

ALAMEDA COUNTY  
HEALTH CARE SERVICES



AGENCY

DAVID J. KEARS, Agency Director

ALAMEDA COUNTY CC4580  
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES  
1131 HARBOR BAY PKWY., #250  
ALAMEDA CA 94502-6577

February 7, 1996  
STID 3698

**REMEDIAL ACTION COMPLETION CERTIFICATION**

John Gwynn  
Gwynn-Shields Co.  
300 Lakeside Dr., #1980  
Oakland CA 94612

RE: Balco Properties site, 55-4th St., Oakland CA 94607  
aka China Noodle Co., 325 Fallon St., Oakland CA 94607

Dear Mr. Gwynn,

This letter confirms the completion of site investigation and remedial action for the following three 2,000-gallon gasoline underground storage tanks at the above referenced site. Based on the available information and with the provision that the information provided to this agency was accurate and representative of site conditions, **no further action related to the underground tank release is required.**

This notice is issued pursuant to a regulation contained in Title 23, Division 3, Chapter 16, Section 2721(e) of the California Code of Regulations. If a change in land use is proposed, the owner must promptly notify this agency.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Jennifer Eberle at (510) 567-6700, ext. 6761.

Very truly yours,

Jun Makishima, Interim Director

cc: Acting Chief, Environmental Protection Division  
Kevin Graves, RWQCB  
Mike Harper, SWRCB (with attachment)  
Bruce Westphal, Bay Alarm Co., 925 Ignacio Valley Rd., #100, Walnut Creek, CA 94596  
Jenefer Anderson, All Environmental Inc., 2641 Crow Canyon Rd., #5, San Ramon CA  
94583  
Jennifer Eberle

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**CASE CLOSURE SUMMARY**  
**Leaking Underground Fuel Storage Tank Program**

**I. AGENCY INFORMATION**

**Date:** 7/20/95

Agency name: **Alameda County-HazMat** Address: **1131 Harbor Bay Pky**  
City/State/Zip: **Alameda CA 94502** Phone: **(510) 567-6700**  
Responsible staff person: **Jennifer Eberle** Title: **Hazardous Materials Spec.**

**II. CASE INFORMATION**

Site facility name: **Balco Properties, aka China Noodle Co.**  
Site facility address: **55-4th St., aka 325 Fallon St., Oakland CA 94607**  
RB LUSTIS Case No: **N/A** Local Case No./LOP Case No.: **3698**  
URF filing date: **2/25/92** SWEEPS No: **N/A**

**Responsible Parties:      Addresses:      Phone Numbers:**  
Attn: Bruce Westphal, Bay Alarm Co., 925 Ignacio Valley Rd., #100, Walnut Creek CA 94596

John Gwynn, Gwynn-Shields Co, 300 Lakeside Dr., #1980, Oakland CA 94612      444-5810

<b><u>Tank No:</u></b>	<b><u>Size in gal.:</u></b>	<b><u>Contents:</u></b>	<b><u>Closed in-place or removed?:</u></b>	<b><u>Date:</u></b>
1	2,000	gasoline	removed	10/12/90
2	2,000	gasoline	removed	10/12/90
3	2,000	gasoline	removed	10/12/90

**III. RELEASE AND SITE CHARACTERIZATION INFORMATION**

Cause and type of release: unknown  
Site characterization complete? YES  
Date approved by oversight agency: n/a  
Monitoring Wells installed? YES      Number: 3  
Proper screened interval? YES  
Highest GW depth below ground surface: 2.40'bgs      Lowest depth: 5.30'bgs  
Flow direction: SE consistently  
Most sensitive current use: commercial  
Are drinking water wells affected? NO      Aquifer name:  
Is surface water affected? NO      Nearest affected SW name:  
Off-site beneficial use impacts (addresses/locations): unknown

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Report(s) on file? **YES** Where is report(s) filed?  
**Alameda County, 1131 Harbor Bay Pky, Alameda Ca 94502**

### Treatment and Disposal of Affected Material:

<u>Material</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Action (Treatment</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>(include units)</u>	<u>of Disposal w/destination)</u>		
Tank	three 2,000-gal	disposed to H&H (manifest #90283263)	10/12/90
HW Liquid	2,500 gal	disposed to H&H (manifest #90283262)	10/12/90
purge water	approx 110 gal	disposed by Waste Oil Recovery	1/31/96

### III. RELEASE AND SITE CHARACTERIZATION INFORMATION (Continued) Maximum Documented Contaminant Concentrations - - Before and After Cleanup

Contaminant	Soil (ppm)		Water (ppb)	
	Before	After	Before	After
TPH (Gas)	4.2		1900*	ND
TPH (Diesel)	NA		NA	
Benzene	0.057		180	ND
Toluene	0.040		67	ND
Xylene	0.066		370	ND
Ethylbenzene	0.058		ND	ND
Lead		36		

**Comments (Depth of Remediation, etc.):** The “before” soil samples are from the pits. There are no “after” soil samples because the pits were not overexcavated. The 36 ppm lead is from soils in the boreholes. The “before” water samples are from grab samples. The “after” water samples are from the wells.

\*sample dilution factor of 100, resulting in value below reporting limit of 50 ug/L

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### IV. CLOSURE

Does completed corrective action protect existing beneficial uses per the Regional Board Basin Plan? Undetermined

Does completed corrective action protect potential beneficial uses per the Regional Board Basin Plan? Undetermined

Does corrective action protect public health for current land use? YES

Site management requirements: NA

Should corrective action be reviewed if land use changes? YES

Monitoring wells Decommissioned: Not yet

Number Decommissioned:                      Number Retained:

List enforcement actions taken: none

List enforcement actions rescinded: none

### V. LOCAL AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE DATA

Name: Jennifer Eberle                      Title: Hazardous Materials Specialist

Signature: *J Eberle*                      Date: 7-21-95

#### Reviewed by

Name: Dale Klettke                      Title: Hazardous Materials Specialist

Signature: *Dale Klettke*                      Date: 7-21-95

Name: eva chu                      Title: Hazardous Materials Specialist

Signature: *eva chu*                      Date: 7/21/95

### VI. RWQCB NOTIFICATION

Date Submitted to RB: 7-21-95

RB Response: *Approved*

RWQCB Staff Name: Kevin Graves

Title: AWRCE Date: *7/27/95*

*Kevin Graves*

*7/27/95*

## **Leaking Underground Fuel Storage Tank Program**

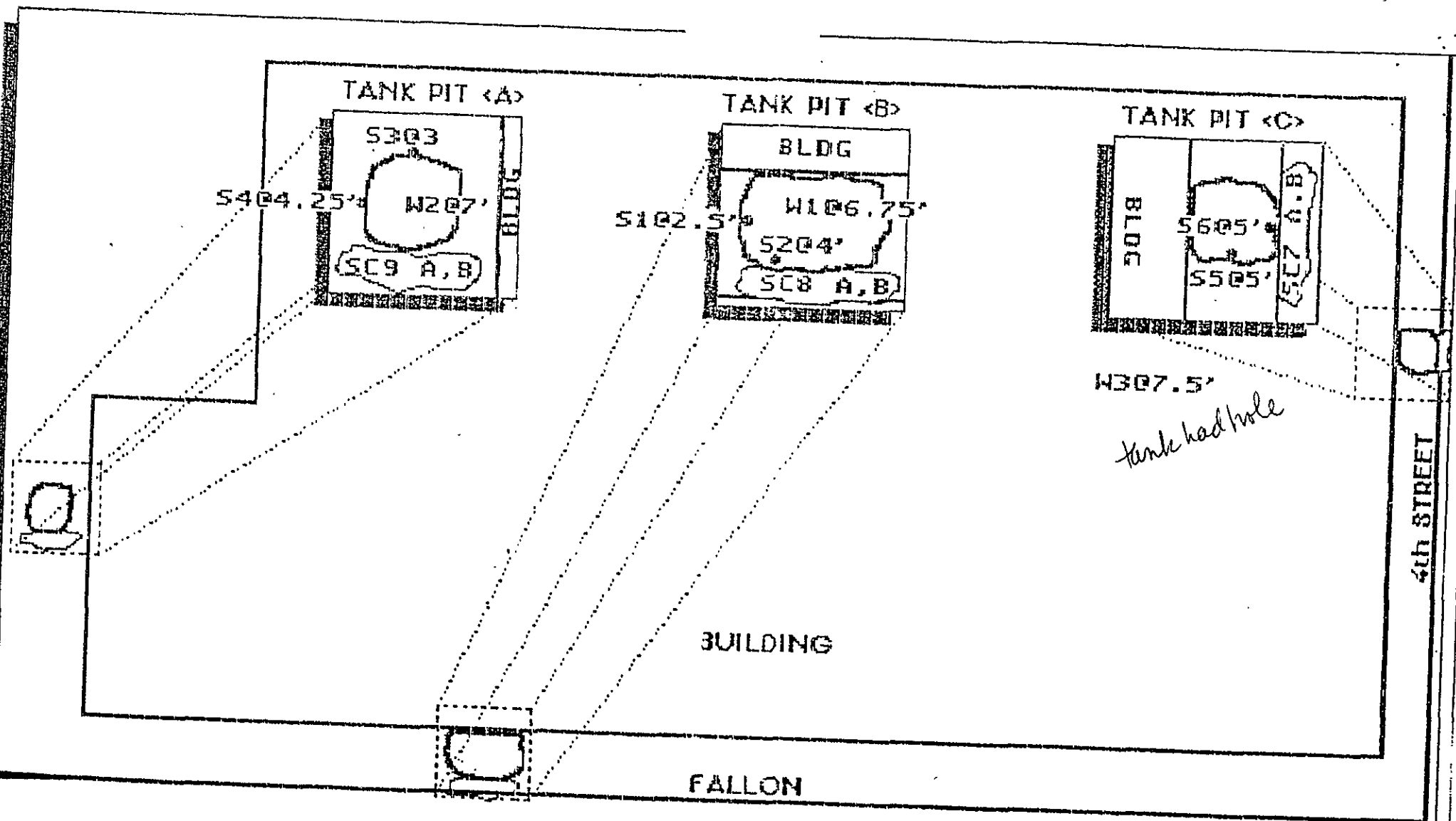
### **VII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS, DATA, ETC.**

Three 2,000-gal gasoline USTs were removed on 10/12/90 from 3 separate locations (see Plate 1). Holes were noted in one of the 3 USTs (Tank C). The County inspector noted that the rocky composite nature of the upper soils necessitated the collection of soil samples from a depth below the apparent high water mark. Groundwater was present in each pit, and was sampled from each pit. Soil results indicated ND TPHg and ND benzene except 4.2 ppm TPHg and 0.057 ppm benzene in Sample #S5 at 5'bgs from Tank C; this was the tank with the hole (see Table 1). Water results indicated contaminants from each sample. Maximum concentrations were in Tank pit C: 1900 ppb TPHg and 180 ppb benzene (see Table 2). Three samples were collected from each of the 3 stockpiles. Results indicated ND to low concentrations: up to 5.0 ppm TPHg, and up to 0.035 ppm benzene (See Table 2).

Three wells were installed on 3/25/94 (see Fig 2 and 3). The proximity of the building precluded the installation of a well S-SE or SE from Tank Pit C. Groundwater was encountered at depths ranging from 4 to 5.3'bgs. Due to the slow recharge, another measurement was made on 7/26/94, and groundwater was encountered at depths ranging from 3.6 to 5.2'bgs. Soils sampled from the boreholes indicated ND TPHg and ND BTEX, except 3.4 ppm TPHg and some TEX in MW1/S1. Lead was also present in all 6 soil samples, but only at low concentrations (below 10 X the STLC). See Table 3.

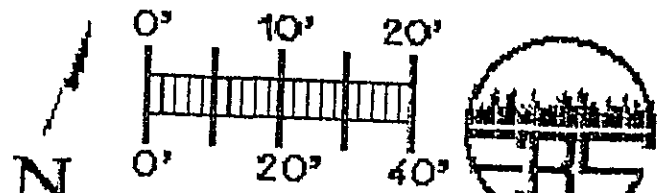
Groundwater flowed SE on 7/25/94, 9/29/94, 12/29/94, and 3/20/94, towards the nearest surface water, where the Lake Merritt feeder enters the estuary, near the boat launch. This means that MW1 and MW2 were consistently downgradient of tank pit A and B, respectively (see Fig 3).

Groundwater has been ND for TPHg, BTEX, and total lead for four consecutive quarters, with the exception of 0.5 ppm lead in MW1 in 9/94. The residual soil concentrations in one tank pit C were only 4.2 ppm TPHg and 0.057 ppm benzene. This case obviously warrants closure.



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 BALCO PROPERTIES  
 55 FOURTH STREET  
 OAKLAND, CA.  
 TANK PULL 10/12/90  
 1010-155 FIG.#1

Plate 1



4th STREET

TANK C

DRIVEWAY

FENCE

BUILDING

SIDEWALK

FALLON

TANK B

TANK A

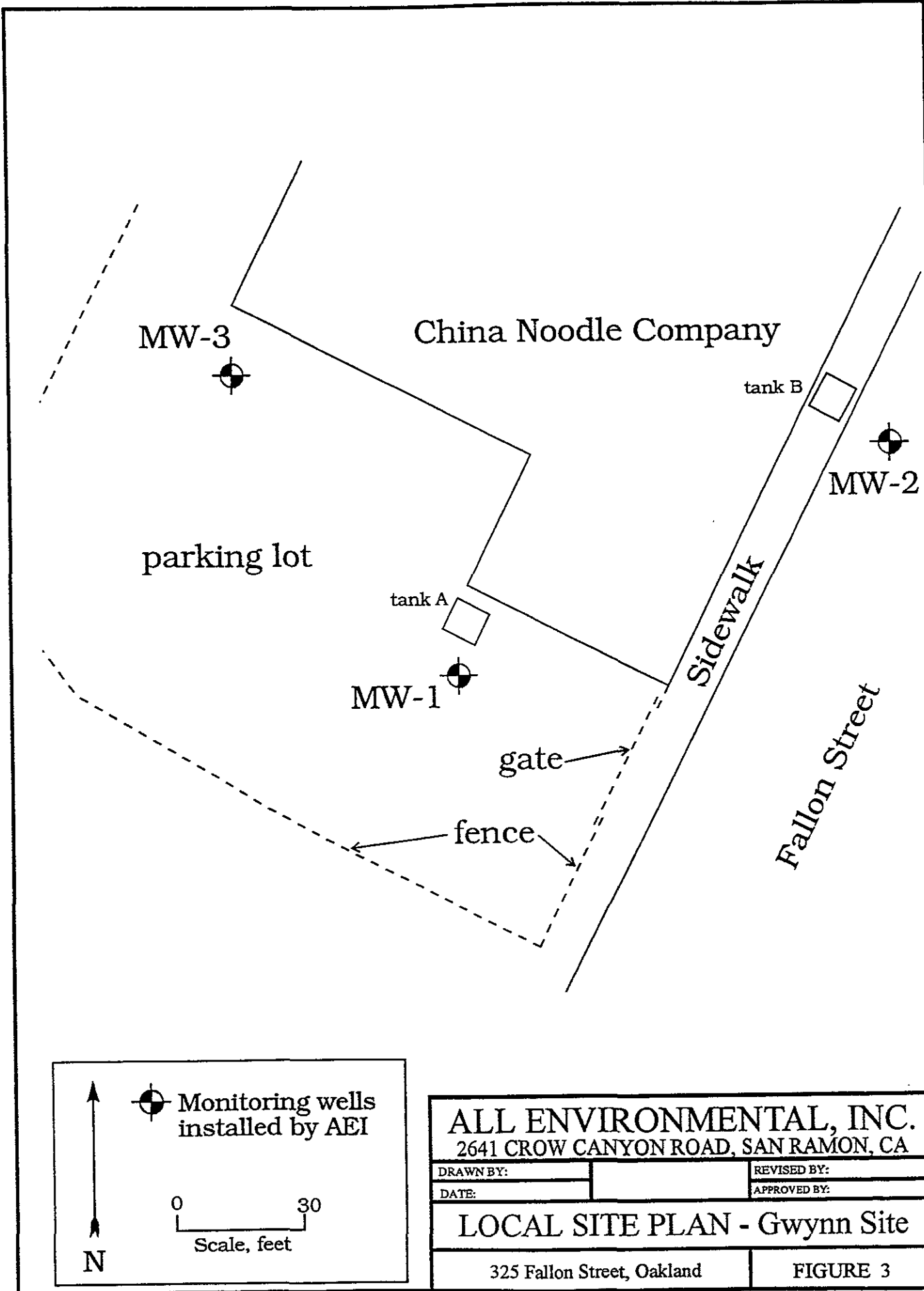
PROPERTY LINE



FENCE

PROPERTY LINE



ALL ENVIRONMENTAL, INC.		
2641 CROW CANYON RD, SAN RAMON		
SCALE: NOT TO SCALE	APPROVED BY:	DRAWN BY: S.P.
DATE: 1/13/84		REVISED: S.P.
SITE MAP		
325 FALLON STREET		DRAWING NUMBER: FIGURE 2





 Monitoring wells installed by AEI

0                      30  
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 Scale, feet

**ALL ENVIRONMENTAL, INC.**  
 2641 CROW CANYON ROAD, SAN RAMON, CA

DRAWN BY:	REVISD BY:
DATE:	APPROVED BY:

**LOCAL SITE PLAN - Gwynn Site**

325 Fallon Street, Oakland	FIGURE 3
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BALCO PROPERTIES  
OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

Tank C was constructed of single walled steel with a tar wrap that approximately 80% intact. Approximately 50% of the tank exhibited rusting and one hole (9 inch split in seam near bottom of fill end) was noted. Backfill material and native soil surrounding the tank exhibited a moderate hydrocarbon odor. Water was present in the pit at a depth of 6.5 feet.

SAMPLING

At the request of Inspector Byrne, two capillary zone soil samples (wall samples) were collected from each of the three tank pits. Table 1 shows the sample designation and location of each of the capillary zone samples:

TABLE 1 - ~~CAPILLARY ZONE SAMPLES~~

SAMPLE NUMBER	LOCATION	TPHg (ppm)	Benz.	DEPTH
#S1	Tank Pit B	ND	ND	5 feet
#S2	Tank Pit B	ND	ND	4 feet
#S3	Tank Pit A	ND	ND	3 feet
#S4	Tank Pit A	ND	ND	4.25 feet
#S5	Tank Pit C	4.2	0.057	5 feet
#S6	Tank Pit C	ND	ND	5 feet

*UST had hole*

~~Water which had entered the tank pits upon removal of the tanks was evacuated by a vacuum truck. Samples from recharge water entering the pits after evacuation were collected at the request of Inspector Byrne. The samples were obtained from the following locations:~~

TABLE 2 - ~~WATER SAMPLES~~ (ppb)

SAMPLE NUMBER	LOCATION	TPHg	Benz	DEPTH
#W1	Tank Pit B	57	2.5	6.75 feet
#W2	Tank Pit A	980*	50	7 feet
#W3	Tank Pit C	1900*	180	7.5 feet

\* est. value below reporting limit

Composite soil samples were collected from each of the stockpiles generated during tank removal. Sample #SC7 A-B was collected from the stockpile for tank pit C. Sample #SC8 A-B was collected from the stockpile for tank pit B. Sample #SC9 A-B was collected from the stockpile for tank pit A.

		TPHg	Benz
C	S7 A-B	5.0	0.035
B	S8 A-B	ND	ND
tank A	S9 A-B	4.6	0.022

Table X - Soil Sample Analyses

Soil ID	TPHG mg/Kg	Benz. ug/Kg	Tol. ug/Kg	Et. Ben ug/Kg	Xylene ug/Kg	Lead mg/Kg
MW-1, S-1	3.4	ND	8.2	10	49	24
MW-1, S-2	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	9.2
MW-2, L-1	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	36
MW-2, L-2	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	9.0
MW-3, S-1	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	11
MW-3, S-2	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	5.0

mg/Kg and mg/L = ppm; ug/Kg and ug/L = ppb; ND = not detected

Laboratory results and chain of custody documents are included in Appendix C, Analytical Results.

## 9.0 GROUNDWATER GRADIENT

The three wells on the site were used to estimate the local groundwater gradient. Accurate measurements of water levels in the three wells was made on July 25, 1994. The depths to water for wells MW-1, MW-2, and MW-3 were 5.16', 3.62', and 4.24', respectively. These depths correspond to the elevations shown in Figure 3, Groundwater Gradient. The groundwater elevations are based on elevations of the top of each well casing, as measured by a licensed land surveyor.

As Figure 3 shows, <sup>where</sup> the groundwater gradient is toward the southeast, at a somewhat shallow gradient. This gradient corresponds well with the local topography, and as a check of Figure 1 would show, the groundwater appears to be flowing toward the nearest surface water, where the Lake Merritt feeder enters the estuary, in the vicinity of the boat launch.

## 10.0 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

AEI completed limited soil and groundwater monitoring on June 29,