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Ms. Eva Chew
Division of Hazardous Materials
Alameda County Department
of Environmental Health
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**SUBJECT: SAMPLING TO CLOSE TWO UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS IN
PLACE AT THE LIVERMORE VA HOSPITAL, LIVERMORE, CA**

Dear Ms. Chew:

Certified Environmental Consulting, Inc. (CEC) is pleased to present this report for soil sampling adjacent to the two underground storage tanks (UST's) located behind Building 62 at the Livermore VA Hospital.

The tanks are 2,000 gallon and 5,000 gallon capacity, and both tanks have been used exclusively for diesel fuel. The tanks are in an area that has limited access and numerous electrical lines cross over the tanks, carrying up to 12,000 volts. For this reason, CEC has sampled the soil at the ends of the tanks to show that the tanks are not a source of contamination or a threat to groundwater with the intention of closing the tanks in place.

Figure 1 is a Site and Sample Location Map. A combination of hand augering and a utility locator service was used to identify the locations of the tanks and electrical lines in the immediate area. After all the hazards were identified, a portable Minuteman drill rig was used to collect the samples. The first boring was advanced and sampled on July 30, 1993, but due to an equipment failure, no other borings were possible that day. On August 11, 1993, the other 3 borings were advanced and sampled. A poorly graded, silty sand soil type was encountered in all borings. There was no visible staining, petroleum odor, or groundwater encountered in any borings. In general, the borings were placed within two feet of the tank end on centerline, except B2 which was placed off the corner of the tank (on the down slope side) to avoid electrical lines. The tops of the tanks were approximately 3' to 4' below ground surface and it was assumed that the tanks were not more than 8' in diameter. The borings were advanced to a depth of 15' below grade (3 - 4' below the bottom of the tanks) and sampled at that depth using a modified California split-spoon sampler. The samples were delivered under chain of

custody to a State certified laboratory and tested for TPH(D). Due to laboratory error, Sample B1 at 15' was analyzed for TPH(D), TPH(G) and BTEX. Copies of the chain of custody records, laboratory reports, and laboratory QC reports are in the Appendix. To summarize, the results of all the laboratory testing were non-detect for the compounds analyzed. Table 1 below lists the results of all laboratory testing.

TABLE 1
ANALYTICAL DATA

SAMPLE	TPH(D)	TPH(G)	BENZENE	TOLUENE	ETHYL BENZENE	XYLENE
B1 @ 15'	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
B2 @ 15'	ND	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
B3 @ 15'	ND	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
B4 @ 15'	ND	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

ND = NON DETECT
NA = NOT ANALYZED

Based on this data, CEC believes that closing these two tanks in place does not represent a threat to groundwater.

The proposed procedure for closing the tanks in place will be to remove all contents of the tanks and expose the top of the tanks. All piping will be disconnected and removed or rinsed and capped in place. The tanks will then be cleaned, triple rinsed, and the rinsate will be pumped out of the tanks. The rinsate will be disposed of under manifest as a non RCRA hazardous waste in an appropriate manner. After the tanks are clean, they will be filled with concrete slurry to capacity and the excavation will be backfilled to match the surrounding area with the excavated soil.

It is CEC's understanding that Alameda County Department of Environmental Health has jurisdiction over the environmental issues regarding the closure in place. The safety issues are the responsibility of the Livermore VA Medical Center Fire Department because the site is on Federal property. Obtaining clearance from the Livermore VA Medical Center Fire Department to close the tanks in place will be obtained internally by Livermore VA Medical Center Engineering Services.

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If you have any questions or comments regarding this request for in place closure, please call CEC at (707) 745-0171.

Sincerely,

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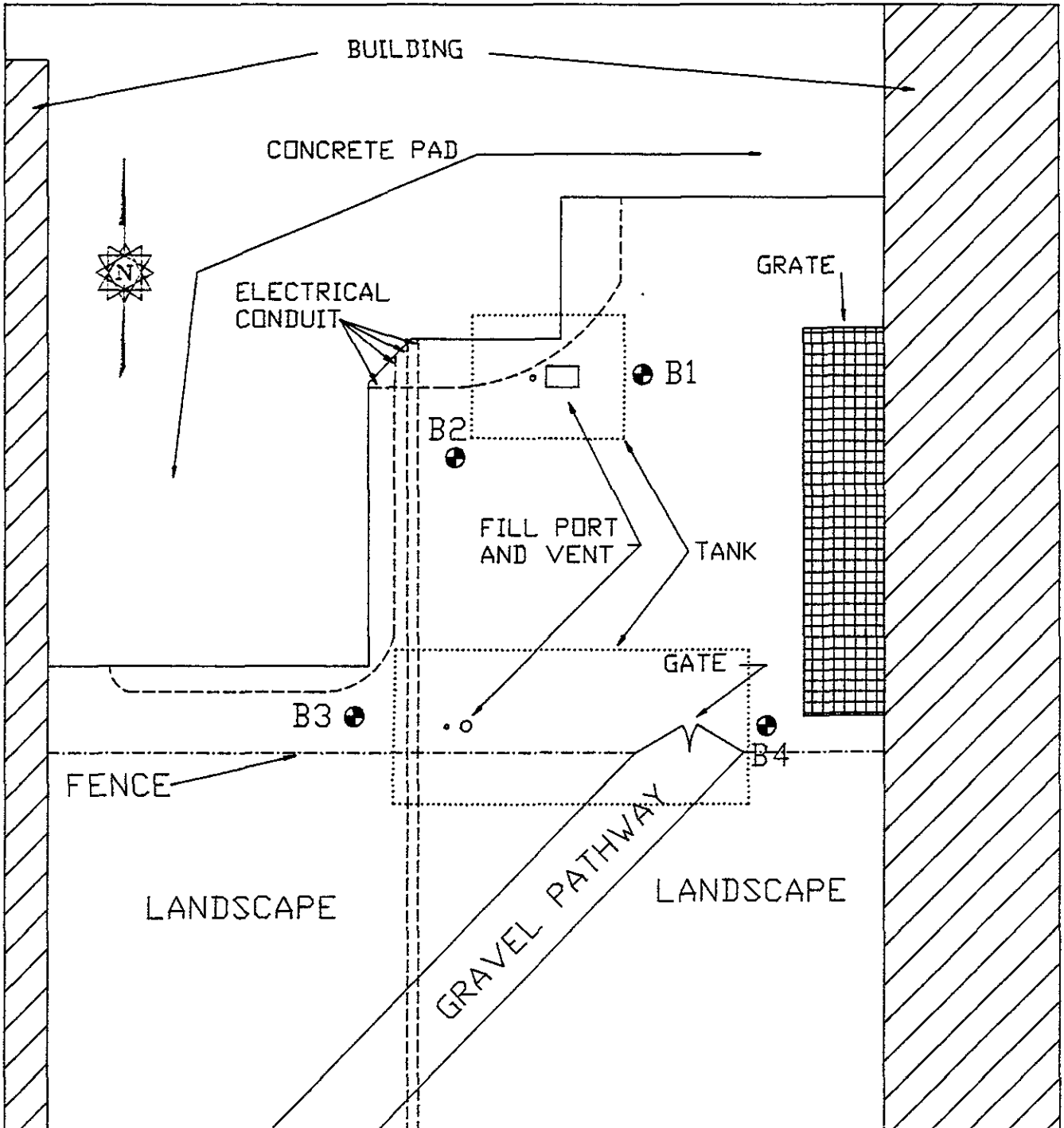


FIGURE 1
 SITE AND SAMPLE LOCATION MAP
 BLDG 62 TANKS AT VA LIVERMORE

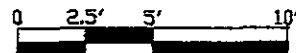


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LEGEND:

⊕ = BORING LOCATION



APPENDIX

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Certified Environmental Consulting 536 Stone Road, Ste. J Benicia, CA 94510-1016	Client Project ID: 173-631; Livermore, CA	Date Sampled: 08/11/93
		Date Received: 08/11/93
	Client Contact: Jim Robbins	Date Extracted: 08/13/93
	Client P.O.:	Date Analyzed: 08/13/93

Diesel Range (C10-C23) Extractable Hydrocarbons as Diesel *
 EPA methods modified 8015, and 3550 or 3510; California RWQCB (SF Bay Region) method GCFID(3550) or GCFID(3510)

Lab ID	Client ID	Matrix	TPH(d) [†]	% Recovery Surrogate
31699	B2@15'	S	ND	97
31700	B3@15'	S	ND	95
31701	B4@15'	S	ND	94
Detection Limit unless otherwise stated; ND means Not Detected	W	50 ug/L		
	S	10 mg/kg		

*water samples are reported in ug/L, soil samples in mg/kg, and all TCLP extracts in mg/L

cluttered chromatogram; surrogate and sample peaks co-elute or surrogate peak is on elevated baseline

† The following descriptions of the TPH chromatogram are cursory in nature and McCampbell Analytical is not responsible for their interpretation: a) unmodified or weakly modified diesel is significant; b) diesel range compounds are significant; no recognizable pattern; c) modified diesel?; light (CL) or heavy (CH) diesel compounds are significant; d) gasoline range compounds are significant; e) medium boiling point pattern that does not match diesel(?); f) one to a few isolated peaks present; g) oil range compounds are significant; h) lighter than water immiscible phase is present.

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QC REPORT FOR HYDROCARBON ANALYSES

Date: 08/12-08/13/93

Matrix: Soil

Analyte	Concentration (mg/kg)			Amount Spiked	% Recovery		
	Sample	MS	MSD		MS	MSD	RPD
TPH (gas)	0.000	1.944	2.082	2.03	96	103	6.8
Benzene	0.000	0.200	0.196	0.2	100	98	2.0
Toluene	0.000	0.206	0.204	0.2	103	102	1.0
Ethyl Benzene	0.000	0.200	0.198	0.2	100	99	1.0
Xylenes'	0.000	0.608	0.608	0.6	101	101	0.0
TPH (diesel)	0	316	323	300	105	108	2.2
TRPH (oil & grease)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

$$\% \text{ Rec.} = (\text{MS} - \text{Sample}) / \text{amount spiked} \times 100$$

$$\text{RPD} = (\text{MS} - \text{MSD}) / (\text{MS} + \text{MSD}) \times 2 \times 100$$

Certified Environmental Consulting 536 Stone Road, Ste. J Benicia, CA 94510-1016	Client Project ID: 173-631; Livermore	Date Sampled: 07/30/93
		Date Received: 07/30/93
	Client Contact: Jim Robbins	Date Extracted: 08/02/93
	Client P.O:	Date Analyzed: 08/02/93

Gasoline Range (C6-C12) Volatile Hydrocarbons as Gasoline*, with BTEX*

EPA methods 5030, modified 8015, and 8020 or 602; California RWQCB (SF Bay Region) method GCFID(5030)

Lab ID	Client ID	Matrix	TPH(g) ⁺	Benzene	Toluene	Ethylbenzene	Xylenes	% Rec. Surrogate
31552	Tank 1 East@15'	S	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	97
Detection Limit unless otherwise stated; ND means Not Detected	W	50 ug/L	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	
	S	1.0 mg/kg	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	

*water samples are reported in ug/L, soil samples in mg/kg, and all TCLP extracts in mg/L

cluttered chromatogram; sample peak co-elutes with surrogate peak

+ The following descriptions of the TPH chromatogram are cursory in nature and McCampbell Analytical is not responsible for their interpretation: a) unmodified or weakly modified gasoline is significant; b) heavier gasoline range compounds are significant(aged gasoline?); c) lighter gasoline range compounds (the most mobile fraction) are significant; d) gasoline range compounds are significant; no recognizable pattern; e) TPH pattern that does not appear to be derived from gasoline (?); f) one to a few isolated peaks present; g) strongly aged gasoline or diesel range compounds are significant; h) lighter than water immiscible phase is present.

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	Client Contact: Jim Robbins	Date Extracted: 07/30/93
	Client P.O.:	Date Analyzed: 07/30/93

Diesel Range (C10-C23) Extractable Hydrocarbons as Diesel *

EPA methods modified 8015, and 3550 or 3510; California RWQCB (SF Bay Region) method GCFID(3550) or GCFID(3510)

Lab ID	Client ID	Matrix	TPH(d) ⁺	% Recovery Surrogate
31552	Tank1-East@15'	S	ND	98
Detection Limit unless other- wise stated; ND means Not Detected	W	50 ug/L		
	S	10 mg/kg		

*water samples are reported in ug/L, soil samples in mg/kg, and all TCLP extracts in mg/L

cluttered chromatogram; surrogate and sample peaks co-elute or surrogate peak is on elevated baseline

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QC REPORT FOR HYDROCARBON ANALYSES

Date: 07/30/93

Matrix: Soil

Analyte	Concentration (mg/kg)			Amount Spiked	% Recovery		
	Sample	MS	MSD		MS	MSD	RPD
TPH (gas)	0.000	1.992	1.835	2.03	98	90	8.2
Benzene	0.000	0.200	0.194	0.2	100	97	3.0
Toluene	0.000	0.210	0.202	0.2	105	101	3.9
Ethyl Benzene	0.000	0.208	0.200	0.2	104	100	3.9
Xylenes	0.000	0.624	0.606	0.6	104	101	2.9
TPH (diesel)	0	289	293	300	96	98	1.3
TRPH (oil & grease)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

$$\% \text{ Rec.} = (\text{MS} - \text{Sample}) / \text{amount spiked} \times 100$$

$$\text{RPD} = (\text{MS} - \text{MSD}) / (\text{MS} + \text{MSD}) \times 2 \times 100$$

QC REPORT FOR HYDROCARBON ANALYSES

Date: 08/01-02/93

Matrix: Soil

Analyte	Concentration (mg/kg)			Amount Spiked	% Recovery		
	Sample	MS	MSD		MS	MSD	RPD
TPH (gas)	0.000	2.244	1.987	2.03	111	98	12.1
Benzene	0.000	0.156	0.154	0.2	78	77	1.3
Toluene	0.000	0.164	0.164	0.2	82	82	0.0
Ethyl Benzene	0.000	0.158	0.160	0.2	79	80	1.3
Xylenes	0.000	0.494	0.496	0.6	82	83	0.4
TPH (diesel)	0	346	347	300	115	116	0.3
TRPH (oil & grease)	0.0	21.4	21.6	20.8	103	104	0.9

$$\% \text{ Rec.} = (\text{MS} - \text{Sample}) / \text{amount spiked} \times 100$$

$$\text{RPD} = (\text{MS} - \text{MSD}) / (\text{MS} + \text{MSD}) \times 2 \times 100$$

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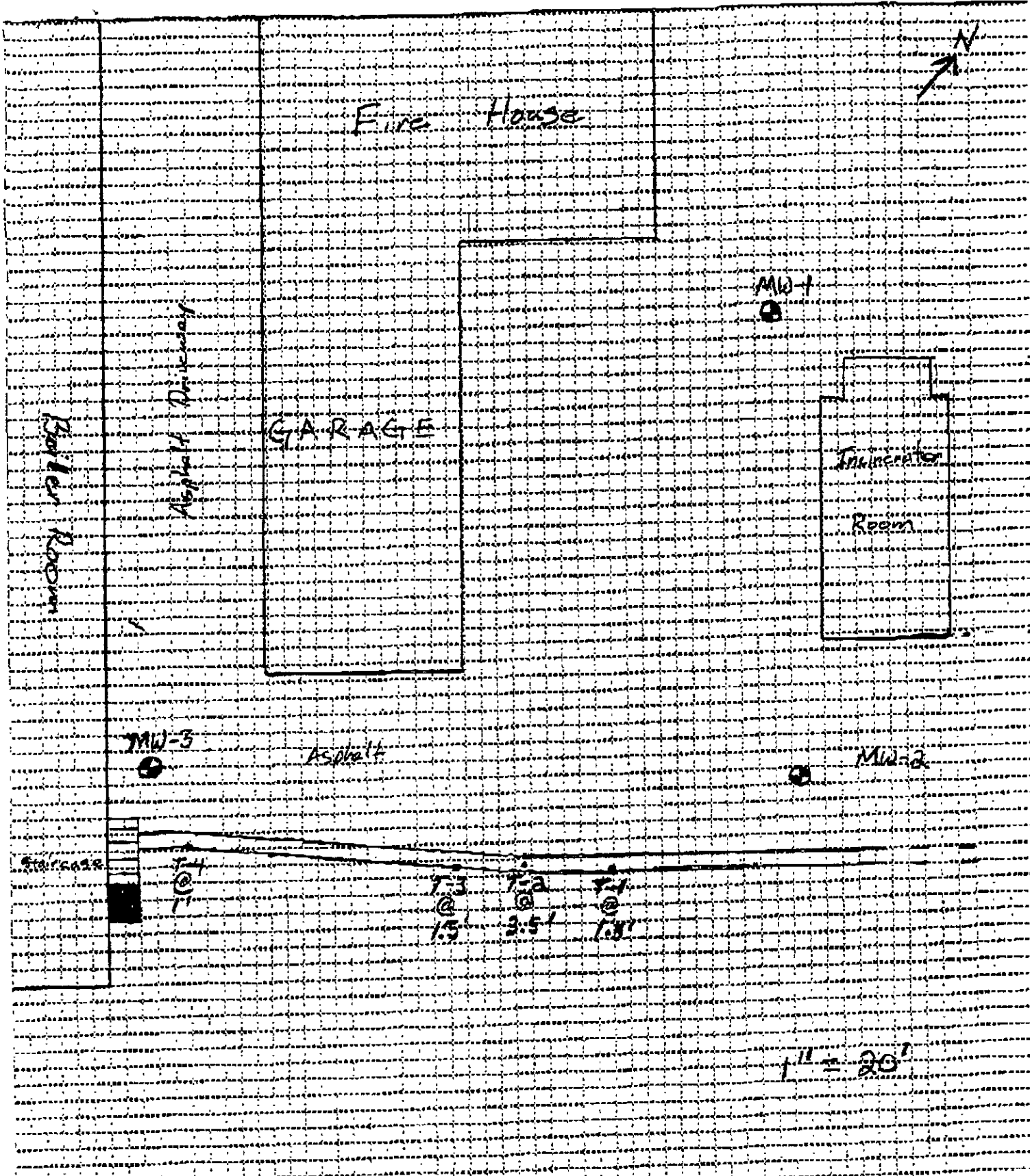
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	Client P.O: # 1479	Date Extracted: 03/17/95
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LUFT Metals*

EPA analytical methods				239.2,7420*	213.1,7130	218.1,7190	249.1,7920	289.1,7950
Lab ID	Client ID	Matrix	Extraction ^o	Lead [†]	Cadmium [†]	Chromium [†]	Nickel [†]	Zinc [†]
50964	Stkp 1	S	TTLIC	7.8	ND	17	22	31
50965	T-1	S	TTLIC	6.1	ND	13	11	19
50966	T-2	S	TTLIC	6.5	ND	22	20	28
50967	T-3	S	TTLIC	8.3	ND	17	16	39
50968	T-4	S	TTLIC	4.9	ND	16	14	23
Detection Limit unless otherwise stated; ND means Not Detected	W	TTLIC	0.005mg/L	0.05	0.25	0.10	0.05	
	S	TTLIC	4.0 mg/kg	1.0	5.0	3.0	1.0	
	...	STLC,TCLP	0.20 mg/L	0.05	0.25	0.10	0.05	

* soil samples are reported in mg/kg, and water samples and all STLC & TCLP extracts in mg/L
 † Lead is analysed using EPA method 7420 (AA Flame) for soils, STLC & TCLP extracts and method 239.2 (AA Furnace) for water samples
 o EPA extraction methods 1311 (TCLP), 3010/3020 (water, TTLIC), 3040 (organic matrices, TTLIC), 3050 (solids, TTLIC); STLC from CA Title 22



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