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(415)

September 28, 1990

Mr. Mel Kauffman
True Fit Manufacturing Company
3515 West Yosemite Avenue
Lathrop, CA 95330

RE: UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK CLOSURE REPORT; EAST BAY SCAFFOLDING,
2552 SAN CARLOS AVENUE, CASTRO VALLEY: REQUEST FOR PRELIMINARY
SITE ASSESSMENT (PSA) PROPOSAL

Dear Mr. Kauffman:

This Department has completed review of the report of laboratory analyses, as submitted under SEMCO/James C. Bateman Petroleum Services, Inc. cover dated September 13, 1990. This report documents the analyses performed upon soil samples collected August 30, 1990 during the closure of one (1) fuel underground storage tank (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 tank. Concentrations of total petroleum hydrocarbons as gasoline (TPH-G) were as high as 2,000 parts per million (ppm) in sample #1 collected from the west sidewall of the excavation. Other samples collected from the UST pit ranged from 1.0 ppm at the bottom, to 140 ppm at the northeast wall.

Floating brown product was seen upon ground water welling into the pit; workers stated that this water was approximately at the midline of the tank when first uncovered. Other observations made during removal of this tank indicate native soil was discolored in a distinct "band" at the ground water interface. The distinct odor of gasoline was present. Additionally, a fresh coat of fiberglass resin covered the top half of the tank, likely evidence of an unauthorized repair of a leaking tank.

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 system 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 an impact to ground water underlying this site.

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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 tank prior to its 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 \$375 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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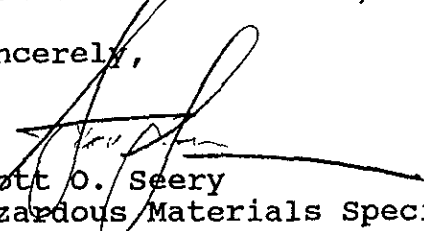
- o Status of ground water contamination characterization
- o Interpretation of results: water level contour maps showing gradients, free and dissolved product plume definition maps for each target component, geologic cross sections, etc.
- o Recommendations or plans for additional investigative work 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,



Scott O. Seery
Hazardous Materials Specialist

enclosure

cc: Rafat A. Shahid, Assistant Agency Director, Environmental Health
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