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Via U.S. Mail

Susan Hugo
County of Alameda
Department of Environmental Services
1131 Harbor Bay Parkway
Alameda, CA 94502

Re: Ryerson – Tull Steel site; Emeryville, CA 1465 65TH ST

Dear Susan:

As we've discussed, my client Opus West Corporation is under contract to purchase and redevelop the Ryerson-Tull Steel facility located at the corner of 65th Avenue and Hollis Street in Emeryville. Opus plans to build a five story apartment building and a parking ramp at the site. According to your files, a fuel underground storage tank was located at the site and was removed in approximately 1993. While testing showed that the soil and groundwater in the tank vicinity contained detectable levels of petroleum products, I understand that your agency determined that no additional work was needed. However, no closure letter was ever issued. Ryerson and Opus have determined that issuance of a closure letter is a necessary condition to moving forward with the sale and redevelopment. Therefore, I am writing to ask you to complete the closure process for the tank. Please let me know if there are any other procedural or substantive issues to address.

Sincerely,



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cc: Randall R. Ackerman, Opus West Corporation