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Mr. Steven Hill
San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board
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(sent via electronic mail to: SHill@waterboards.ca.gov)

Subject: Notice of Enforcement Referral; Fuel Leak Case No. RO0002450 and GeoTracker Global ID T0600191068; Whitmore's Auto Service, 1701 Buena Vista Ave., Alameda, CA 94501

Dear Mr. Hill:

This is a notice of an enforcement referral for the subject site. Site Responsible Parties are non-responsive to Alameda County Environmental Health (ACEH) requests and are recalcitrant. The site has accumulated a series of Notice of Violations from ACEH. As a consequence, ACEH is referring this site to the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board for enforcement actions.

Site Background

Four USTs were removed from the site. Up to 6,000 ppm TPHG, 160,000 ppm TPHD, and 9.3 ppm benzene were detected in soil and up to 13,000 ppb TPHG and 930 ppb MTBE were detected in groundwater. No additional site characterization after the UST removal was performed at the site. The lateral and vertical extent of contamination is undefined as well as the potential for offsite migration.

Directive letters requesting site characterization and Geotracker compliance sent in July 2008 received no response; enforcement letters issued in July 2009 and February 2011 for non-submittal of a work plan and for non-compliance with Geotracker received no response.

Not all historic documents for the fuel leak case may be available on GeoTracker. A more complete historic case file for this site is located on the Alameda County Environmental Health website at: <http://ehgis.acgov.org/dehpublic/dehpublic.jsp>.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (510) 567-6708 or send me an electronic mail message at karel.detterman@acgov.org.

Sincerely,

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