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Mr. Ralph Hill
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RE: Status of the Soil Drill Cuttings and Purged Water at the
Former Hill Lumber Company - 1259 Brighton Avenue,
Albany, California 94706

Dear Mr. Hill:

The Alameda County Department of Environmental Health, Environmental Protection Division has reviewed the analytical data submitted by Geosolv, Inc. regarding the soil and water samples collected to characterize the soil drill cuttings (approximately 1.5 cubic yards) and the purged water (stored in four 55 gallon drums) at the above referenced site.

The soil and water samples found no detectable concentration of TPH gasoline and BTEX. The proposal to use the soil drill cuttings and the purged water at site is acceptable. It has been communicated to me by Mr. Rafael Gallardo of Geosolv, Inc. that Mr. Kevin Graves of the RWQCB has been informed and has no objection to the soil and the purged water reuse at the site.

Please provide me with a copy of the site map identifying the area where the soil and water will be used. In addition, preventive measures should be undertaken to control any wind dispersal and contain any water run-off at the site.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (510) 567- 6780.

Sincerely,

Susan L. Hugo
Senior Hazardous Materials Specialist

cc: Jun Makishima, Interim Director, Environmental Health
Gordon Coleman, Acting Chief, Environmental Protection / file
Kevin Graves, San Francisco Bay RWQCB
Frank Goldman, Geosolv, Inc., 643 Oregon St., Sonoma, CA 95476

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Mr. Ralph Hill
Hill Lumber Company
1259 Brighton Avenue
Albany, CA 94706

RE: **Underground Storage Tank Removals at Hill Lumber Company -
1259 Brighton Avenue, Albany CA 94706**

Dear Mr. Hill:

The Alameda County Department of Environmental Health, Hazardous Materials Division, Local Oversight Program has reviewed the files concerning the removal of two underground storage tanks on April 16, 1991 at the referenced site. We are in receipt of the following reports:

- * Laboratory Analysis, Chain of Custody, Tank Disposal Record from SEMCO, dated May 2, 1991
- * Site Investigation Report by Certified Environmental Consulting Inc. dated August 5, 1991

Total Petroleum Hydrocarbon (TPH-gasoline) as high as 3,700 ppm and TPH-diesel as high as 230 ppm were detected in the soil samples collected during the removal of two underground storage tanks at the site. Groundwater samples collected by CEC on July 11, 1991 at the site showed 2,924 ppb of TPH-gasoline and 59 ppb of benzene. Because of the degree of contamination found at the site which exceeded regulatory threshold levels, Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) requires further environmental assessment. Therefore, you must now complete an Unauthorized Release Report with this office and initiate further investigation and/or cleanup activities at this site.

This office will be the lead agency overseeing the environmental investigation and cleanup activities at the site. The RWQCB has delegated this authority to our office. However, you must keep the Water Board apprised of all actions taken to characterize and remediate contamination at the site, because the Board retains the ultimate responsibility for ensuring protection of the waters of the state.

A preliminary assessment should be conducted to determine the extent of soil and/or groundwater contamination that has resulted from the former leaking tanks. The information gathered by this investigation will be used to assess the need for additional

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actions at the site. The preliminary assessment should be designed to provide all of the information in the format shown in the attachment at the end of this letter, which is based on the RWQCB's guidelines. You should be prepared to install one monitoring well (within 10 feet downgradient of the former tank location), if you can verify the direction of groundwater flow at the site, and three wells if you can not established gradient direction of the groundwater.

Until cleanup is complete, you will need to submit reports to this office and to RWQCB every three months (or at a more frequent interval, if specified at any time by either agency). This reports must include information pertaining to further investigative results; the methods and costs of cleanup actions implemented to date; and the method and disposal of any contaminated material. Copies of manifests for such disposal must be sent to this office. Stockpiled soil from either pit may not be used to backfill these holes without authorization from this office. Please provide our office with documentation of the stockpiled soil disposal.

Your work plan must be submitted to this office no later than June 19, 1992. All reports and proposals must be submitted under seal of a California Registered Geologist or Registered Civil Engineer with a statement of qualifications for each lead professionals involved with the project. Copies of the reports and proposals must also be submitted to:

Rich Hiett
RWQCB, San Francisco Bay Region
2101 Webster Street, Fourth Floor
Oakland, California 94612

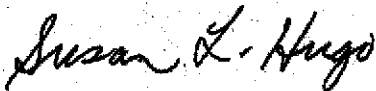
Because we are overseeing this site under the designated authority of the Regional Water Quality Control Board, this letter constitutes a formal requests for technical reports pursuant to California Water Code Section 13267(b). Any extensions of stated deadlines or changes in the workplan must be confirmed in writing and approved by this agency or RWQCB.

Enclosed is an "Underground Storage Tank Unauthorized Release (Leak)/Contamination Site Report" which should be completed and returned within 5 working days.

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Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (510) 271-4530.

Sincerely,



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Senior Hazardous Materials Specialist

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Rich Hiett, San Francisco Bay RWQCB
Mark Thomson, Alameda County District Attorney's Office