

November 10, 2000

Jeannette St. Onge 1863 Sweetwood Drive Daly City, California 94105

RE: Well Survey Report

2411 Webb Avenue, Alameda, California

ACC Project No. 00-6632-001.01

Dear Ms. St. Onge:

Enclosed please find two copies of the Well Survey Report for 2411 Webb Avenue, Alameda, California. This survey has been requested by the Alameda County Health Care Services Agency as a condition of regulatory site closure. On your behalf, ACC will forward a copy of the Summary to Mr. Larry Seto at the Alameda County Health Care Services Agency for review.

# **BACKGROUND**

The subject site is located at 2411 Webb Avenue, Alameda, California (Figure 1). The site is approximately 27 feet above sea level and is located 2,200 feet southwest of the Alameda/Oakland Estuary separating Alameda from Oakland. San Francisco Bay is an additional 5,070 feet to the southwest. The site is underlain by native poorly-sorted sands and silts interspersed with shallow fill materials. Land use in the vicinity of the site is characterized by a combination of residential and commercial buildings.

#### Site Characterization Activities

Blymyer Engineers, Inc. conducted a subsurface investigation at the site in October 1997 to characterize impact to soil and groundwater due to the suspect release from one 500-gallon fuel oil underground storage tank (UST) and one 500-gallon gasoline UST. The work performed included advancing two exploratory soil borings to 12 and 14 feet below ground surface (bgs) and collecting one soil sample and one grab groundwater sample from each boring.

Laboratory analytical results reported up to 4,300 parts per million (ppm) total extractable petroleum hydrocarbons (TEPH) as diesel fuel and up to 320 ppm total petroleum hydrocarbons as gasoline (TPHg) in soil, with only minor concentrations of BTEX constituents. Up to 9,400 parts per billion (ppb) TEPH as diesel fuel and up to 1,400 TPHg was reported in grab groundwater samples, with no detectable concentrations of BTEX constituents. MTBE was not detected in soil or grab groundwater samples

During the investigation, native soils consisted of brown silty sand (SM) with minor clay to approximately 6.5 to 9.5 feet bgs, underlain by green silt (ML) to a depth of approximately 11.5 to 13.5 feet bgs. This unit was underlain by brown silty sand (SM) to the total depth of investigation (12 to 14 feet bgs). Groundwater was encountered in the borings at depths ranging

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from 11.8 to 13.5 feet bgs and stabilized at approximately 10 feet bgs, suggesting slightly confined groundwater conditions.

#### **UST Removal**

According to the December 21, 1999 tank removal report prepared by TEC/Accutite (Accutite), one 500-gallon gasoline UST and one 500-gallon fuel oil UST were removed from the site on December 9, 1999. The date of UST installation is unknown. According to the report, the USTs were located beneath the sidewalk in front of the subject site, and the bottoms of the tanks were located approximately 6 feet below ground surface (bgs).

Following removal, the former USTs were examined by Mr. Scott Seery of the ACHCSA and each was found to have several holes. The total depth of the excavation was 6 feet bgs, and no water was encountered in the pit. Staining and and petroleum hydrocarbon odor was observed in soil in direct contact with the tank bottom.

Under direction of Mr. Seery, Accutite collected one confirmation soil sample from beneath each tank at approximately 8 feet bgs, and one 4-point composite soil sample from stockpiled soil generated during excavation. Analytical results reported 8,300 parts per million (ppm) total petroleum hydrocarbons as diesel (TPHd), 450 ppm total petroleum hydrocarbons as gasoline (TPHg), 4.6 ppm xylenes, and trace concentrations of toluene and ethylbenzene from the soil sample collected beneath the heating oil UST. Analytical results for the soil sample collected beneath the gasoline UST reported 5,300 ppm TPHd, 300 ppm TPHg, 2.2 ppm xylenes, and trace amounts of toluene and ethylbenzene. Based on documentation presented in Accutite's report, additional excavation following UST removal was not required by the ACHCSA.

### LOCAL AND REGIONAL HYDROGEOLOGY

The subject site is located approximately 2,200 feet southwest of the Alameda/Oakland Estuary and approximately 5,070 feet northeast of San Francisco Bay. Regional topography suggests a northeasterly groundwater gradient towards the estuary, and the low elevation of the subject site (approximately 25 feet above sea level) indicates a relatively shallow local groundwater gradient. Groundwater flow direction and gradient has been reported to be 0.007 foot/foot to the east at the BP Oil facility at 1541 Park Street, located approximately 220 feet west of the subject site. Groundwater flow direction and gradient have been reported to be 0.018 foot/foot to the north at the Good Chevrolet facility at 1630 Park Street, approximately 430 feet north of the subject site. This data suggests a northeasterly flow direction in the vicinity of the site, with a gradient on the order of 0.01 foot per foot.

During the subsurface investigation, Blymyer encountered silt and silty sand to depths of 12 to 14 feet below ground surface, fine-grained soils possessing low hydraulic conductivity. These semipermeable soil types combined with shallow local groundwater gradient offer minimal migration potential for petroleum hydrocarbons in shallow groundwater. Groundwater was encountered at approximately 10 feet below ground surface. Due to proximity to the estuary and

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resulting poor groundwater quality, it is highly unlikely that private or municipal wells are located downgradient of the subject site.

### WELL SURVEY

At the request of Mr. Larry Seto of the ACHCSA, ACC requested well survey data from the Alameda County Public Works Agency (ACPWA) listing all wells within a 0.5-mile radius from the subject site. According to this data, 16 active wells are located within 0.5 mile of the subject site. Of these wells, nine are groundwater monitoring wells, six are extraction/recovery wells, and one is an irrigation well.

Only one of the wells listed in the ACPWA database is located downgradient of the subject site. Groundwater monitoring well 2S/3W 7N 42 is located approximately 1,500 feet to the north-northeast of the site. The closest well to the subject site, a monitoring well with designation 2S/3W 7N 13, is located approximately 375 feet to the northwest, in the crossgradient direction. The only well which is a potential sensitive receptor is an irrigation well located at 2235 Lincoln Boulevard, approximately 1,000 feet in the crossgradient direction. A copy of the well survey data is attached.

### DISCUSSION

Analytical results from grab groundwater samples collected at the subject site in October 1997 reported no detectable concentrations of BTEX or MTBE in groundwater, typically the most mobile constituents of dissolved-phase petroleum hydrocarbons. Reported concentrations of TPHg and TEPH as diesel fuel have likely degraded due to natural attenuation processes since the collection date, and can be expected to degrade further over time.

Based on the subsurface investigation report published by Blymyer Engineers following the October 1998 soil borings, subsurface materials at the site consist of interbedded sandy silt and clay, soil types which generally possess low hydraulic conductivity. Fine-grained soils, combined with a very shallow regional groundwater gradient (estimated on the order of 0.01 foot per foot), indicates a limited potential for the migration of petroleum hydrocarbons in shallow groundwater.

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# **CONCLUSIONS**

Based on the absence of mobile petroleum hydrocarbon constituents, shallow regional groundwater gradient, the presence of fine-grained soils beneath the subject site, and the distance to the surrounding wells, ACC estimates the potential of residual petroleum hydrocarbons at the subject site to impact downgradient wells to be minimal to nonexistent.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or the findings of the work, please contact me at (510) 638-8400.

Sincerely,

Neil Doran

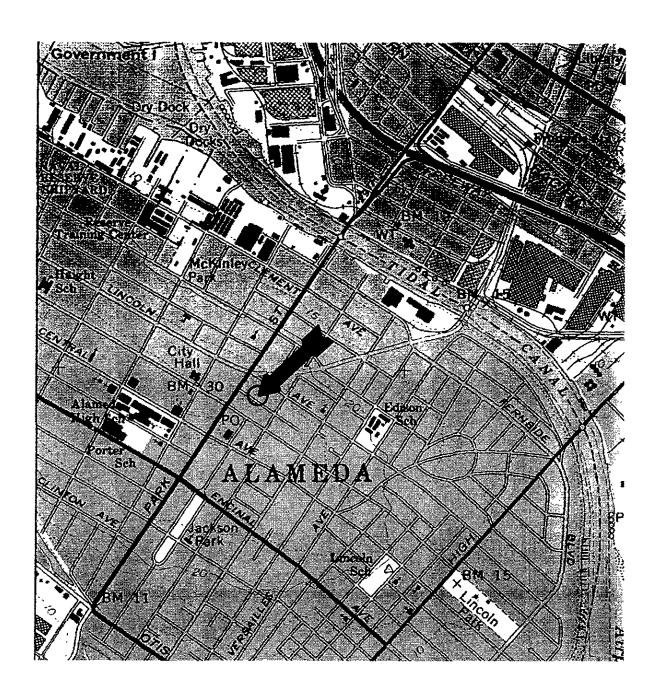
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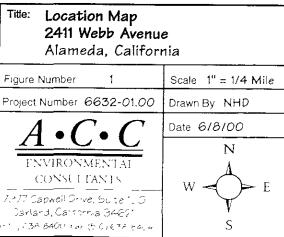
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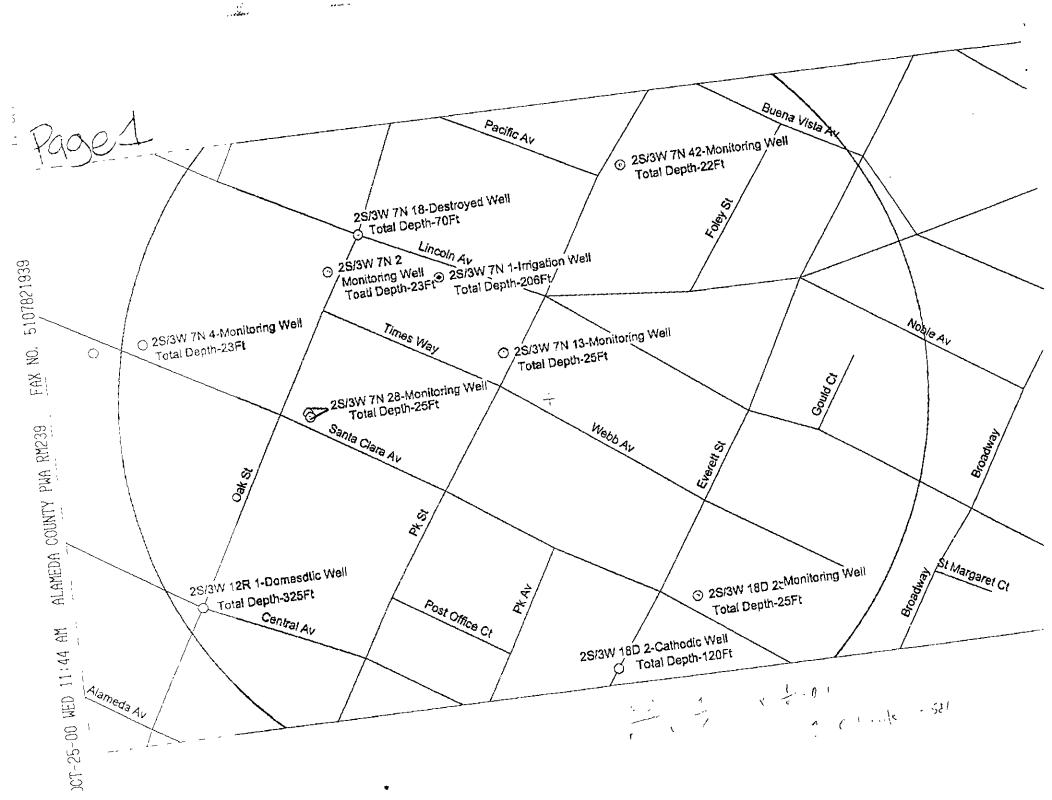
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