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October 30, 2003

Ms. Barbara Cook, P.E.
Department of Toxics Substances Control
700 Heinz Avenue, Suite 200
Berkeley, CA 94710-2721

Dear Ms. Cook:

Subject: Alameda County Toxics Site No. RO0002581, Five A Rent-A-Space, 2201 Clement Ave., Alameda, CA 94501

Alameda County Environmental Health staff has received your October 2, 2003 and October 21, 2003 letters indicating DTSC's willingness to oversee the investigation and remediation of the referenced site. This letter formally transfers this regulatory oversight to DTSC. All files and related documents for the subject site are enclosed.

If you have any questions please contact Barney Chan at 510-567-6765.

Sincerely,

Donna L. Drogos, P.E.
Toxics Program Manager

C: D. Drogos, B. Chan

Mr. Jim Knuppe, 5A Rent A Space, 4545 Crow Canyon Place, Castro Valley, CA 94546
Ms. D. Tsuji and Mr. E. Gallera, DTSC

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September 3, 2003

Mr. Jim Knuppe
5 A Rent A Space
4545 Crow Canyon Place
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Dear Mr. Knuppe:

Subject: Site RO0002581, 5A Rent A Space, 2201 Clement Ave., Alameda, CA 94501

This letter is to inform you of the current status of the environmental investigation at the above referenced site. As you are aware, Alameda County Environmental Health had originally been requested to oversee the investigation and potential remediation of the petroleum material at this site. This material appeared on the surface, in the northeast corner of this site. We found out that this material may be the residual contamination from the former J. H. Baxter wood treatment plant. The suspicion is that the J.H. Baxter site occupied a large area, including that which is currently the 5A Rent A Space facility. We have received a work plan from Hygienetics Environmental that proposes excavation and soil and groundwater sampling in the northeast corner of the 5A Rent A Space.

Our office has met with the Department of Toxic Substances (DTSC) and they have expressed interest in overseeing the investigation and cleanup of the former J. H. Baxter site. In fact, DTSC has taken samples at 5A Rent A Space to verify that the contamination found would be appropriate for their oversight. Upon confirmation, it is anticipated that DTSC will provide oversight for all parcels affected by releases from the former J. H. Baxter site. Thus, our office shall not be responding to the Hygienetics Environmental work plan. To expedite restoration of the 5A Rent A Space facility, you may wish to resurface the site and take samples, however, it is uncertain what DTSC will require at this time.

You may contact me at (510) 567-6765 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Barney M. Chan
Hazardous Materials Specialist

C: B. Chan, D. Drogos

Mr. R. Witham, Hygienetics Environmental, 2433 Mariner Square Loop, Suite 210,
Alameda, CA 94501

Ms. D. Tsuji, DTSC Site Mitigation, 700 Heinz St., Berkeley, CA 94709

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August 8, 2003

Mr. Jim Knuppe
5 A Rent A Space
4545 Crow Canyon Place
Castro Valley, CA 94552

Dear Mr. Knuppe:

Subject: Deposit for Oversight of 5 A Rent A Space, 2201 Clement Ave., Alameda, CA 94501

Please submit a deposit of \$5000 payable to Alameda County, Environmental Health Services so we may provide regulatory oversight for the referenced project. It is expected that the amount requested will allow the project to be completed with a zero balance. Otherwise, additional deposit will be requested, or any unused monies will be refunded to you or your designee.

The deposit/refund mechanism is authorized in Section 6.92.060 of the Alameda County Ordinance Code. Work on the project will be debited at the Ordinance specified rate, currently \$158 per hour.

Please write the following identifying information on your check or cover letter.

- Type of project (site mitigation-SLIC)
- Site address (2201 Clement Ave., Alameda)
- RO0002581

If you have any questions, please contact me at (510) 567-6765.

Sincerely,

Barney M. Chan
Hazardous Materials Specialist

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