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Dear Mr. Herman:

Subject: Fuel Leak Case RO0000485, 79 8th Ave., Suspected site of UST HF-16,
Building H-204, Oakland, CA 94606

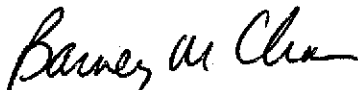
Alameda County Environmental Health, Local Oversight Program (LOP), has received and reviewed the October 8, 2002 Final Site Investigation Work Plan for the referenced site. As you are aware, this site is located within a larger area of environmental impact commonly referred to as the Ninth Ave. Terminal site. This report also states that this Ninth Ave. site is within an even larger potential development area designated as the Oak to Ninth District. Although the proposed future use of this area is commercial, UST and SLIC closures must either evaluate **all** potential exposure scenarios or ensure the site is re-evaluated if a more conservative site usage is planned. At least one, possibly two underground tanks were at this site. The work plan proposes the investigation of the presumed area of the UST by trenching within and along the tank profile and collecting soil and groundwater samples for chemical analysis. In regards to the referenced site investigation work plan, I have the following technical comments:

- Please submit a signed, stamped cover letter from your consultant for this report.
- Should a UST be found, the removal of the UST should be done through the City of Oakland Fire Department. If product is found in the tank, it should be analyzed to confirm that the proposed analytes are consistent with the contents.
- Any significant delays in the removal of the USTs should be approved by the City of Oakland.
- After reviewing the results of the tank removal/tank investigation, please submit a specific work plan for further investigation.
- Groundwater gradient is not predictable and cannot be assumed at this site, therefore, monitoring wells near the former USTs will be required to establish gradient.
- Please make note of any utilities found during the investigation since they pose a potential preferential migration pathway.
- Please attempt to distinguish, if possible, the release from the UST versus that from non-UST sources, as this will be necessary to "close" the UST site.
- Given the known biases of collection "grab" groundwater samples, collection of such samples from trenches is not recommended. If groundwater is sampled, it should be collected from either a boring or well casing.
- Please notify our office when the UST removal/investigation is scheduled.

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You may contact me at (510) 567-6765 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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March 10, 1999
StID # 6894

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**Re: Change in Responsible Party for StID # 6894, Former Building H-204, 79 8th Ave.,
Oakland CA 94606**

Dear Ms. Heffes:

In accordance with the recent March 2, 1999 letter from Fitzgerald, Abbott & Beardsley LLP and with concurrence from Alameda County Environmental Health and the State Water Resources Control Board UST Program, our office has removed Gold Schield Distributors and Groeniger and Co. as responsible parties for the underground tank investigation/remediation requirements at the above referenced site.

You may contact me at (510) 567-6765 if you have any questions.

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