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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH Environmental Protection Division 1131 Harbor Bay Parkway, #250 Alameda, CA 94502-6577 (510) 567-6700

August 21, 1995

STID 1548

Mr. Jeffory J. Scharff Scharff & Greben Wells Fargo Center 400 Capitol Mall, Ste. 1100 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SAL'S FOREIGN CAR SERVICE, 3343 CASTRO VALLEY BOULEVARD, CASTRO VALLEY

Dear Mr. Scharff:

A meeting was held August 19, 1994 between this office, the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), and Chevron. Among other topics discussed were proposed plans for future assessment work associated with Chevron's former station located at 3369 Castro Valley Boulevard. This site, as you know, is directly across Wilbeam Avenue from your client's Castro Valley site. During this meeting Chevron agreed to initiate efforts to work with Mr. Campo to jointly develop a plan to assess the fuel hydrocarbon impact to soil and ground water in the area affected by the underground storage tank (UST) releases identified previously at both sites.

I understand from your January 12, 1995 correspondence that, at least by that time, you had been in contact with Chevron regarding this issue. We were notified that a work plan would be forthcoming. To date, none has been received.

As you are aware, Mr. Campo was first advised September 28, 1990 that an assessment of the apparent release from his underground storage tanks (UST) was required. Several extensions and renotifications for work plan submittal were issued in the ensuing months, the last dated January 31, 1992.

A Notice of Violation was issued January 13, 1993 for failure to submit the requested work plan. Your January 28, 1993 correspondence requested an extension to allow sufficient time to solicit bids in order to comply with the SB2004 funding requirements.

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Very soon afterward this office became aware of the (then) recent assessment at the adjoining Chevron site. In order to aid Mr. Campo's efforts, this office allowed a delay in work plan submittal pending establishment of gradient at the Chevron site, as this information would assist with determining suitable well placement during the Campo study.

Once the ground water information from the Chevron site became available, Mr. Campo was advised April 13, 1994 that a work plan was now due. Again, following your May 11, 1994 request, the due date for work plan submittal was extended until July 15, 1994. I was advised July 12, 1994 that the subject work plan would be forthcoming, yet it might be submitted after the July 15, 1994 due date.

Although the requested work plan was never submitted, the referenced meeting with Chevron occurred. This meeting and Chevron's commitment to work with your client in developing a joint scope of work appeared to be a "win-win" situation. However, and as you know, no fruit has come of this reported effort. To date, this office is not in receipt of a work plan describing this planned work.

More than a year has now passed since Chevron's commitment to jointly affect this additional assessment. For a year to have lapsed since this commitment is discouraging; for 5 years to have passed since Mr. Campo was first advised of the need to perform an assessment is unacceptable.

As it appears that Chevron and Mr. Campo have <u>not</u> been able to come to terms with this issue, an independent study appears warranted. Therefore, please be advised that a preliminary site assessment (PSA) work plan, pursuant to the provisions of Article 11, Title 23, Corrective Action Requirements, California Code of Regulations, is due by the close of business on September 22, 1995.

Please be advised that this office will refer this case to the Alameda County District Attorney's Office should an acceptable PSA work plan not be submitted by the date indicated. Please be further advised that Section 25299(b), California Health and Safety Code, provides for penalties of up to \$5000 per day per violation upon conviction.

Mr. Jeff Scharff

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Please call me at 510/567-6783 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Scott O. Seery, CHMM

Semior Hazardous Materials Specialist

cc: Jun Makishima, Acting Agency Director

Gil Jensen, Alameda County District Attorney's Office

Kevin Graves, RWQCB

Sal Campo, Sal's Foreign Car Service

3343 Castro Valley Bl., Castro Valley, CA 94546

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Sal's Foreign Car Service 20845 Wilbeam Ave. Castro Valley, CA

April 13, 1994

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH State Water Resources Control Board Division of Clean Water Programs UST Local Oversight Program 80 Swan Way, Rm 200 Oakland, CA 94621 (510) 271-4530

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Mr. Sal Campo Sal's Foreign Car Service 3343 Castro Valley Boulevard Castro Valley, CA 94546

RE: PRELIMINARY SITE ASSESSMENT, 3343 CASTRO VALLEY BLVD.

Dear Mr. Campo:

This letter follows in the wake of my conversation yesterday with your attorney, Mr. Jeff Scharff. I advised Mr. Scharff that the time has come to prepare, submit, and implement a preliminary site assessment (PSA) work plan. A PSA is required, pursuant to the provisions of Article 11, Title 23, California Code of Regulations (CCR), as a direct result of the confirmed release of fuel identified during the August 1990 removal of three (3) underground storage tanks (UST) at the referenced Castro Valley site.

Your attention is directed to the attached copy of the September 28, 1990 correspondence in which is outlined the required technical scope of a PSA and subsequent reports. These technical requirements still stand. However, a recent development during the performance of an environmental investigation at an adjoining site, the former Valley Carwash (Chevron), 3369 Castro Valley Boulevard, has necessitated a minor addition to the required scope of work at your site. All soil and ground water samples, in addition to performing analyses for fuel hydrocarbons, must also be analyzed for the presence of halogenated volatile organic compounds (HVOC).

The PSA work plan is due for submittal within 45 days of the date of this letter, or by May 30, 1993.

Please call me at 510/271-4530 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Senior Hazardous Materials Specialist

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cc: Rafat A. Shahid, Assistant Agency Director Gil Jensen, Alameda County District Attorney's Office

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January 13, 1993

Mr. Sal Campo Sal's Foreign Car Service 3343 Castro Valley Boulevard Castro Valley, CA 94546

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH State Water Resources Control Board Division of Clean Water Programs UST Local Oversight Program 80 Swan Way, Rm 200 Oakland, CA 94621 (510) 271-4530

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

RE: SAL'S FOREIGN CAR SERVICE, 3343 CASTRO VALLEY BOULEVARD

Dear Mr. Campo:

You were initially advised in correspondence dated September 28, 1990 to submit a preliminary site assessment (PSA) work plan following closure of three (3) underground storage tanks at your The submittal deadline of February 8, 1991 was extended until March 15, 1991. You were again advised to submit the referenced work plan, in correspondence from this office dated August 9, 1991. The due date for submittal was September 9, In correspondence dated January 31, 1992, you were again advised to submit a PSA work plan, with a due date of March 2, 1992. To date, no such PSA work plan has been submitted.

Presently you are in violation of Section 2722(c)(1) of Title 23, California Code of Regulations, among others, for failure to submit the requested work plan. Additionally, you were advised in each of the prior notices that the PSA work plan was a request for technical reports pursuant to California Water Code Section 13267(b), and that failure to respond would result in the referral of your case to the appropriate agency for enforcement action.

Please be advised that should you fail to appropriately respond to this notice by way of submittal of the requisite PSA work plan, your case will be referred to the Alameda County District Attorney's Office for enforcement action. Please be further advised that the District Attorney's Office is being advised of this case by way of copy of this letter.

A PSA work plan must be submitted to this office within 45 days of the date of this letter, or by February 26, 1993.

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January 13, 1993

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Please feel free to call me at 510/271-4320 should you have any questions.

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RAFAT A. SHAHID, Assistant Agency Director

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH Hazardous Materials Division 80 Swan Way, Rm. 200 Oakland, CA 94621 (510) 271-4320

January 31, 1992

Mr. Sal Campo
Sal's Foreign Car Service
/ 3343 Castro Valley Boulevard
Castro Valley, CA 94546

RE: PRELIMINARY SITE ASSESSMENT PROPOSAL

Dear Mr. Campo:

Approximately 1.5 years has elapsed since three underground storage tanks (UST) were removed from your property. Observations made during closure, and later confirmed by the analyses of soil samples collected during closure activities, indicate that an unauthorized release of fuel hydrocarbons has occurred at your site, per Section 25295 of Chapter 6.7, California Health and Safety Code. You were directed, in correspondence from this department dated September 28, 1990, to submit a Preliminary Site Assessment (PSA) proposal outlining plans to investigate the severity of the release. This PSA proposal was due October 28, 1990. In correspondence dated February 8, 1991, your submittal deadline was extended until March 15, 1991 to allow time for you to explore the many financial assistance programs for which you may have been eligible. Information about several of these grant and loan programs was enclosed with the February correspondence.

You were again directed to submit a PSA proposal in the August 9, 1991 correspondence from this office. You were advised that your case would be referred to the Alameda County District Attorney for enforcement action should you fail to submit the proposal. Since August, I have been in contact with Mr. Jeff Scharff, Esq., who, I understand, represents you. In fact, he and I met to discuss your business's compliance status at that time, including the required site assessment. Following that meeting, I was confident that the Department would receive your PSA proposal shortly. As of this writing, no PSA proposal has been submitted.

You are presently in violation of: California Water Code Section 13267(b) for failing to submit technical reports; Section 2652(d)/(f) and Section 2654 of Article 5, Title 23, California Code of Regulations (CCR), for failure to submit quarterly reports and failure to conduct initial site characterization; and, Sections 2722(c) and 2724 of Article 11, 23CCR, for failure to submit a corrective action work plan and for failure to investigate the extent of the unauthorized release at your site.

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Please be advised that this case will be referred to the Alameda County District Attorney's office for enforcement action should an appropriate PSA proposal not be submitted by the close of business on Monday, March 2, 1992. Civil penalties of up to \$1,000 per day per violation may be assessed upon conviction. Any extensions to the stated deadlines, or modifications of the required tasks, must be confirmed in writing by either this agency or the RWQCB.

Please call me at 510/271-4320 should you have any questions about the content of this letter.

Sincerely

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Senior Hazardous Materials Specialist

cc: Rafat A. Shahid, Assistant Agency Director, Environmental Health Edgar Howell, Chief, Hazardous Materials Division

Gil Jensen, Alameda County District Attorney's Office

Lester Feldman, RWQCB Howard Hatayama, DTSC

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH Hazardous Materials Program 80 Swan Way, Rm. 200 Oakland, CA 94621 (415)

February 26, 1991

Janie Layton Bechtel Environmental, Inc. P.O. Box 193965 San Francisco, CA 94119-3965

File Search for BART RE:

Dear Ms. Layton:

Below is a summary of our findings in response to your letter dated January 30, 1991.

1. Hacienda Business Park, Pleasanton:

Several firms in vicinity that generate hazardous waste. However, this office currently has no record of "toxic incidents" or tank leaks in this area, except for the following: On Thanksgiving Day 1988, a chemical truck overturned on I-580 between the I-680 and Hopyard Road interchanges, causing traffic to be backed up for about 15 hours, as the released chemicals were identified and cleaned The spill occurred on eastbound I-580, when a truck carrying such chemicals as hydrogen peroxide, sulfuric acid, acetone etc., was overturned. Several unknown containers of chemicals were spilled (volumes unknown). Diesel and engine oil from the rig spilled off the south side of the highway onto the shoulder. About 1500 gallons of an oil/water mixture were pumped into a tank truck and hauled away. In addition, all contaminated soil and debris was collected and hauled away as a hazardous waste.

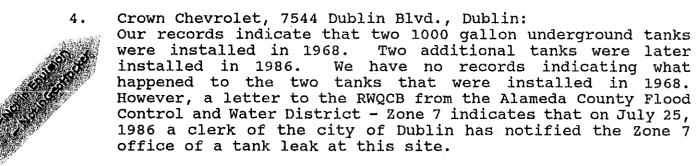
2. Enea Business Plaza Center, Dublin: This office currently has no files on any "toxic incidents" at this site.

(#20845 Wilbeam Ave) Sal's Foreign Car Services, 20834 Wilbeam Ave. / 3343 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley: On August 30, 1990, one 3000 gallon and two 1000 gallon underground gasoline tanks were removed. Soil and shallow

groundwater sampling revealed that both soil and water was

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contaminated (TPH-soil-720PPM and Product "Sheen" on ground water). This office has requested a Preliminary Site Assessment (PSA) report and the dead line for the submittal of PSA is March 15, 1991.



- 5. Lew Doty Cadillac, 5787 Scarlett Ct., (now Valley Nissan/Dodge) Dublin: (ROHTT) underground fuel tanks removed in 1988, causing significant soil and shallow groundwater contamination. Soil excavated and aerated on-site, once in 1989 and additional soil excavated and aerated in 1990. All soil cleaned up to "ND" were replaced in tank pit. Groundwater treatment (pumping, treating and disposal into sanitary sewer) in place since early 1990. Extent of groundwater contamination reduced greatly; now appears to be confined to tank pit on-site, with hydrocarbon concentrations dropping steadily.
- 6. Valley Nissan/ Dodge/ Volvo/ Mitsubishi/ Subaru: (6015 Scanett Ct, Dublin)
 In 1988 a 280 gallon waste oil tank was removed when it overflowed. Soil contamination was limited to area immediately around the tank and the contaminated soil was removed. One groundwater monitoring well was installed and the last 3-4 quart monitoring showed "ND" levels of oil and grease.
- 7. Scotsman Co., 6055 Scarlett Ct., Dublin:
 In 1987 two underground fuel tanks were removed. Minor contamination found in soil beneath and around tanks, but groundwater was affected. Seven monitoring wells and one groundwater extraction well have been installed. Groundwater remediation implemented in early 1990, using pump and treat method. The outer edge of plume in downgradient direction

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(ssw flow) is 30-50 feet from the center of the plume, where the concentration of dissolved hydrocarbons are about 25ppm. About 200,000 gallons of water has been treated since remediation began.

- Montgomery Ward, 7575 Dublin Blvd., Dublin: One gasoline tank was punctured in late 1988 during a routine (R0584) sticking. About 3000-8000 gallons of gasoline was released into backfill (pea gravel); some was recovered and pumped into In 1989 the remaining tanks were also a holding tank. removed. Pea gravel excavated completely and aerated on-site. Clean fill was placed back in the hole. Five monitoring wells and one extraction well ha been installed. No fuel product in monitoring well, however, a plume of contaminated groundwater appears to have migrated off-site. A groundwater pump-andtreat program was installed in fall of 1989 and was operational until the spring of 1991. A new consultant has been retained and a new groundwater remediation system should be in operation by this summer.
- 9. B.P. Oil Service Station (Dublin Auto Wash), 7420 Dublin Blvd., Dublin:
 This used to be a Chevron Service Station. In February 1989 three underground fuel tanks were removed. Gravel (backfill) and several loads of contaminated water from the pit was hauled off to Class I disposal site. New tanks placed in the same hole; monitoring wells show intermittent, low levels of hydrocarbons. Groundwater monitoring is continuing. Additional contaminated soil found around the dispenser islands; Chevron removed all the soil it could without endangering the canopy structure. Contamination left in place will be treated via in-site aeration.

This letter is limited to information available to this department and does not reflect any other information which may be accessible from other local and governmental agencies or businesses involved with these sites.

Please find enclosed a copy of the invoice sent to our billing unit.

Janie Layton Bechtel Environmental, Inc. February 25, 1991 Page 4 of 4

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at (415) 271-4320.

Sincerely,

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Hazardous Materials Specialist

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Attachment(s) 1

cc: Files

ALAMEDA COUNTY **HEALTH CARE SERVICES** DAVID J. KEARS, Agency Director

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February 8, 1991

Mr. Sal Campo Sal's Foreign Car Service 3343 Castro Valley Boulevard Castro Valley, CA 94546

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH Hazardous Materiais Program 80 Swan Way, Rm. 200 Oakland, CA 94621 (415)

RE: PRELIMINARY SITE ASSESSMENT PROPOSAL DUE DATE EXTENSION

Dear Mr. Campo:

This letter shall serve to summarize our telephone conversation the afternoon of February 7, 1991. As we discussed, this Department has extended the due date for the submittal of a Preliminary Site Assessment (PSA) proposal until March 15, 1991. Please reference the September 28, 1990 correspondence from this Department for the technical and professional requirements such a PSA must address.

We understand the financial hardships such environmental investigations may pose to the small business owner. Please find attached a summary of the grant and loan programs currently available through the state and federal government specific to sites impacted by leaking underground storage tanks. I hope that you will gain some benefit from this information.

Again, the PSA proposal is due by March 15, 1991. Please call me at 415/271-4320 should you have any questions.

Sincerely

Scott'O. Seery Hazardous Materials Specialist

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH Hazardous Materials Program 80 Swan Way, Rm. 200 Oakland, CA 94621 (415)

September 28, 1990

Mr. Sal Campo Sal's Foreign Car Service 3343 Castro Valley Boulevard Castro Valley, CA 94546

RE: UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK CLOSURE REPORT; SAL'S FOREIGN CAR SERVICE, 3343 CASTRO VALLEY BLVD., CASTRO VALLEY: REQUEST FOR PRELIMINARY SITE ASSESSMENT (PSA) PROPOSAL

Dear Mr. Campo:

This Department has completed review of the report of laboratory analyses, as submitted under SEMCO/James C. Bateman Petroleum Services, Inc. cover dated September 23, 1990. This report documents the analyses performed upon soil samples collected August 31, 1990 during the closure of three (3) fuel underground storage tanks (UST) at the referenced site.

The results of laboratory analyses indicate that elevated levels of contamination are present in native soils in proximity to the tanks. Concentrations of total petroleum hydrocarbons as gasoline (TPH-G) were as high as 720 parts per million (ppm) in sample #2 collected from the west sidewall of the 3,000 gallon tank. Other samples collected from below the two 1,000 gallon tanks showed nondetectable (< 1.0 ppm) levels of TPH-G; however, these samples were collected from soil at a depth which is likely below the shallow water table during years of normal precipitation. A water sample collected from ground water welling into the excavation below the 3,000 gallon tank showed concentrations of benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylenes of 6, 28, 12, and 50 parts per billion (ppb), respectively. Product "sheen" was noted upon ground water welling into the pit, along with the distinct odor of gasoline.

As a result of the noted observations made at the time of closure and the results of laboratory analyses, it is evident that an unauthorized release of hazardous materials from the UST systems has occurred at this site. Consequently, you are requested to perform additional investigative work, in the form of a Preliminary Site Assessment (PSA), to ensure that there has not been a substantial impact to ground water underlying this site.

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September 28, 1990

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This requisite PSA will help to define the vertical and lateral impact upon ground water and soils resulting from any releases from the tanks prior to their removal. The information gathered by this investigation will be used to determine an appropriate course of action to remediate the site. The PSA must be conducted in accordance with the RWQCB Staff Recommendations for the Initial Evaluation and Investigation of Underground Tanks. The major elements of such an investigation are summarized in the attached Appendix A.

In order to proceed with a site investigation, you should obtain professional services of a reputable environmental/geotechnical firm. Your responsibility is to have the consultant submit for review a proposal outlining planned activities pertinent to meeting the criteria broadly outlined in this letter and the attached Appendix A.

This Department will oversee the assessment and remediation for this site. This oversight will include our review and comment on work proposals and technical guidance on appropriate investigative approaches. The issuance of well drilling permits, however, will be through the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Zone 7. The RWQCB may choose to take over as lead agency if it is determined following the completion of the initial assessment that there has been a substantial impact upon ground water.

This PSA proposal is due within 30 days of the date of this letter, or by October 28, 1990. Once this proposal has been reviewed and approved, work should commence no later than November 28, 1990. Accompanying this proposal must be an additional check payable to Alameda County totalling \$558 to offset expenses incurred by this Department during oversight of this project.

A report must be submitted within 30 days after the completion of this phase of work at the site. Subsequent reports must be submitted quarterly until this site qualifies for final RWQCB "sign off". Such quarterly reports are due the first day of the second month of each subsequent quarter (i.e., November 1, February 1, May 1, and August 1).

The referenced quarterly reports should describe the status of the investigation and must include, among others, the following elements:

o Details and results of all work performed during the designated period of time: records of field observations and data, boring and well construction logs, water level data, chain-of-custody forms, laboratory results for all samples collected and analyzed, tabulations of free product thicknesses and dissolved fractions, etc.

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- o Status of ground water contamination characterization
- o Interpretation of results: water level contour maps showing gradients, free and dissolved product plume definition maps for each target component, geologic cross sections, etc.
- o Recommendations or plans for additional investigative work or remediation

All reports and proposals must be submitted under seal of a California-Registered Geologist, -Certified Engineering Geologist, or -Registered Civil Engineer. Please include a statement of qualifications for each lead professional involved with this project.

Please be advised that this is a formal request for technical reports pursuant to California Water Code Section 13267 (b). Failure to respond or a late response could result in the referral of this case to the RWQCB for enforcement, possibly subjecting the responsible party to civil penalties to a maximum of \$1,000 per day. Any extensions of the stated deadlines, or modifications of the required tasks, must be confirmed in writing by either this agency or the RWQCB.

Should you have any questions about the content of this letter, please call me at 415/271-4320.

Sincerely

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Hazardous/Materials Specialist

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH 470 - 27th Street, Third Floor Oakland, California 94612

Certified Mail # P 691 211 049

May 18, 1988

Mr. Sal Compo Sal's Foreign Car Service 20845 Wilbeam Castro Valley, CA 94546

RE: Underground Tanks

Dear Mr. Campo:

The two underground tanks on your property must be registered with the Alameda County Health Department, if they are not closed.

If you decide to close them, this must be done in accordance to Title 23, California Administrative Code, California Underground Storage Tank Regulations. In addition, the Castro Valley Fire Department must be contacted for the necessary permit.

If you have any questions, please contact Larry Seto, Hazardous Materials Specialist, at 271-4320.

Sincerely,

Rafat A. Shahid, Chief, Hazardous Materials Div.

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cc: Pete Johnson, RWQCB Castro Valley Fire