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March 31, 2010

Mr. Denis Brown (Sent via E-mail to: [denis.l.brown@shell.com](mailto:denis.l.brown@shell.com))  
Shell Oil Products US  
20945 S. Wilmington Ave.  
Carson, CA 90810-1039

Subject: Landowner Notification for Case Closure Consideration for Fuel Leak Case No. RO0000495 and Geotracker Global ID T0600101246, Shell #13-5765, 29 Wildwood Avenue, Piedmont, CA 94610

Dear Mr. Brown:

Alameda County Environmental Health (ACEH) is reviewing the fuel case file for the above referenced site for potential case closure. Site investigation and groundwater monitoring from underground storage tank leaks have been performed at the subject property to which you are named as the primary or active responsible party. Pursuant to Section 25297.15 (a), ACEH, the local agency, shall not consider cleanup or site closure proposals from the primary or active responsible party, issue a closure letter, or make a determination that no further action is required with respect to a site upon which there was an unauthorized release of hazardous substances from an underground storage tank subject to this chapter unless all current record owners of fee title to the site of the proposed action have been notified of the proposed action by the primary or active responsible party. ACEH is required to notify the primary or active responsible party of their requirement to certify in writing to the local agency that the notification requirement in the above-mentioned regulation has been satisfied and to provide the local agency with a complete mailing list of all record fee title owners.

To satisfy the above-mentioned requirement, please complete the enclosed "List of Landowners Form," and mail it back to ACEH within thirty (30) days from the date of this letter. Also your comments must be considered prior to the proposed cleanup or closure. Please respond within 30 days from the date of this letter for your comments to be considered.

ACEH will review the case for possible closure under a commercial land use scenario with the following site management requirements:

*"Case closure for the fuel leak site is granted for the current commercial land use only. If a change in land use to any residential or other conservative land use scenario occurs at this site, Alameda County Environmental Health (ACEH) must be notified as required by Government Code Section 65850.2.2. ACEH will re-evaluate the case upon receipt of approved development/construction plans. Excavation or construction activities in the areas of residual contamination require planning and implementation of appropriate health and safety procedures by the responsible party prior to and during excavation and construction activities."*

Responsible Parties  
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We have also attached a public notification regarding potential case closure, which has been distributed to land owners and residents in the nearby area. The Public Notification of Potential Case Closure requests that landowners or residents submit any comments or questions regarding potential case closure by May 6, 2010.

If you have any questions, please call me at 510-567-6791 or send me an electronic mail message at [jerry.wickham@acgov.org](mailto:jerry.wickham@acgov.org).

Sincerely,

Jerry Wickham, California PG 3766, CEG 1177, and CHG 297  
Senior Hazardous Materials Specialist

Attachment: Public Notification of Potential Case Closure dated March 31, 2010

Enclosure: List of Landowners Form

cc: Peter Schaefer, Conestoga-Rovers & Associates, 5900 Hollis Street, Suite A  
Emeryville, CA 94608 (Sent via E-mail to: [pschaefer@croworld.com](mailto:pschaefer@croworld.com))

Donna Drogos, ACEH (Sent via E-mail to: [donna.drogos@acgov.org](mailto:donna.drogos@acgov.org))  
Jerry Wickham, ACEH

Geotracker, File

## LIST OF LANDOWNERS FORM

County of Alameda  
Environmental Health Services  
Environmental Protection  
1131 Harbor Bay Parkway, Suite 250  
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### CERTIFIED LIST OF RECORD FEE TITLE OWNERS FOR:

Site Name: Shell #13-5765

Address: 29 Wildwood Avenue

City, State, Zip: Piedmont, CA 94610

Record ID #: RO0000495

Please fill out item 1 if there are multiple site landowners (attach an extra sheet if necessary). If you are the sole site landowner, skip item 1 and fill out item 2.

1. In accordance with Section 25297.15(a) of Chapter 6.7 of the California Health & Safety Code, I, \_\_\_\_\_ (name of primary responsible party), certify that the following is a complete list of current record fee title owners and their mailing addresses for the above site:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

2. In accordance with Section 25297.15(a) of Chapter 6.7 of the California Health & Safety Code, I \_\_\_\_\_, certify that I am the sole landowner for the above site.

Sincerely,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Primary Responsible Party

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address



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**PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF POTENTIAL CASE CLOSURE**  
**SHELL #13-5765**  
**March 31, 2010**

**Site Location: 29 Wildwood Avenue, Piedmont, CA 94610**  
**Fuel Leak Case RO0000495 and Geotracker Global ID T0600101246**

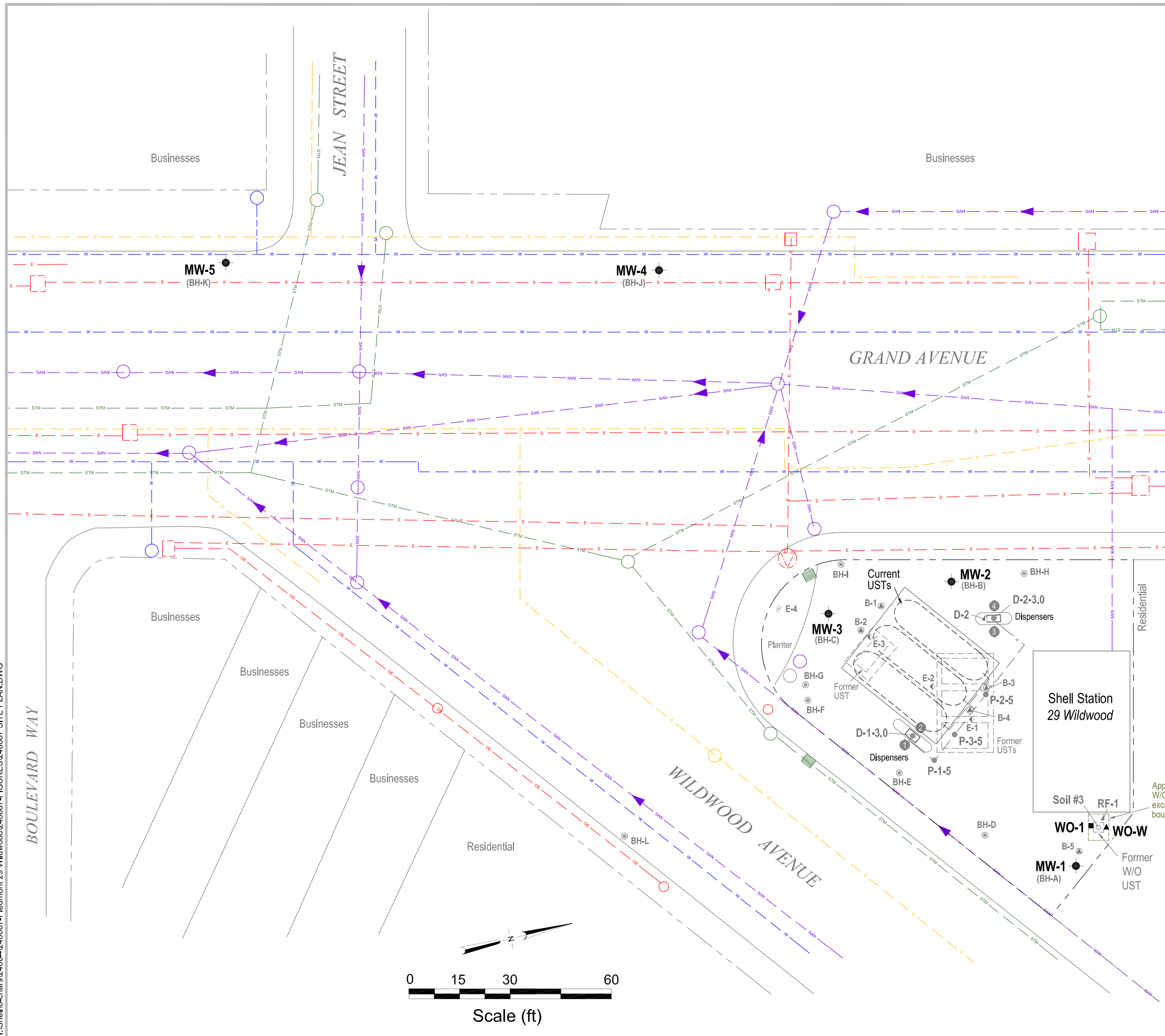
**Summary** – This fact sheet has been prepared to inform community members and other interested parties of potential case closure for a fuel leak case at 29 Wildwood Avenue in Piedmont, California (see attached map on back). Site investigation and cleanup activities have been completed and it does not appear that the fuel release presents a risk to human health for nearby residents or site workers based upon current land use. Case closure will be granted for commercial land use only. Site investigation activities, which have been conducted at various times since 1988, have defined the extent of petroleum hydrocarbons in soil and groundwater beneath the site. Groundwater monitoring has been conducted since July 1989 using 5 groundwater monitoring wells at the site. The groundwater monitoring data indicate that the concentrations of petroleum hydrocarbons in groundwater have decreased since 1988 and that water quality is expected to be restored to water quality objectives through natural attenuation processes within a reasonable period of time. During the most recent groundwater sampling event in August 2009, the maximum concentration of methyl tert-butyl ether (MTBE) detected in groundwater beneath the site was 17 micrograms per liter (parts per billion). Groundwater contamination from the site will not affect the nearest water supply well which is located approximately 2,500 feet northeast of the site.

**Background** –. The site, which is located at the corner of Grand Avenue and Wildwood Avenue in Piedmont, California (see attached map on back), has operated as a gasoline service station for more than 25 years. A release of gasoline from the fueling system was discovered following tank removal and replacement operations in 1984. Groundwater monitoring wells were installed in 1989. Fuel system components consisting of the dispensers and product piping were upgraded in March 1998 and April 2005. Site investigation activities consisting of soil and groundwater sampling were conducted at the site at various times between 1988 and 2009.

**Next Step** – The public is invited to review and comment on the potential closure of the fuel leak case. The entire case file can be viewed over the Internet on the ACEH website (<http://www.acgov.org/aceh/lop/ust.htm>) or the State of California Water Resources Control Board Geotracker website (<http://geotracker.swrcb.ca.gov>). Please send written comments to Jerry Wickham at the address below; all comments will be forwarded to the responsible parties. **Comments received by May 6, 2010** will be considered and responded to prior to a final determination on the proposed case closure.

Additional information: Contact Jerry Wickham of the Alameda County Department of Environmental Health, 1131 Harbor Bay Parkway, Alameda, CA 94502 at 510-567-6791 or by email at [jerry.wickham@acgov.org](mailto:jerry.wickham@acgov.org)

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### EXPLANATION

- WO-1** ■ Soil sample location (CRA, 5/09/07)
- WO-W** ▲ Grab groundwater sample location (CRA, 5/09/07)
- MW-1** ● Monitoring well location
- E-4** ⋄ Destroyed flowing artesian monitoring well
- D-1-3.0** ● Soil sample location (Cambria, 4/5/05)
- P-1-5** ● Soil sample location (Cambria, 4/29/05)
- D-2** ▲ Soil sample location (Cambria, 3/3/98)
- BH-J** ● Soil boring location (Weiss, 1/23/90)
- BH-A** ● Soil boring location (Weiss, 7/5/89)
- B-1** ● Soil boring location (ENSCO, 8/9/88)
- Soil #3** ○ Soil sample location (Blaine, 6/16/87)
- E-1** ⋄ Soil boring location (EMCON, 8/15/84)
- STM --- Storm drain line (SD)
- STM --- Storm drain line (SD) (boxed culvert)
- SAN --- Sanitary sewer line (SS)
- W --- Water line (W)
- G --- Gas line (G)
- E --- Electrical line (E)
- OE --- Overhead electrical line (OE)
- Utility pole
- Electrical vault
- ⊗ Electrical transformer
- Manhole
- ▲ Flow direction
- Storm drain inlet
- ① Product dispenser number

**Notes:**  
**UST** = Underground storage tank  
**W/O** = Waste oil

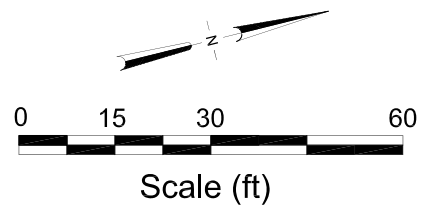


FIGURE 2

Site Plan



**Shell-branded Service Station**  
 29 Wildwood Avenue  
 Piedmont, California