

ALAMEDA COUNTY
HEALTH CARE SERVICES

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DAVID J. KEENE, Agency Director



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FAFAT A. SHAHID, Assistant Agency Director

November 23, 1994

Mr. Donald R. Elgie
25 Vista Del Mar
P.O. Box 203
Orinda, CA 94563

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

Subject: 14100 Doolittle Drive, San Leandro 94577

Dear Mr. Elgie:

During a telephone conversation on November 16, 1994 you and I discussed the status of the subsurface investigation at the subject site. The purpose of this letter is to memorialize that discussion.

At the direction of the State Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) this office has a formal procedure for the case closure process. The elements of that process are as follows:

1. Formatted summary of case prepared by the caseworker
2. Peer review of the case file by two staff members
3. Submission of case to RWQCB for approval of recommendation to close case or issue a no further action letter
4. If approved by RWQCB then official case closure letter signed by Department Director sent to responsible party.

Your site is currently in the process of peer review within this Department. Case closure is the final product of the review process. The fact that your property is in this stage of review indicates that closure is possible based on the data submitted during the site investigation.

If you have any questions or comments on this letter please contact me at 510.567.6781.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Weston".

Robert Weston
Senior Hazardous Materials Specialist

cc: Ed Howell, Chief, Environmental Protection
Michael Lewis, Blymyer Engineers, Inc.

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July 14, 1994

Mr. Don Elgie
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Hazardous Materials Division
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(510) 271-4320

RE: 14100 Doolittle Drive, San Leandro CA 94577

Dear Mr. Elgie:

This Department has received and reviewed a briefly-detailed workplan to continue the investigation of the subject site. The workplan dated July 11, 1994 was submitted by your consultant of record, Blymyer Engineers, Inc. (BEI) in response to comments made by this Department in a letter dated February 9, 1994.

This workplan represents efforts by you to obtain a "no further action" status for the subject property as we have discussed in meetings with your consultant, Michael S. Lewis, and in writing with you. The workplan is accepted as presented. Please understand that acceptance of this further work on site does not constitute an implied decision to grant site closure. Only upon evaluation of the data gathered from the work can a decision regarding site status be made.

Sincerely,

Robert Weston
Hazardous Materials Specialist

cc: Rafat Shahid, ACDPH
Ed Howell, Chief, Hazardous Materials
Scott Seery, Senior Hazardous Materials Specialist
Mike Lewis, BEI

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April 11, 1994

Mr. Don Elgie
25 Vista Del Mar
Orinda, CA. 94563

SUBJECT: 14100 DOOLITTLE DRIVE, SAN LEANDRO, CA. 94577

Dear Mr. Elgie:

We are in receipt of your letter of April 6, 1994 concerning the above property.

As you stated one of the requirements needed to be met for closure of this site is a shallow soil boring downgradient of well MW3 to determine if there is any contamination. If none is found then this will provide information for compliance with the Tri-Regional guidelines for closure, however you must as stated in the letter also test for total dissolved solids to determine that the groundwater at the site is non-potable. As stated the request for testing the well for Total Dissolved Solids would allow some discretion in leaving minor contamination in the soil and groundwater, if the water is found to be NONPOTABLE, not for consumption.

We will work with you for closure of the site when the two above requirements are met.

If you have any questions please contact either myself or Rob Weston of this office at 271-4320.

Sincerely:

Edgar B. Howell III, Chief
Hazardous Materials Division
Alameda County Environmental Health Department

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March 24, 1994

Mr. Don Elgie
25 Vista Del Mar
Orinda, CA. 94563

SUBJECT: 14100 DOOLITTLE DRIVE, SAN LEANDRO, CA. 94577

Dear Mr. Elgie:

Your letter of concern to Mr. Rafat Shahid, Assistant Agency Director for the closure of your site at 14100 Doolittle Drive, San Leandro has been referred to me for response.

I have contacted and reviewed with Mr. Weston the file for this site and have attached a memo to me from Mr. Weston explaining the situation. As you may be aware we cannot close a site until all requirements of Tri-Regional Guidelines have been met. The request for testing the well for Total Dissolved Solids would allow some discretion in leaving minor contamination in the soil and groundwater, if the water is found to be NONPOTABLE, not for consumption. As earlier stated this site is a candidate for closure, however the requirements for four quarters of non-detect of all constituents in the groundwater has not been met and the determination of non-potable would give some leeway to this requirement. The request for soil sampling down gradient of the wells at 5 feet would verify that the contamination found during construction of the wells has not created a plume. If the soil sampling is found to be acceptable then the site can be considered for closure.


Our concern for acceptable closure is twofold, one that the environment is not harmed and two that your property maintains its value.

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We will continue to work with you and your consultant to obtain closure of this site in an expeditious manner.

If you have any questions please call me at (510) 271-4320.

Sincerely:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edgar B. Howell III". The signature is written in dark ink and includes a stylized flourish at the end.

Edgar B. Howell III, Chief
Hazardous Materials Division
Alameda County Environmental Health Department

c Rafat A. Shahid, Assistant Agency Director
Scott Seery, Senior Hazardous Materials Specialist
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ALAMEDA COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS DIVISION

DATE: March 17, 1994

From: Robert Weston, Hazardous Materials Specialist

To: Edgar Howell, Chief, Hazardous Materials Division

SUBJECT: 14100 DOOLITTLE DRIVE, SAN LEANDRO, CA. 94577

This Department received and reviewed Mr. Elgie's letter of March 7, 1994. His letter is in reply to our letter dated February 9, 1994. In our letter we made recommendations for the investigation at the subject property in order to obtain a no further action status. I would like to restate the reasons and rationale for the recommendations that came out of the January 25, 1994 meeting with Mr. Elgie's consultant, Mike Lewis of Blymyer Engineers Inc. (BEI).

1. In the BEI report dated November 25, 1992, Table II, Summary of Groundwater sample analytical results; MW-2 shows contamination with total petroleum hydrocarbons as gasoline, benzene, ethylbenzene, toluene and xylene. The last sampling done on 3/10/92 shows that the water contains 38 times the maximum contaminant level for benzene in drinking water. Benzene and toluene found in the water on the site are both Proposition 65 listed chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer. If the water, through testing for total dissolved solids (TDS), can be shown to not be a source of drinking water then the impact to the ground water is diminished.
2. In the same BEI report, Table I, Summary of soil sample analytical results; soil in the area of the upgradient wells MW-2, MW-3 soil at 5 feet below the surface was shown to be contaminated with gasoline and benzene, ethylbenzene, toluene and total xylene. Shallow soil sampling to delineate the potential extent of contamination will be needed to access the degree of soil contamination. The contaminated soil could be acting as a continuing source of contamination to the ground water through leaching.

Further evaluation of the site using the addition information will allow the Department to make a sound decision based on the technical merits of the investigation and the request for closure under the Tri-Regional Guidelines.

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February 9, 1994

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

Mr. Don Elgie
1330 N. Broadway
Walnut Creek, CA 94596

Subject: 14100 Doolittle Drive, San Leandro

Dear Mr. Elgie:

I'm attaching this coverletter to explain the enclosed "Notice of Requirement to Reimburse." Your site investigation was initiated by the removal of a underground gasoline storage tank. At the start of this Department's involvement you established an account from which we debited our costs for oversight. That account is now exhausted.

Cases like yours are now handled through the Local Oversight Program (LOP) within this Department. The LOP group works exclusively on leaking underground tank cases. The notice is part of a formal procedure involved in the LOP oversight.

If you have questions regarding this matter please contact me.

Sincerely,

Robert Weston
Hazardous Materials Specialist

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RAFAT A. SHAHID, Assistant Agency Director

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Mr. Don Elgie
1330 N. Broadway
Walnut Creek, CA 94596

Subject: 14100 Doolittle Drive, San Leandro, CA 94577

Dear Mr. Elgie:

On January 25, 1994 Mike Lewis of Blymyer Engineers Inc. (BEI), Scott Seery, Senior Hazardous Materials Specialist with this Department and I met at this office to discuss the basis for your request for no further action at the subject site.

During our meeting all aspects of the site investigation were carefully reviewed in context with your bid for site closure. It was agreed at the conclusion of our meeting that the following issues would be addressed to help complete your investigation;

1. Sample ground water for total dissolved solids (TDS) analysis from a monitoring well. If TDS is greater than 3000 parts per million, the water would not be considered a beneficial ground water source.
2. An appropriate number of shallow soil borings in the vicinity of downgradient well MW-3 to delineate extent of shallow soil contamination first identified during installation of this well at a depth of 5 feet below ground surface. Analysis for the contaminants of concern found in those soil samples will be performed.

Upon evaluation of this data a decision will be made regarding site closure.

Sincerely,

Robert Weston
Hazardous Materials Specialist

cc: Rafat Shahid, ACDEH
Ed Howell, Chief, Hazardous Materials
Scott Seery, Senior Hazardous Materials Specialist
Mike Lewis, BEI



February 9, 1994

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Hazardous Materials Division
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Hazardous Materials Specialist

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December 26, 1991

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

Mr. Donald Elgie
1330 No. Broadway, Ste. 200A
Walnut Creek, CA 94596

RE: CAL-EPA REGIONAL HYDROGEOLOGY AND CONTAMINATION STUDY, CENTRAL
SAN LEANDRO

Dear Mr. Elgie:

The California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal-EPA), Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC), has been investigating the presence of several priority pollutants, primarily volatile organic compounds (VOC), heavy metals, and nitrates, in soil and ground water occurring in the central San Leandro area since approximately 1986. Currently, six sites are being investigated with Cal-EPA lead or oversight, as follows:

- o 139th Avenue site (Cal-EPA lead)
- o Factor Avenue site (Cal-EPA lead)
- o Singer-Friden site (Cal-EPA lead)
- o Caterpillar site (Cal-EPA oversight)
- o Hudson ICS (Cal-EPA oversight)
- o Staefa Control System Inc./2481 Washington Avenue (Cal-EPA oversight)

Because of similar contamination found at these sites, DTSC suspects that a larger, regional contamination problem exists that requires further investigation. Presently, DTSC is conducting a Regional Hydrology and Contamination Study in Central San Leandro. The purposes of this study include, among other elements:

- o defining as far as possible the known vertical and horizontal extent of contamination in the area;
- o identifying existing public and/or private wells that can be used by DTSC for monitoring purposes;
- o instituting coordinated sampling; and,
- o defining the hydrogeology of the area.

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The intent of the DTSC study is to develop the best possible data on the extent of contamination while realizing no unnecessary expenditure of public funds. Following the presentation of the study's final report, DTSC will develop a work plan for conducting further study, targeting potential source areas and "hot spots" identified during the course of this phase of the investigation.

The DTSC has requested Alameda County's assistance in developing this study and report by coordinating ground water sampling efforts for those sites under county lead. To meet this goal, you are requested, on a volunteer basis, to supplement the sampling slated to occur at your site(s), listed below, during January - March 1992, in addition to those sampling/monitoring activities already required, as follows:

- 1) Collect and analyze ground water samples from at least one well for VOCs (EPA Method 624, or 601/602). The well sampled for this task is to be chosen based upon its potential for detection of VOCs relative to other wells on-site, i.e., its proximity downgradient of a former waste oil or solvent underground storage tank, VOCs identified in prior analyses, etc.
- 2) Present this data, along with other requisite sampling/monitoring data, in the 1992 first quarter report. Submit a copy of this report directly to the DTSC, at the following address:

California Environmental Protection Agency
Department of Toxic Substance Control
700 Heinz Avenue, Suite 200
Berkeley, CA 94710
Attn: Eileen Hughes

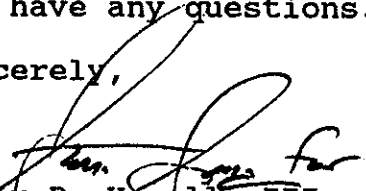
The sites affected by this request are as follow:

- o 14100 Doolittle Drive

Mr. Elgie
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Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter. Please feel free to contact Mr. Scott Seery of this Division at 510/271-4320, or Ms. Eileen Hughes of DTSC at 510/540-3848, should you have any questions.

Sincerely,


Edgar B. Howell, III
Chief, Hazardous Materials Division

cc: Rafat A. Shahid, Assistant Agency Director, Environmental Health
Gil Jensen, Alameda County District Attorney's Office
Lester Feldman, RWQCB
Eileen Hughes, DTSC
Mike Bakaldin, San Leandro Fire Department
Jim Ferdinand, Eden Consolidated Fire District

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Oakland, CA 94621
(415)

April 12, 1991

Mr. Don Elgie, Property Owner
1330 N. Broadway, Suite 200A
Walnut Creek, CA 94596

RE: 14100 Doolittle Dr., San Leandro, CA

Dear Mr. Elgie:

I have reviewed your Phase II Subsurface investigation report, dated April 3, 1991, that was prepared by Blymyer Engineers, Inc. All three monitoring wells on site must be monitored on a quarterly basis for a minimum of one year. After this period, your monitoring program can be re-evaluated.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 271-4320.

Sincerely,



Larry Seto

Senior Hazardous Materials Specialist

LS:lp

cc: Gil Jensen, Alameda County District Attorney
RWQCB
Charlene Williams, DHS
Mike Lewis, Blymyer Engineers
Rafat Shahid, Assistant Agency Director
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San Leandro Fire Dept.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
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December 6, 1990

Mr. Don Elgie, Property Owner
1330 North Broadway, Suite 200A
Walnut Creek, CA 94596

RE: 14100 Doolittle Dr., San Leandro, CA

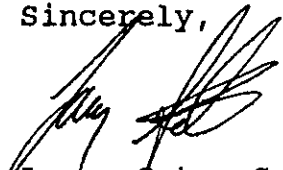
Dear Mr. Elgie:

I have reviewed your subsurface investigation report dated October 10, 1990, that was prepared by Blymyer Engineers, Inc., for the above site. The groundwater collected and analyzed from the newly installed monitoring well, MW2 contained 0.38 ppm TPH (Gasoline), 21 ppb benzene, 19 ppb ethylbenzene, 12 ppb and 86 ppb xylenes.

I concur with your consultant, that three temporary wellpoints should be installed to verify groundwater flow direction at the site. Based on this data, an additional well should then be installed in the verified down-gradient direction.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 271-4320.

Sincerely,


Larry Seto, Senior,
Hazardous Materials Specialist

LS:mnc

cc: Files

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June 20, 1990

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
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Oakland, CA 94621
(415)

Mr. Don Elgie, Property Owner
1330 North Broadway
Suite 200A
Walnut Creek, CA 94596

RE: 14100 Doolittle Drive, San Leandro, CA

Dear Mr. Elgie:

As per our agreement during our meeting on June 18, 1990, a monitoring well should be installed in the verified down-gradient direction of the former tank pit area.

The well must be monitored for a minimum of one year on a quarterly basis.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 271-4320.

Sincerely,


Larry Seto, Senior,
Hazardous Materials Specialist

LS:mnc

cc: Gil Jensen, Alameda County District Attorney, Consumer and
Environmental Protection Agency

RWQCB
Charlene Williams, DOHS
Rafat A. Shahid, Assistant Agency Director, Environmental Health
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470-27th Street, Third Floor
Oakland, California 94612
(415) 874-7237

December 9, 1986

Mr. D. R. Elgie
CGA
14100 Doolittle Drive
San Leandro, CA 94577

Dear Mr. Elgie:

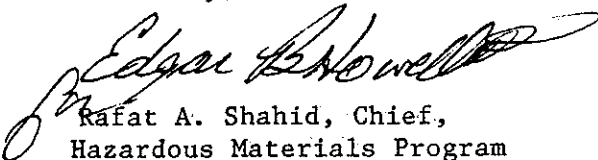
During my inspection of your property on September 11, 1986, I was informed of a 3,000 gallon underground tank. Enclosed is a permit application to register your underground tank as required by Title 23, Administrative Code.

Please fill out the application and send it to:

Mr. Ted Gerow
Alameda County Environmental Health
470 - 27th Street, Room 324
Oakland, CA 94612

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Ted Gerow, at 874-6434.

Sincerely,


Rafat A. Shahid, Chief,
Hazardous Materials Program

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Enclosure

cc: Ted Gerow
Larry Seto