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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Clean Water Programs
UST Local Oversight Program
80 Swan Way, Rm 200
Oakland, CA 94621
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Helen & Robert Harris
Edna McDonald Trust
1400 Geary Blvd., Apt. 5A
San Francisco CA 94109

RE: Macy's Movers site
200 Victory Ct. (aka Fallon St.)
Oakland CA 94607

Dear Helen & Robert Harris,

We are in receipt of a letter requesting tank closure written by Helaine Lasky of Crosby, Heafey, Roach and May, dated 6/10/93. The letter gives an explanation for the UST being used only for gasoline. The tank appeared intact upon removal; its contents were analyzed and appeared to be gasoline. Since a black oily substance appeared in the tank excavation, soil samples were analyzed for volatile organics, heavy petroleum and polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons and selected metals, in addition to TPH-gasoline and BTEX. The results indicated non-detectable concentrations of TPH-gasoline and low levels of BTEX. However, high concentrations of diesel were detected in soils, as well as concentrations of polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons and heavy metals.

The environmental consultant, Subsurface Consultants Inc. (SCI), explained that these heavier constituents were detected in nearby sites, and are associated with lumber and wood treatment operations formerly conducted in that area. Further, it appears that the area was filled with contaminated soils in order to reclaim the marshland. The area where the tank was located appears to have been filled in the 1920s, when wood treatment operations were ongoing at the corner of Fallon and Victory Ct., according to SCI. Therefore, it appears that the subsurface contamination in the tank vicinity is unrelated to the tank.

However, further investigation is requested to determine the extent of contamination on the Macy's Movers site. Since you are the property owners, you are being considered as the responsible parties. Therefore, you are requested to submit a workplan for a subsurface (soil and groundwater) investigation **within 45 days or by August 11, 1993.**

All work should adhere to a) the Tri-Regional Board Staff Recommendations for Preliminary Evaluation and Investigation of Underground Tank Sites, dated 8/10/90; and b) Article 11 of Title 23, California Code of Regulations. Reports and proposals must be submitted **under seal** of a California-Registered Geologist, -

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Certified Engineering Geologist, or -Registered Civil Engineer.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at 510-271-4530.

Sincerely,



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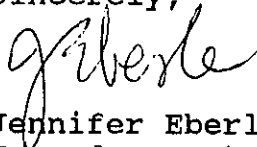
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