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HEALTH CARE SERVICES





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15796 E. 14th Street San Leandro CA 94578

Clyde C. Welch
Owner
Clyde's Corner Electronics

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION 1131 Harbor Bay Parkway. Suite 250 Alameda, CA 94502-6577

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

RE: Failure to properly close Underground Storage Tanks (USTs) at Parcel #80-35-101, 15796 E. 14th Street, San Leandro

Dear Mr. Welch:

This office recently inspected your business for the presence of illegally abandoned underground storage tanks. The visit was prompted by a complaint from an anonymous caller who stated that your business location was a former retail gasoline station. The caller stated that not only was the site a former gasoline station but that the tanks had been removed after the business was closed.

During my visit you and I discussed the presence of the tanks and observed the vent pipes and fill points for the two tanks. You confessed to me that you hoped no one would find out about the tanks so that you didn't have to pay to remove them. However, you shall remove the USTs as soon as possible to determine if the ground water or soil at your property has been contaminated by the contents of the tanks.

According to the records of the Alameda County Assessor's Office you are the owner of the property and thus responsible for the management of the underground storage tanks.

This letter is a Notice of Violation for failure to properly remove the USTs and a format request for a plan of action to remove the USTs. Enclosed please find an UST removal permit application. This application is to be completed and returned within 30 days of receipt. Failure to properly close the USTs in a timely manner will be grounds for enforcement action. Enforcement includes civil and criminal sanctions. Fines for violations of the UST laws and regulations can reach \$5000 a day per tank per violation. The fines for failure to properly remove the tanks can easily exceed the total cost of timely removal.

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If you have any questions regarding this process you can contact me at (510) 567-6781.

Sincerely

Robert Weston

Senior Hazardous Materials Specialist

enclosure

c: Tom Peacock, ACDEP-files
Bob Chambers, Alameda County District Attorney's Office
James Ferdinand, Fire Marshall, Alameda County Fire Department
Paul Smith, Alameda County Public Works, Storm Water Program