prepared to investigate or evaluate the environmental conditions at the property.
3. A description of the sources consulted to respond to the above items (e.g. written records, former employees, local agency files).

4. A statement that the information provided in response to the above items is full, true, and correct, under penalty of perjury.

This request for a report is made pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Division 3, Chapter 16 and California Health and Safety Code Section 101480, which allows the local health officer to oversee the remedial action. Any extension in the above deadline must be confirmed in writing by ACDEH staff.

TECHNICAL REPORT REQUEST

Please submit technical reports to Alameda County Environmental Health (Attention: Dilan Roe), according to the following schedule:

- **December 1, 2017** – Technical Report

If you have any questions, please call me at (510) 777-2478 or send me an electronic mail message at Paresh.Khatri@acgov.org.

Sincerely,

Paresh C. Khatri
Supervising Hazardous Materials Specialist
Local Oversight and Site Cleanup Program Manager

Encl.: Electronic Report Upload (ftp) Instructions

cc: Dilan Roe, ACDEH, Chief Land, Water Division (*Sent via E-mail to: dilan.roe@acgov.org*)
Alyce Sandbach, Office of the District Attorney (*Sent via E-mail to: Alyce.Sandbach@acgov.org*)
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