An Environmental Services Company

July 17, 1991

Mr. Ron Sadler Sunol Development 1333 Willow Pass Road Concord, CA 94520

Final Report Regarding Bioremediation of Diesel Fuel Contaminated Soil at 3700 Palomares Road, Sunol, CA

Dear Mr. Sadler:

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As previously reported, the 12 cubic yards of diesel fuel contaminated soil located at the referenced site was formed into a quadrilateral bed atop a bermed, hydrocarbon resistant liner during the latter part of December, 1990. The treatment bed was subsequently inoculated with a consortium of common, non-pathogenic, hydrocarbon utilizing soil bacteria capable of thoroughly aerobically degrading (mineralizing) fuel hydrocarbons to form the non-toxic end products of carbon dioxide, minerals, and water. When applied, the inoculum was contained within a dilute nutrient solution based upon a common commercial fertilizer rich in nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium.

Although the unusually low ambient temperatures of January 1991 killed the majority of hydrocarbon-utilizing bacteria present within the treatment beds during this period, the beds were re-inoculated and the project successfully begun again. Subsequent monitoring for essential parameters such as pH, temperature, nutrients, moisture, and sampling for hydrocarbon degradation rates, biological activity, and nutrient levels revealed a degradation curve which confirmed that remediation was proceeding at the projected rate.

Discrete samples for certified analyses were acquired during May and June (1991) by driving a clean brass sampling tube 1.9 inches in diameter by 6.0 inches in length into the treatment bed until each tube was completely filled with a consolidated volume of material. The tubes were then withdrawn from the bed and the ends of each were covered with teflon pads, fitted

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with plastic caps, and wrapped with black electrical/duct tape. Each tube was then marked, placed on blue ice, and transported to a State certified hazardous waste analytical laboratory under chain of custody. Despite the presence of conditions conducive to thorough bioremediation, the laboratory reported Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons in the diesel range at 70 parts per million (ppm) and 71 ppm. However, as the laboratory indicated the diesel pattern was atypical, it was suspected that organic interferences were present. In order to determine the nature of this interference, a soil sample was sent to Friedman and Bruya, Inc. of Seattle, Washington...a laboratory recognized nationally for its specialty work in the environmental field. Friedman and Bruya's analyses did. in fact, confirm that the soil under remediation was free of detectable concentrations of diesel fuel by stating, in part, that "...there was no Indication of the presence of saturated hydrocarbons that are major components of petroleum products such as diesel, motor oil, and asphalt." A copy of this report is included within Appendix "A", attached.

For your convenience, additional copies of this report are enclosed. It is recommended that one be forwarded to each of the following agencies for their review and comment:

San Francisco Bay Region Water Quality Control Board 2101 Webster Street, Suite 500 Oakland, CA 94612

Alameda County Health Care Services Agency Hazardous Materials Division 80 Swan Way, Room 200 Oakland, CA 94621

Should you have any questions regarding the work performed, or if we may otherwise be of assistance, please contact either of the undersigned at (415) 455-4991.

Sincerely,

John E. Rapp

Microbiologist

Jeff Schafer Project Engineer

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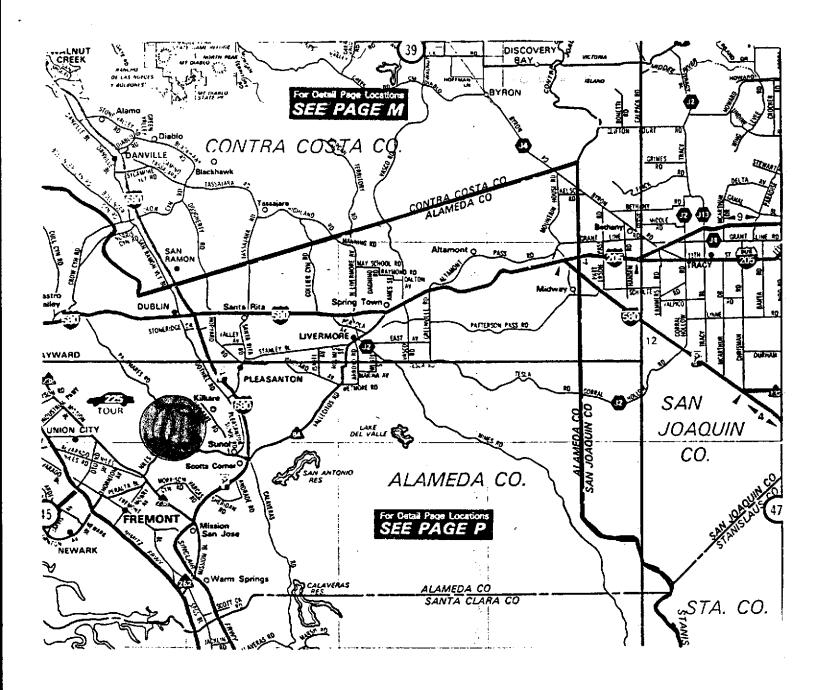
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## CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

LABORATORY NO.: 83132

CLIENT: Uriah Environmental, Inc.

CLIENT JOB NO .: SUNOL CORN

DATE RECEIVED: 05/20/91

DATE REPORTED: 05/25/91

ANALYSIS FOR TOTAL PETROLEUM HYDROCARBONS by Modified EPA SW-846 Method 8015

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Method Detection Limit for Gasoline and Diesel in Soil: 10 mg/Kg QAQC Summary:

Daily Standard run at 200mg/L: RPD Gasoline = NA RPD Diesel = 12 MS/MSD Average Recovery = 108%: Duplicate RPD = 6

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LABORATORY NO.: 53744

DATE RECEIVED: 06/10/91

CLIENT: URIAH, INC

DATE REPORTED: 06/17/91

CLIENT JOB NO.: SUNOL COMMUNICATION CENTER

ANALYSIS FOR TOTAL PETROLEUM HYDROCARBONS by Modified EPA SW-846 Method 8015

LAB

Concentration (mg/kg) Diesel Range

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\* - Does not match typical Diesel pattern. mg/kg - parts per million (ppm)

Sample Identification

Minimum Detection Limit for Diesel in Soil: 10mg/kg

#### QAQC Summary:

Daily Standard run at 200mg/L: %DIFF Diesel = <15% MS/MSD Average Recovery = 100%: Duplicate RPD = 2%

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June 28, 1991

Jeff Schafer, Project Leader Uriah, Inc. 464 Lindbergh Avenue Livermore, CA 94550

Dear Mr. Schafer:

This letter is to summarize the data that was reported on June 25, 1991 regarding the analyses of the sample submitted on June 21, 1991 from Project Sunol Communications Center.

This sample was analyzed for volatile, semi-volatile and non-volatile organic compounds by gas chromatography (GC) and thin-layer liquid chromatography (TLC.) Semi-volatile compounds were seen using the GC, however the pattern seen was not indicative of fresh diesel fuel. This assignment was substantiated by the TLC analysis which showed an absence of saturated hydrocarbons, major constituents of diesel fuels.

We appreciate this opportunity to be of service to you on this project. If you have any questions regarding this material, or if you just want to discuss any aspect of your projects, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Date of Report: June 25, 1991 Date Submitted: June 21, 1991

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#### RESULTS OF ANALYSES OF THE SOIL SAMPLES FOR FINGERPRINT CHARACTERIZATION BY CAPILLARY GAS CHROMATOGRAPHY

Sample #

GC Characterization

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The gas chromatographic trace showed the presence of medium boiling compounds, such as those found in a hydraulic fluid of other light oil. This characterization is based on the presence of a relatively smooth envelope of peaks present from ca  $n-C_{12}$  to  $n-C_{24}$  with a maximum near  $n-C_{20}$ .

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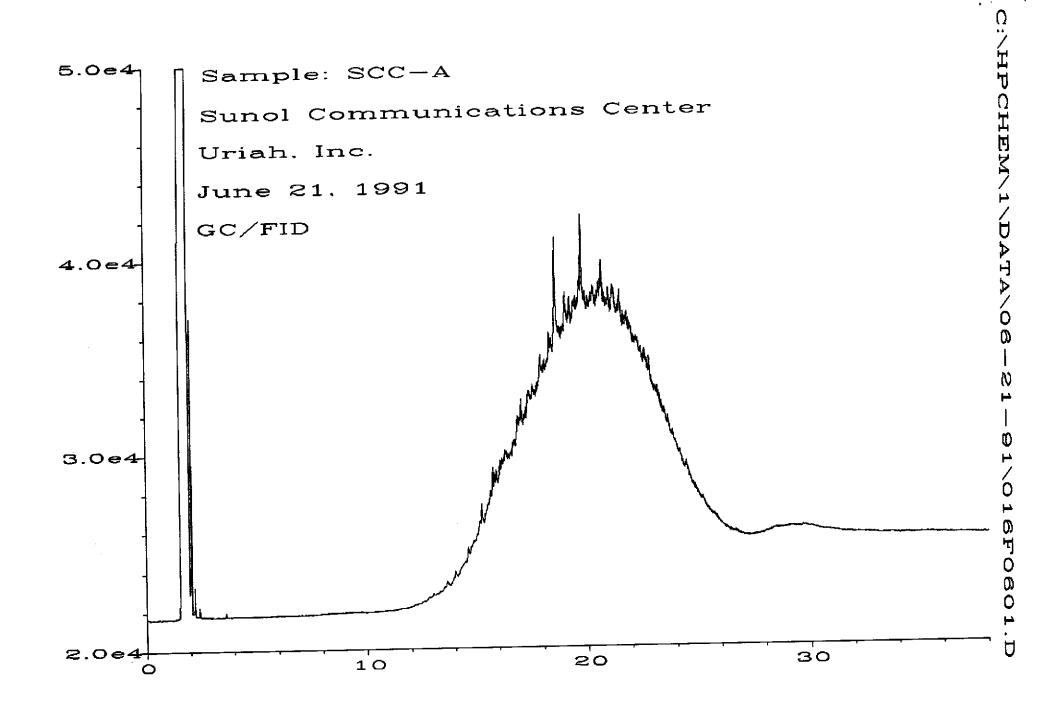
#### RESULTS OF ANALYSES OF THE SOIL SAMPLE FOR CONTAMINANT CHARACTERIZATION BY THIN LAYER CHROMATOGRAPHY

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#### TLC Characterization

The thin layer chromatographic trace showed the presence of moderately polar and highly polar organic compounds, such as those found in a synthetic oil or a mixture of biogenic compounds. This characterization is based on the presence of a band of material at Rf (hexane) 0.8, visible under both short wave UV light, as well as with iodine staining and is indicative of elemental sulfur, a possible by product of biological degradation. There was a second band of material at Rf (hexane) 0.4, visible under both short wave UV light, as well as with iodine staining and is indicative of oxidized 2 to 3-ringed aromatic hydrocarbons or other compounds having a similar unsaturated system such as phenols and quinones that may result from the degradation of diesel. There was a small amount of material showing an Rf (hexane) 0.0 and Rf (methylene chloride) 1.0 that was visible under both short and long wave UV light, as well as with iodine staining. type of character is seen by high boiling aromatic hydrocarbons, as well as by highly polar unsaturated oxidized hydrocarbons. There was no indication of the presence of saturated hydrocarbons that are major components of petroleum products such as diesel, motor oil and asphalt. The absence of asphalt was further confirmed by the relative absence of the high molecular aromatic hydrocarbons.



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