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October 11, 1995

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(510) 567-6777

RE: 1499 FARNSWORTH STREET, SAN LEANDRO

This letter follows a September 13, 1995 request from your office for a extension of closure documentation concerning the above referenced site. Since Unocal has recently decided to demolish this facility and remove the underground storage tanks (USTs), this requested information will not be required prior to site demolition and removal of the USTs.

This extension is granted with the stipulation that this office is notified 72 hours in advance of any operations concerning the removal of the USTs or associated piping. In addition, the requested information not supplied during the demolition and removal phase, will be addressed after review of the closure report.

Please call me at 510/567-6880 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dale Klettke, CHMM
Hazardous Materials Specialist

c: Gordon Coleman, Acting Chief, Environmental Protection Division--files
Mike Bakaldin, San Leandro Hazardous Materials Program
Gil Jensen, Alameda County District Attorney's Office

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July 27, 1995

Mr. Ed Ralston
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RE: 1499 FARNSWORTH STREET, SAN LEANDRO

This letter follows a December 2, 1993 request from this office for additional information concerning the above referenced site. To date, no information concerning this matter has been received by our office. This letter was in response to a closure request cited in your letter of March 19, 1993. In order to properly evaluate this case and expedite your closure request this information is needed. Please forward this information to my attention. I have enclosed a copy of the December 2, 1993 letter for your review.

Please respond with this information no later than 45 days from receipt of this letter.

I have taken over management of this project as of July 12, 1995 from Scott Seery of this office. Please call me at 510/567-6880 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dale Klettke, CHMM
Hazardous Materials Specialist

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cc: Rafat A. Shahid, Agency Director
Mike Bakaldin, San Leandro Hazardous Materials Program
Gil Jensen, Alameda County District Attorney's Office

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December 2, 1993

Mr. Ed Ralston
Unocal Corporation
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RE: 14999 FARNSWORTH STREET, SAN LEANDRO

Dear Mr. Ralston:

This letter follows our telephone conversation today, and my review of the case file for this site in response to your letter of March 19, 1993 in which Unocal requests site closure. The cited review uncovered some case-specific issues which require some further explanation. Following is a partial list of issues requiring additional explanation and/or evaluation:

- o Apparent discrepancy between ground water (GW) samples collected from initial borings advanced during May 1990, and all subsequent samples collected from wells installed during September 1991. Where did contaminants go?
- o Correlations, if any, between GW elevation and flow direction with fluctuations in aromatic concentrations found in wells U-1 and U-3.
- o Discuss history of site: What lead to initial boring installations? Was there a prior tank removal? If so, is that report available?
- o Discuss significance of halogenated volatile organic compounds (HVOC) discovered in soil and GW. Why have HVOCs (apparently) not been sought since February 1992?
- o Logs for the initial borings advanced in 1990 have not been provided.

This provides a partial listing of unresolved issues. To aid you in providing this and other relevant information, and the agencies in reviewing it, the RWQCB has developed an outline of basic topics to be presented in a comprehensive report submitted when seeking site closure. Please find a copy of this outline attached to this letter. As no site closure report has yet been submitted for this facility, your responses to the above list of issues would be most appropriately incorporated into such a report.

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

Sincerely,



Scott O. Seery, CHMM
Senior Hazardous Materials Specialist

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cc: Rafat A. Shahid, Assistant Agency Director
Gil Jensen, Alameda County District Attorney's Office
Mike Bakaldin, San Leandro Fire Department

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December 26, 1991

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

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Mr. Ron Bock
Unocal Corporation
2000 Crow Canyon Road, Ste. 400
San Ramon, CA 94583

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

Dear Mr. Bock:

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

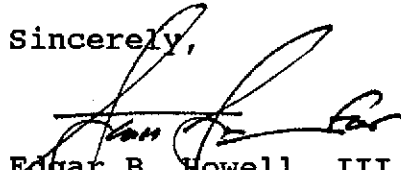
The sites affected by this request are as follow:

- (R0371) o #7004, 15599 Hesperian Blvd.
- (R0300) o #2512, 1300 Davis Street.
- (R0366) o #3292, 15008 E. 14th Street
- (R01039) o _____, 15803 E. 14th Street
- (R0877) o _____, 1499 Farnsworth Street

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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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September 19, 1990

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
Hazardous Materials Program
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(415)

R. S. Lyon
Bob's Union Service
14999 Farnsworth St.
San Leandro, CA 94579

Re: Waste Minimization Assessment

Dear R. S. Lyon:

Your business has been selected to receive a hazardous waste minimization assessment. As you are probably aware, hazardous waste reduction has become a statewide, if not a national, issue. To address this issue at a county level, Alameda County is establishing its own Hazardous Waste Minimization Program and is planning to conduct waste minimization assessments for all hazardous waste generating facilities in the County.

We have chosen businesses in the auto repair industry to receive the first round of waste minimization assessments. It is our hope that these assessments will assist participating businesses in minimizing their hazardous wastes - and will give us further information on the best way to structure our minimization program.

One of our Hazardous Materials Specialists will be contacting you during the week of September 24 to arrange a meeting with you for an assessment of your business. During this meeting and assessment, the Specialist will work with you in examining your business's hazardous waste generating practices. The Specialist will then provide you with materials on waste reduction technology and assist you in setting up appropriate hazardous waste minimization practices.

We look forward to working with you in reducing the amount of hazardous waste your business generates. Of course, your comments and suggestions are encouraged; we need your input in order to best serve you! Please direct any comments and questions to Katherine Chesick at 415/271-4320.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edgar B. Howell".

Edgar B. Howell, Chief,
Alameda County Hazardous Materials Division

EBH:kac

cc: Fire Department
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