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Subject: Notice of Case Referral; Spills, Leaks, Investigations and Cleanup (SLIC) Case File No.

RO0002733 (Global ID # T06019705080), Oak Walk Redevelopment Site, 4090 San Pablo

Avenue, Emeryville CA 94608

Dear Mr. Hill:

This is a notice of case referral for the subject site. Alameda County Environmental Health (ACEH) is transferring oversight of the subject case to the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board.

The subject site is one of seven sites with a co-mingled soil and groundwater contaminant plumes sites (Oakland National Engravers; RO0000079; Dunne Quality Paints; RO0000073; San Francisco French Bread Company; RO0000171; Celis Service Station; RO0000453; SNK Andante; RO0002530; Oak Walk; RO0002733, and Magnolia Terrace; RO0003004). The groundwater contaminant plume extends a minimum distance of approximately 1,200 feet in length (see attached paleochannel figure). The soil and groundwater plumes appear to have moved through a series of granular paleochannels (with significant interconnectivity) that is present beneath the sites.

Sites immediately adjacent to the subject site appear to be the source of significant residual gasoline contamination at the subject site (San Francisco French Bread Company; RO0000171 and Celis Service Station; RO0000453). A Corrective Action Plan (CAP) has previously been generated and fully implemented for the subject site after a required 30-day public participation period was conducted. Unfortunately the remedial efforts were not successful in meeting the stated CAP objectives and ACEH requested further a further remedial effort in November 2011. Groundwater concentrations in September 2010 were up to 1,800 μ g/l TPHd, 3,400 μ g/l TPHms, 49,000 μ g/l TPHg, and 14,000 μ g/l benzene (and included other standard fuel related compounds). In March 2012, concentrations up to 2,200 μ g/l TPHd, 3,500 μ g/l TPHms, 26,000 μ g/l TPHg, and 9,500 μ g/l benzene were present. Rather than the submittal of an updated CAP, a risk assessment was submitted in response to the request for further remedial efforts.

The presence of MTBE beneath Oak Walk may tie this contamination to the Celis Service Station as MTBE is generally not seen at the San Francisco Bread Company site. You should be aware that the extent of contaminant migration from the Celis Service Station site on to the adjacent SNK Andante site (RO0002530) appears to have been partly controlled by old abandoned foundational elements that apparently allowed free-phase and groundwater with elevated concentrations to migrate into and beneath the subject site. While subjective, this may have been an element of contaminant migration into the Oak Walk site from the Celis site.

To help move the site forward, ACEH has recently held conversations with the consultant of the former potential buyer for the property. The buyer's consultant expressed the general opinion that remediation of the remaining contamination would be most beneficial to the site properties, rather than to propose to leave elevated residual contamination in-place beneath residential housing stock (identified as the most vulnerable of onsite residential units by existing reports) with the use of a risk assessment. This is in-line with the general view of ACEH.

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Please be aware that not all historic documents for the subject fuel leak case may be available on GeoTracker. The complete historic case file for this site is located on the Alameda County Environmental Health website at: http://ehgis.acgov.org/dehpublic.jsp.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (510) 567-6876 or send me an electronic mail message at mark.detterman@acgov.org.

Sincerely,

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