

ALAMEDA COUNTY  
HEALTH CARE SERVICES

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DAVID J. KEARS, Agency Director



August 23, 2002

Mr. Roland Queyquep  
US Postal Service  
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Oakland, CA 94607

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Dear Mr. Queyquep:

Subject: Fuel Leak Case RO0000016, 1675 7<sup>th</sup> St., Oakland, CA 94607

This letter acknowledges the receipt and concurrence of specific work plan modifications noted in PSI's August 19, 2002 letter to our office. These modifications include the screening and possible analysis of soil samples from the proposed boring, clarification of the groundwater sampling method and the installation of a permanent, as opposed to temporary, small diameter monitoring well.

I have requested to be notified when this work will occur so I may be present to observe, if possible.

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

Sincerely,

Barney M. Chan  
Hazardous Materials Specialist

C: B. Chan, files

Mr. F. Poss, PSI, Inc., 4703 Tidewater Ave., Suite B, Oakland, CA 94601

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July 19, 2002

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Dear Mr. Queyquep:

Subject: Fuel Leak Case RO0000016, 1675 7<sup>th</sup> St., Oakland, CA 94607

Alameda County Environmental Health, Local Oversight Program (LOP), has received and reviewed the July 17, 2002 Workplan: Site Investigation & Free-Product Removal prepared by Professional Service Industries, Inc. (PSI). This work plan follows the July 3, 2002 meeting I had with Messrs. Poss and Burfield of PSI. Though I assume they have discussed the results of the meeting, I would like to recap the items discussed and their current status.

Items of Discussion:

- A Tier 2 Risk Assessment was completed by Lowney Associates. I requested specific additional information in my April 9, 2001 letter, which needs to be provided to complete the Tier 2 Risk Assessment evaluation. PSI is working on this request but our office has not yet received this information.
- Quarterly groundwater monitoring was to resume. Monitoring was performed on 3/11/02 and the next event should have occurred in June 2002. Please submit this quarterly report.
- Polyaromatic hydrocarbons, PAHs, were analyzed on 3/02. Should the evaluation of these contaminants be below action levels, you may discontinue their analysis.
- The analysis of the free product from MW-4 is apparently done. Please submit the results of this analysis. Please analyze the groundwater sample from the proposed temporary well for all analytes reported in addition to TPHg, TPHd and volatile organics (EPA Method 8260).
- Free product removal was to be initiated from MW-4. The work plan proposal states absorbent socks will be placed in this well. Keep in mind, this well must be monitored after the removal of free product to verify that this release is not on-going.

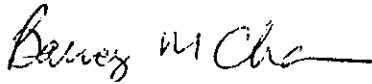
Our office has the following technical comments to the work plan proposal:

- Soil samples from each 4 foot interval should be logged and screened using a PID instrument. Two such intervals are anticipated prior to encountering groundwater. Any soil sample exhibiting elevated PID reading or visual contamination should be run in the laboratory for the proposed groundwater analytes.
- When collecting your groundwater sample, please purge a minimum of 3 well volumes prior to sampling.
- Our office does not recommend closing this boring immediately after sampling since there has not been a "clean" down-gradient well at this site. Therefore, there is a high likelihood that additional down-gradient groundwater sampling will be needed. In lieu of keeping this boring open, our office recommends additional borings and down-gradient groundwater sampling.

Mr. Roland Queyquep  
US Postal Service  
1675 7<sup>th</sup> St., Oakland, CA 94607  
July 19, 2002  
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You may contact me at (510) 567-6765 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barney M. Chan". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Barney M. Chan  
Hazardous Materials Specialist

C: B. Chan, files

Mr. F. Poss, PSI, Inc., 4703 Tidewater Ave., Suite B, Oakland, CA 94601

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05-14702

May 13, 2001

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Dear Mr. Queyquep:

Subject: Fuel Leak Case RO0000016, 1675 7<sup>th</sup> St., Oakland, CA 94607

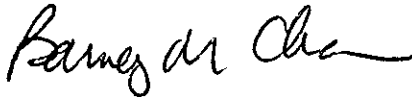
Alameda County Environmental Health, Local Oversight Program (LOP), has reviewed the files for the referenced site including the April 26, 2002 First Quarter 2002 Groundwater Monitoring Report by Professional Service Industries (PSI), your consultant. I have also spoken with Mr. Brand Burfield of PSI. Our office determines that additional information is needed at your site to progress toward case closure. Our office has the following technical comments regarding this site:

- Our office previously requested specific information in my April 9, 2001 letter (copy enclosed) to Mr. Sean McFadden of the USPS. To date our office has not received a written response to this letter. This information should also be used to clarify the data presented in the 10/11/99 Lowney Associates, Tier II Human Health Risk Appraisal. Please comment on whether you believe the conclusions of this risk assessment are still valid.
- Please sample and characterize the free product being found in MW-4.
- Please initiate free product removal from MW-4. As asked in my April 9th letter, has the free product/petroleum plume been delineated?
- As recommended in the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2002 monitoring report, you may discontinue the analysis of SVOCs in future monitoring events. Please include historic monitoring data in these reports including analytical results, depth to water, groundwater elevation and gradient.
- Please be reminded that prior to site closure, **all** underground tanks, with the exception of those known to have contained **only** diesel or jet fuel must have soil and groundwater tested for MTBE, the other ether oxygenates and breakdown products and the lead scavengers, EDB and EDC. Please verify this has been done or schedule this work.

Please submit a written response to these items within 30 days or no later than June 14, 2002. You may contact me at (510) 567-6765 if you have any questions.

Mr. Roland Queyquep  
May 13, 2001  
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barney M. Chan". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Barney M. Chan  
Hazardous Materials Specialist

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Mr. B. Burfield, PSI, Inc., 4703 Tidewater Ave., Suite B, Oakland, CA 94601

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April 9, 2001  
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Mr. Sean McFadden  
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Oakland CA 94615

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**Re: Environmental Investigation at USPS Oakland Vehicle Maintenance Facility,  
1675 7<sup>th</sup> St., Oakland CA 94607**

Dear Mr. McFadden:

This letter follows up previous letters and conversations from Mr. Larry Seto of this office. As you may recall, after the Postal Service's submittal of a Tier 1 risk assessment and request for site closure, our office requested a Tier 2 Human Health Risk Assessment. At this same time, hydraulic lifts were removed from the site and a significant release of hydraulic fluid was observed. A follow-up investigation was performed, which attempted to determine the extent of this contamination.

Mr. Seto requested that monitoring well MW-4 be sampled and tested for the compound MTBE prior to site closure consideration. In Lowney Associates' January 9, 2001 report, they noted that approximately 1-2 inches of free product was observed on MW-4, therefore, they did not sample the well. They did recommend that quarterly groundwater monitoring be performed at this site. Our office concurs with this recommendation. Please resume quarterly groundwater monitoring for this site. Samples should be run for TPH as diesel, as gasoline, BTEX and MTBE. Please also run PAHs (polyaromatic hydrocarbons) in MW-4 due to the elevated diesel concentrations found in this well.

Our office also has the following questions, which require clarification:

- Please provide a map indicating the location of soil samples from the past tank removals.
- Please tabulate the initial and any confirmation soil sample results
- Please indicate the location of the hydraulic lift locations and samples relative to the former and existing underground tanks
- Please comment on the residual concentrations of hydraulic fluid in soil and groundwater
- Is there a need for further site characterization?

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

Sincerely,

Barney M. Chan  
Hazardous Materials Specialist

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Mr. P. Langtry, Lowney Associates, 129 Filbert St., Oakland CA 94607-2531

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November 8, 2000

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United States Postal Service  
1675 7<sup>th</sup> Street, 328W  
Oakland, CA 94615-9101  
STID 3775

RE: U.S. Postal Service, GMF/VMF, 1675 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Oakland, CA

Dear Mr. McFadden:

I have received the Tier II Human Health Risk Appraisal dated October 11, 1999 prepared by Lowney Associates. As mentioned in my letter dated April 27, 2000 another groundwater sample must be taken from MW-4 before case closure can be obtained. This sample must be tested for the presence of TPH(gas), TPH(diesel), BTEX and MTBE. As of this date, this office has not received the laboratory analysis for the sample from MW-4.

I have been transferred to another position within our Department and will no longer be the caseworker for this site. Please contact Tom Peacock at (510) 567-6782 to determine the new person assigned to this project.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (510) 567-6774.

Sincerely,



Larry Seto  
Sr. Hazardous Materials Specialist

Cc: Kayode Kadara, U.S. Postal Service, 395 Oyster Point Blvd., South  
San Francisco, CA 94099-0300  
Leroy Griffin, City of Oakland Fire Services, 1605 Martin Luther King,  
Oakland, CA 94612  
Tom Peacock, Alameda County Environmental Health  
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April 27, 2000

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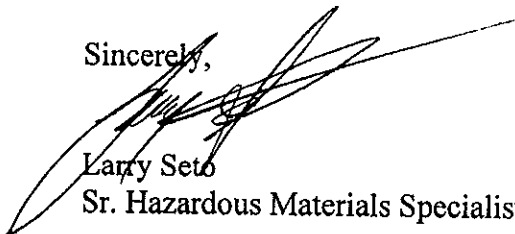
RE: U.S. Postal Service, GMF/VMF, 1675 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Oakland, CA

Dear Mr. McFadden:

I have reviewed the site file for the above site and noticed the groundwater at the site has not been tested for the presence of MTBE. At a minimum, in addition to a Tier II risk assessment, before site closure can be obtained for this site another groundwater sample must be taken from MW-4. This sample must be analyzed for TPH(gas), TPH(diesel), BTEX and MTBE. If MTBE is detected, it should be confirmed using EPA Method 8460.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (510) 567-6774.

Sincerely,



Larry Seto  
Sr. Hazardous Materials Specialist

Cc: Kayode Kadara, U.S. Postal Service, 395 Oyster Point Blvd., South  
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February 28, 2000

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Mr. Sean McFadden  
United States Postal Service  
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INTENT TO MAKE A DETERMINATION THAT NO FURTHER ACTION IS  
REQUIRED OR ISSUE A CLOSURE LETTER FOR UNITED STATES POSTAL  
SERVICE, 1675 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET, 328W, OAKLAND, CA 94615-9101

Dear Mr. McFadden:

This letter is to inform you that Alameda County Environmental Health Department, Local Oversight Program (LOP), intends to make a determination that no further action is required at the above site or to issue a closure letter. Please notify this agency of any input and recommendations you may have on these proposed actions within 20 days of the date of this letter.

In accordance with section 25297.15 of Ch. 6.7 of the Health & Safety Code, you must provide certification to the local agency that all of the current record fee title owners have been informed of the proposed action. Please provide this certification to this office within 20 days of the date of this letter.

If you have any questions about these proposed actions, please contact Larry Seto at (510) 567-6774.

Sincerely,

Thomas Peacock  
Manager, LOP

cc: Chuck Headlee, RWQCB  
Leroy Griffin, City of Oakland Fire Department, 1603 Martin Luther King,  
Oakland, CA 94612  
Larry Seto, Alameda County Environmental Health  
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United States Postal Service  
1675 7<sup>th</sup> Street, 328W  
Oakland, CA 94615-9101

RE: United States Postal Service, 1675 7<sup>th</sup> Street, 328W, Oakland, CA 94615

LANDOWNER NOTIFICATION AND PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

Dear Mr. McFadden:

This letter is to inform you of new legislative requirements pertaining to cleanup and closure of sites where an unauthorized release of hazardous substance, including petroleum, has occurred from an underground storage tank (UST). Section 25297.15(a) of Ch. 6.7 of the Health & Safety Code requires the primary or active responsible party to notify all current record owners of fee title to the site of: 1) a site cleanup proposal, 2) a site closure proposal, 3) a local agency intention to make a determination that no further action is required, and 4) a local agency intention to issue a closure letter. Section 25297.15(b) requires the local agency to take all reasonable steps to accommodate responsible landowners' participation in the cleanup or site closure process and to consider their input and recommendations.

For purposes of implementing these sections, you have been identified as the primary or active responsible party. Please provide to this agency, within twenty (20) calendar days of receipt of this notice, a complete mailing list of all current record owners of fee title to the site. You may use the enclosed "list of landowners" form (sample letter 2) as a template to comply with this requirement. If the list of current record owners of fee title to the site changes, you must notify the local agency of the change within 20 calendar days from when you are notified of the change.

If you are the sole landowner, please indicate that on the landowner list form. The following notice requirements do not apply to responsible parties who are the sole landowner for the site.

LANDOWNER NOTIFICATION

Re: United States Postal Service, 1675 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Oakland, CA 94615  
February 28, 2000  
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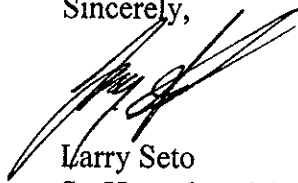
In accordance with Section 25297.15(a) of Ch. 6.7 of the Health & Safety Code, you must certify to the local agency that all current record owners of fee title to the site have been informed of the proposed action before the local agency may do any of the following:

- 1) consider a cleanup proposal (corrective action plan)
- 2) consider a site closure proposal
- 3) make a determination that no further action is required
- 4) issue a closure letter

You may use the enclosed "notice of proposed action" form (sample letter 3) as a template to comply with this requirement. Before approving a cleanup proposal or site closure proposal, determining that no further action is required, or issuing a closure letter, the local agency will take all reasonable steps necessary to accommodate responsible landowner participation in the cleanup and site closure process and will consider all input and recommendations from any responsible landowner.

Please call me at (510) 567-6774 should you have any questions about the content of this letter.

Sincerely,



Larry Seto  
Sr. Hazardous Materials Specialist

Attachments

cc: Chuck Headlee, RWQCB

SAMPLE LETTER (2): LIST OF LANDOWNERS FORM

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Name of local agency  
Street address  
City

SUBJECT: CERTIFIED LIST OF RECORD FEE TITLE OWNERS FOR (*Site Name and Address*)

(Note: Fill out item 1 if there are multiple site landowners. If you are the sole site landowner, skip item 1 and fill out item 2.)

1. In accordance with section 25297.15(a) of Chapter 6.7 of the Health & Safety Code, I, (*name of primary responsible party*), certify that the following is a complete list of current record fee title owners and their mailing addresses for the above site:
  
2. In accordance with section 25297.15(a) of Chapter 6.7 of the Health & Safety Code, I, (*name of primary responsible party*), certify that I am the sole landowner for the above site.

Sincerely,

Signature of primary responsible party

Name of primary responsible party

SAMPLE LETTER 3: NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION SUBMITTED TO LOCAL AGENCY

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Name of local agency  
Street address  
City

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION SUBMITTED TO LOCAL AGENCY  
FOR *(Site Name and Address)*

In accordance with section 25297,15(a) of Chapter 6.7 of the Health & Safety Code, I, *(name of primary responsible party)*, certify that I have notified all responsible landowners of the enclosed proposed action. Check space for applicable proposed action(s):

- cleanup proposal (corrective action plan)
- site closure proposal
- local agency intention to make a determination that no further action is required
- local agency intention to issue a closure letter

Sincerely,

Signature of primary responsible party

Name of primary responsible party

cc: Names and addresses of all record fee title owners

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February 3, 2000

Mr. Sean McFadden, Project Manager  
United States Postal Service  
1675 7<sup>th</sup> Street, 328W  
Oakland, CA 94615-9101  
STID 3775

RE: Oakland VMF, 1675 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Oakland, CA 94615-9351

Dear Mr. McFadden:

I have reviewed the Workplan for Environmental Consulting Services dated January 21, 2000 with Peter Langtry, Senior Project Geologist with Lowney Associates. It is acceptable.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (510) 567-6774.

Sincerely,

  
Larry Seto  
Sr. Hazardous Materials Specialist

Cc: Peter Langtry, Lowney Associates, 129 Filbert Street, Oakland, CA 94607-2531  
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November 5, 1999

Mr. Sean McFadden, Project Manager  
United States Postal Service  
1675 7<sup>th</sup> Street, 328W  
Oakland, CA 94615-9101

RE: Oakland VMF, 1675 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Oakland, CA 94615-9351

Dear Mr. McFadden:

I have received your letter dated November 3, 1999 requesting an extension until February 1, 2000 to submit a subsurface investigation workplan for the above site. It is acceptable.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (510) 567-6774.

Sincerely,

  
Larry Seto  
Sr. Hazardous Materials Specialist

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October 19, 1999

Mr. Sean McFadden  
United States Postal Service  
1675 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 328W  
Oakland, CA 94615-9988  
STID 3775

RE: 1675 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Oakland, CA

Dear Mr. McFadden:

I have reviewed the Soil and Ground Water Quality Evaluation report dated October 8, 1999 that was prepared by Lowney Associates. Up to 48,000 ppm of total recoverable petroleum hydrocarbons (TRPH) was detected in the soil. The groundwater samples contained up to 61,000 ppb TRPH. This office concurs with your consultant that the extent of impacted soil and groundwater must be defined. Please submit a subsurface investigation workplan within 30 days of the receipt of this letter.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (510) 567-6774.

Sincerely,



Larry Seto  
Sr. Hazardous Materials Specialist

Cc: John McCain, Lowney Associates, P.O. Box 1388, Mountain View,  
CA 94042-1388



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August 21, 1998

Mr. Kayode Kadara  
U.S. Postal Service  
395 Oyster Point Blvd.  
South San Francisco, CA 94099-0300  
STID 3775

RE: United States Postal Service, 1675 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Oakland, CA

Dear Mr. Kadara:

My colleague, Madhulla Logan and myself reviewed your request for site closure dated February 23, 1998. According to the Tier 1 report, the maximum concentrations of benzene found on site is greater than the Tier I clean up levels (RBSLs). Please submit a Tier 2 risk assessment using the ASTM RBCA. If contamination is within five (5) feet of ground surface, a construction worker scenario must be included.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (510) 567-6774.

Sincerely,



Larry Seto  
Sr. Hazardous Materials Specialist

Cc: Gary Liberman, HLA, 90 Digital Drive, Novato, CA 94948  
Madhulla Logan, Environmental Health  
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June 2, 1998

Mr. Kayode Kadara  
U.S. Postal Service  
850 Cherry Avenue  
San Bruno, CA 94099-4120  
STID 3775

RE: United States Postal Service, 1675 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Oakland, CA

Dear Mr. Kadara:

I would like to clarify my letter to you dated May 29, 1998 concerning the Tier 2 RBCA (Risk Based Corrective Action). Please submit a Tier 2 risk assessment using the ASTM RBCA. If contamination is within five (5) feet of ground surface, a construction worker scenario must be included.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (510) 567-6774.

Sincerely,

  
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May 29, 1998

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U.S. Postal Service  
850 Cherry Avenue  
San Bruno, CA 94099-4120  
STID 3775

RE: United States Postal Service, 1675 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Oakland, CA

Dear Mr. Kadara:

Your request for site closure dated June 18, 1997 has been reviewed by my colleague, Madhulla Logan, and myself. According to the Tier 1 report, the maximum concentrations of benzene found on site is greater than the Tier I clean up levels (RBSLs). A Tier 2 RBCA (Risk Based Corrective Action) should be done for the site using a construction worker scenario.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (510) 567-6774.

Sincerely,



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Kayode Kadara  
U.S. Postal Service  
Facilities Service Office  
395 Oyster Pt. Blvd.  
South San Francisco CA 94099-0300

RE: Main U.S.P.S. site, 1675-7th St., Oakland CA 94607

Dear Mr. Kadara,

I understand that you are the new contact for this project. Since my last letter to the USPS (addressed to Ms. Sandy Farmer), dated 3/4/96, the following documents have been received in this office:

- 1) "Second Quarter 1996, Groundwater Monitoring" report, prepared by Harding Lawson Associates (HLA), dated 6/7/96; and
- 2) "Biannual November 1996, Groundwater Monitoring" report, prepared by Harding Lawson Associates (HLA), dated 11/13/96.

These reports were submitted under cover letter from the USPS, signed by Thomas A. Bourdon, dated 12/27/96.

I understand that your contact with HLA expired at the end of 1996. However, the biannual monitoring and sampling of these wells should continue, beginning this quarter, or by 3/31/97. As requested in my last letter (3/4/96), the wells should be sampled in the *first and third quarters*, to account for the seasonally high and low groundwater table. You are therefore required to continue sampling these wells as mentioned above. All wells should be sampled for TPHd and MTBE, while MW4 should be sampled for TPHg and BTEX as well.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 510-567-6700, or directly at 567-6761.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Eberle  
Hazardous Materials Specialist

February 21, 1997  
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Ms. Sandy Farmer

cc: Thomas Bourdon, USPS, 1675-7th St., Rm 329, Oakland CA 94615-9988  
Steven Wake, USPS, 1675-7th St., Rm VMF, Oakland CA 94615-9351  
Gary Lieberman, Harding Lawson Assoc., PO Box 6107, Novato CA 94948  
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Ms. Sandy Farmer  
U.S. Postal Service  
Facilities Service Office  
225 N. Humphreys Blvd.  
Memphis TN 38166-0300

RE: U.S. P.S. site, 1675-7th St., Oakland CA 94607

Dear Ms. Farmer,

It is my understanding that you are my new contact person for the UST remediation project at this site. The former contact was Mr. Larry Hanna in Memphis. Since my last letter to him, dated 12/8/94, the following documents have been received in this office:

- 1) 12/6/94 letter from James L. Hanna, requesting to remove MW5 from service.
- 2) 1/31/95 letter from Robert Y. Chew Geotechnical, Inc. Re closure of MW5.
- 3) 1/19/96 letter from Steven K. Wake, which included quarterly reports prepared by Harding Lawson Associates, dated 3/20/95, 6/26/95, 9/8/95, and 11/30/95.

The 1995 quarterly reports were apparently not submitted in quarterly fashion; I understand there was a personnel change at U.S.P.S.

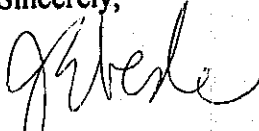
As per a telephone conversation with Steve Wake on 3/4/96, well MW4 contained only a few droplets of free product when last monitored (in January 1996). Consequently, the absorbent sock previously installed was therefore removed. The other wells (MW1 through MW3) contain non-detectable (ND) amounts of TPH-gasoline and BTEX, and low to ND concentrations of TPH-diesel. TPH-g and BTEX have been ND for 8 consecutive quarters. **Therefore, it would be appropriate to discontinue analyzing TPH-gasoline and BTEX in MW1 through MW3. Lastly, the sampling frequency may be reduced from quarterly to biannually UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE; please sample in the first and third quarters. Reports may be submitted biannually.**

This letter is being faxed to you so that you will have enough time to get the wells sampled before the end of the first quarter 1996 (3/31/96).

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Larry Hanna  
United States Postal Service  
Major Facilities Office  
1407 Union Ave.  
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RE: Main Post Office, 1675-7th St., Oakland CA 94607

Dear Mr. Hanna,

I am in receipt of your letter sent via fax, dated 12/6/94. This letter requests MW-5 be omitted from further monitoring and sampling. You indicated that removal of this well is necessary due to construction of I-880 already underway.

This well has tested ND for TPHg, TPHd, and BTEX for four consecutive quarters, from 9/93 to 6/94, as per the latest Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring Progress Report, prepared by GRC, dated 8/5/94. Therefore, your request to remove this well is acceptable on the condition that you properly abandon it under the supervision of a Registered Geologist, and under permit from Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (aka Zone 7; phone 510-484-2600). Please have your consultant submit a brief report on well destruction activities within 45 days after field activities for this project are completed.

In addition, groundwater monitoring and sampling should continue. Please submit potentiometric surface lines on ALL the site maps, along with the groundwater elevations (GWEs). I suggest we schedule a meeting with your consultant, a conference call (since you are located in TN), or a meeting between myself and your consultant, to discuss the results of the next sampling event, as well as future work needed. My goal is to oversee the appropriate investigation of sites. Please contact me after the next sampling report is submitted. I can be reached at 510-567-6761.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Eberle  
Hazardous Materials Specialist

cc: Geo/Resource Consultants, Inc., 505 Beach St.,  
San Francisco CA 94133  
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December 7, 1993  
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80 Swan Way, Rm 200  
Oakland, CA 94621  
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RE: Main Post Office  
1675-7th St.  
Oakland CA 94607

Dear Mr. Hanna,

We have received the "Subsurface Site Investigation," prepared by Geo/Resource Consultants, Inc. (GRC), dated October 1993. This report documents the installation of 5 monitoring wells and 3 soil borings. As you are aware, a limited amount of contamination was detected in soil and groundwater in the vicinity of the former 10,000-gal diesel USTs and the dispensing island.

We request that a quarterly groundwater sampling program be initiated, as well as a monthly groundwater elevation survey. The details of this program was discussed by telephone between myself and Gary Floyd of GRC on this date.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Eberle  
Hazardous Materials Specialist

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RE: Main Post Office  
1675-7th St.  
Oakland CA 94607

Dear Mr. Hanna,

Thank you for the "Site Characterization Workplan," prepared by Geo/Resource Consultants, Inc., dated 8/26/93. As you know, this workplan involves the installation of 5 monitoring wells and 3 soil borings. The workplan is found acceptable with the following minor corrections:

- 1) Page 5, first paragraph should read "10,000-gallon diesel UST", instead of "10,000-gallon gasoline UST. . ."
- 2) Page 10 should read "EPA Test Method 8015/8020 (602)" instead of "EPA Test Method 8015/8200 (602)"

Please note that reports and documents no longer need to be copied to the Regional Water Quality Control Board. Kindly submit a cover letter with your consultant's reports. If you have any questions, please contact me at 510-271-4530. Please notify me at least 2 business days in advance of field activities so that I may arrange to be onsite.

Sincerely,

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Hazardous Materials Specialist

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San Francisco CA 94133  
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RE: U.S. Post Office site  
1675 1676-7th St.  
Oakland CA 94607

Dear Mr. Hanna,

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The "Construction Observation of UST Activities" report documents the removal of four USTs from the above referenced site on 11/8/91. Tank 3 (5,000-gallon gasoline UST) contained a hole the size of a quarter, according to the April 1992 GCI report. In addition, tank 2 (10,000-gallon diesel UST) contained "at least one obvious hole," according to the County inspector's field report. Soil sampled from the excavations contained concentrations as high as 7,900 ppm TPH-diesel, 620 ppm TPH-gasoline, and 37 ppm benzene. According to the April 1992 GCI report (page 8), visibly contaminated soil in the vicinity of tank 3 was overexcavated, and samples were collected. However, these laboratory results were not included in this report. During a telephone conversation with Gary Floyd of GCI on 4/16/93, I requested the results of this sampling.

Elevated levels of hydrocarbons were left in place in the excavation for tank 1 and tank 2 (the 10,000-gallon USTs), and the piping/dispenser area. Remaining soil contamination must be addressed in a workplan for a subsurface investigation. The workplan should also include a groundwater investigation for this area of the site. Please submit this workplan **within 45 days or by July 24, 1993.**

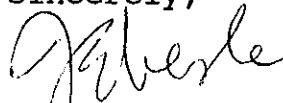
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Larry Hanna  
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another. Groundwater sampled from the excavation contained 72,000 ppb TPH-diesel and 3.8 ppb benzene. Due to these significant groundwater concentrations, we request that you submit a workplan for a groundwater investigation for this area of the site **within 45 days or by July 24, 1993**. We are requesting two separate groundwater investigations because the distance between the two areas of UST removals is unknown.

All work should adhere to a) the Tri-Regional Board Staff Recommendations for Preliminary Evaluation and Investigation of Underground Tank Sites, dated 8/10/90; b) the State Water Resources Control Board LUFT Field Manual; and c) Article 11 of Title 23, California Code of Regulations. Reports and proposals must be submitted **under seal of a California-Registered Geologist, -Certified Engineering Geologist, or -Registered Civil Engineer**. All reports and documents pertaining to this investigation should also be sent to Rich Hiatt of the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB).

Sincerely,



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Hazardous Materials Specialist

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RE: U.S. Post Office site  
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Oakland CA 94607

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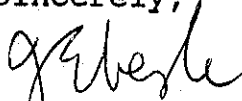
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