



July 31, 2009

Mr. Jerry Wickham  
Senior Hazardous Materials Specialist  
Alameda County Health Care Services Agency  
1131 Harbor Bay Parkway, Ste. 250  
Alameda, California 94502

**Subject: Consulting Services and Release of Professional Liability**  
4919 Tidewater Avenue, Oakland, California  
ACHCSA Case No. RO0000107

Dear Mr. Wickham:

ETIC Engineering, Inc. (ETIC) is no longer the environmental consultant for the site located at 4919 Tidewater Avenue, Oakland, California since March 27, 2009. ETIC prepared and submitted the attached letter to our client, Mr. Bob Lawlor of R.W.L. Investments, Inc. dated March 27, 2009. ETIC has not performed any environmental work nor is professionally responsible and/or obligated for environmental compliance at this site since March 27, 2009. If this changes in the future, ETIC will notify you.

Thank you for your understanding on this issue and please contact me at (925) 602-4710 if you have any questions at your convenience.

Sincerely,  
**ETIC Engineering, Inc.**

Gopi Chandran, M.S.  
President

Cc: Mr. Bob Lawlor, R.W.L. Investments, Inc.



March 27, 2009

Bob Lawlor  
R.W.L. Investments, Inc.  
4919 Tidewater Avenue, Unit B  
Oakland, CA 94601

**Subject: Suspension of Consulting Services**

Dear Mr. Lawlor:

On your behalf, ETIC Engineering, Inc. (ETIC) prepared an 18-month budget for anticipated expenditures for environmental investigation and remediation activities at your site located at 4919 Tidewater Avenue, Oakland, California. The 18-month budget was submitted in January 2009 at the request of the California Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund (the "Fund"). It appears that reimbursement payments are not forthcoming due to the Fund experiencing a significant financial decline in revenue and a depleted cash reserve, while the demand against the Fund is at an all time high. According to the Fund, in order to bring the revenue back into balance with the demand, the program is taking two primary courses of action: (1) payments are being made by order of priority class; and (2) active Letters of Commitment (LOC) are being suspended to bring long term payment demands into balance with revenue.

Due to the uncertainty of reimbursement, ETIC cannot continue to work actively on the environmental case for your site. This includes quarterly groundwater monitoring, compliance, and reporting. Please understand that the current status of the Fund and the postponement of payments do not release the responsible party from legal liability for remediation of the site.

Should reimbursement from the Fund resume at a future date, ETIC would appreciate the opportunity to resume working on your site. ETIC is preparing final invoices for submittal to the Fund. If you have any questions, please contact me at (925) 602-4710.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gopi Chandran".

Gopi Chandran  
President