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Mr. Mark Detterman
Alameda County Environmental Health
1131 Harbor Bay Parkway, Suite 250
Alameda, California 94502-6577

Subject: **Case No. R00000050**
Geotracker Global ID T0600102100
U.S.T. removed February 14, 1997
Thoroughbred Building
1397 55th Street
Emeryville, California

Dear Mr Detterman,

This letter transmits the accompanying letter from Jennifer Patterson and Ravi Alulanantham of AMEC, on behalf of HFH, Ltd., requesting regulatory closure of the subject case. I declare, under penalty of perjury, that the information contained in the attached letter is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Very truly yours,
HFH, Ltd.

Andrew Getz
general partner

cc: Jennifer Patterson and Ravi Arulanantham, Amec



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Project OD10160690

Mr. Mark Detterman
Hazardous Materials Specialist
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Alameda, California 94502-6577

Subject: Response to Comments
Case No. RO0000050
Thoroughbred Building
1397 55th Street
Emeryville, California

Dear Mr. Detterman:

Thank you very much for meeting with HFH, Ltd. (HFH), owner of the subject property, and AMEC Geomatrix, Inc., on October 12, 2010, to discuss the subject site and the comments provided by Alameda County Health Care Services Agency (ACHCSA) in a letter dated August 16, 2010 with respect to the April 21, 2009 *Results of Groundwater Investigation Addendum* (Addendum).

In its August 16, 2010 letter, ACHCSA staff expressed concern that groundwater samples collected at the site were collected too deep to properly characterize first-encountered groundwater at the site. During the October 12, 2010 meeting, AMEC reiterated the information presented in the Addendum and explained that groundwater was not encountered at the site until 14 feet below ground surface (bgs) and an attempt was made to collect a groundwater sample from 11 to 16 feet bgs which was unsuccessful. Given the site conditions, it is unlikely that a groundwater sample can be collected from this interval or shallower and the groundwater sample collected from 15 to 20 feet bgs is representative of shallow groundwater at the site. Additionally, based on the location of the site, it is highly unlikely that the shallow groundwater in the area will ever be used for any purpose. Based on our discussion during the October 12, 2010 meeting, it is our understanding that ACHCSA staff will not require additional investigation with respect to groundwater.

In its August 16, 2010 letter, ACHCSA requested additional information regarding backfilling of the excavation and the disposition of soil excavated during the underground storage tank (UST) removal activities. As stated in the July 1997 *Underground Storage Tank Removal* report, approximately 14 cubic yards of soil were excavated during UST removal activities and the excavation was backfilled with approximately 20 cubic yards of sand imported from Tidewater Sand and Gravel of Oakland, California. The invoice for the purchase of the sand is attached. Additionally, a photograph of the UST is attached that shows the imported sand material in the background. The material removed from the site was stockpiled at a location on 53rd Street next to soil excavated during UST removal activities at 1250 53rd Street. According to HFH, soil from both sites was disposed of at Altamont Landfill as non-hazardous waste at a later date. Because

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the soil was non-hazardous, there is no hazardous waste manifest. Soil disposal was coordinated through Clearwater Environmental (Clearwater), of Fremont, California, and was likely transported with a bill of lading or non-hazardous waste manifest. AMEC contacted Altamont Landfill to obtain evidence of disposal, however, they do not retain records dating back to 1997, and because the soil was non-hazardous, they are not obligated to provide copies of disposal documentation to the generator. AMEC also contacted Clearwater Environmental, however, the invoices for disposal were no longer in their records.

Based on the information presented above, HFH requests that this site be granted regulatory closure at this time.

Sincerely yours,
AMEC Geomatrix, Inc.



Jennifer L. Patterson, PE #C59161
Senior Engineer



Ravi Arulanantham
Principal Toxicologist

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Attachments: Attachment 1 – Tidewater Invoice
Attachment 2 – UST Photo

cc: Mr. Andy Getz, HFH, Ltd.
Mr. Chris Locke, HFH, Ltd.

Tidewater SAND & GRAVEL, INC.

4501 TIDEWATER AVENUE • OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA 94601 • TELEPHONE 261-8532



DATE
2/28/97
CUSTOMER NO.
0005155

GETZ CONST. CO.
2915 DEAKIN ST.
BERKELEY, CA

94705

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DATE	INVOICE NUMBER	ITEM DESCRIPTION	CASH DISCOUNT	AMOUNT
02/14/97	452110	INVOICE 1397-55TH	12.50	299.04
<p><u>11HA.</u> Tank pull back fill @ 55th street</p>				

Amount	299.04		
G/L Getz	5-9085		
Project	11HA		
G/L HFH	Shu		
Pass Thru?	X		
Entered		Check #	

CURRENT	30	60	90	TOTAL DUE
299.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	299.04

A DISCOUNT OF 12.50 ALLOWED
ONLY IF ALL PREVIOUS CHARGES HAVE BEEN PAID IN FULL BY THE 10TH OF THE FOLLOWING MONTH.

INVOICE

idewater SAND & GRAVEL, INC.

4501 TIDEWATER AVENUE • OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA 94601 • TELEPHONE (510) 261-8532
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DATE 02/14/97

OUR INVOICE NO. 452110

YOUR ORDER NO. 1397-55TH

AS AGREED A SERVICE CHARGE OF 1 1/2%
(18% PER ANNUM) WILL BE CHARGED ON ALL
ACCOUNTS DELINQUENT 30 DAYS OR MORE.

TO

GETZ CONST. CO.
2915 DEAKIN ST.
BERKELEY, CA
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25.00 TON	1 BACKFILL SAND	11.05 TON	276.25
	544627/VOIDED 544628/ 25.00		
	SALES TAX		22.79
	INVOICE TOTAL		299.04

11HA Tank Pull

NOTE: A DISCOUNT OF \$ 12.50 ALLOWED IF PAID BY THE TENTH OF THE FOLLOWING MONTH. DISCOUNT ALLOWED ONLY IF ALL PREVIOUS CHARGES HAVE BEEN PAID IN FULL.

ATTACHMENT 2
Thoroughbred Building
1397 55th Street
Emeryville, California



Underground storage tank (UST) removed from 1397 55th Street, Emeryville. Imported sand used to backfill the excavation is shown to the left of the UST.