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August 29, 2002

Mr. David Weiss
AAA Truck & Van Parts
3884 Depot Road
Hayward, CA 94545

RE: Work Plan Approval for 3884 Depot Road, Hayward, CA

Dear Mr. Weiss:

I have completed review of Engeo Incorporated's March 2002 *Work Plan for the Installation of Groundwater Monitoring Well* prepared for the above referenced site. The proposal to install three groundwater monitoring wells at the site is acceptable with the following changes/additions:

- all boreholes should be continuously cored,
- soil samples should be collected at each change in lithology for field screening, and
- metal analysis (Cd, Cr, Pb, Ni and Zn) should be included for groundwater samples (collect in unpreserved bottles and have the lab filter samples).

Field work should commence within 45 days of the date of this letter, **or by October 18, 2002.**

Though not addressed in the work plan, please be advised that shallow soil contamination in the vicinity of former boring P-2 and P-7 should be remediated to prevent the leaching of contaminants into groundwater.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at (510) 567-6762.

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Hazardous Materials Specialist

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October 31, 2001

Mr. David Weiss
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RE: Workplan Approval for 3884 Depot Road, Hayward, CA

Dear Mr. Weiss:

I have completed review of Engeo's October 2001 *Proposal for a Limited Site Characterization* workplan prepared for the above referenced site. The proposal to advance eight borings to collect soil and/or groundwater samples is acceptable. Soil samples will be collected at 1 and 3 foot bgs. The 3-foot sample will be held, pending review of the 1-foot sample results. Be sure the 3-foot sample is analyzed, if needed, within the EPA holding period for the various analyses.

Field work should commence within 30 days of the date of this letter, or by **December 1, 2001**. Please provide 72 hours advance notice of field activities. If you have any questions, I can be reached at (510) 567-6762.

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email: Susan Torrence, Alameda County District Attorney's Office
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July 23, 2001

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Re: AAA Truck Parts Inc., 3884 Depot Road, Hayward, CA 94545

Dear Ms. Torrence:

A regulatory compliance inspection was performed at the subject site on July 9, 2001. This site was placed on a compliance schedule in July 2000 due to violations of the Hazardous Waste Control Laws and other regulatory programs. The purpose of the inspection was to determine compliance with conditions of the facility cleanup plan and milestones for specific activities to have been completed. Paul Smith, of Alameda County Public Works Agency accompanied me on the inspection to make observations of the site for compliance with stormwater pollution prevention. The specific issue being examined on July 9, was the removal of excess inventory. Additionally, the inspection was performed to gauge the facilities level of on-going compliance with hazardous waste management.

The following is a summary of non-compliant and other conditions noted at the time of the inspection:

- Photograph #1: Diesel fuel spill to the soil in the area of the rear tear down shed. The incident of the spill was unknown to Mr. Weiss until discovered during the walk through of the facility. Mr. Weiss did not know the quantity of diesel spilled, when it was spilled or how the spill occurred. The employees are supposed to be trained to report an incident of this magnitude to Mr. Weiss. Absorbent was placed on top of the diesel but a strong odor of diesel was present. No actions had been taken to remove the contaminated soil. I informed Mr. Weiss that removal of the contaminated soil down to unstained soil must begin immediately. I also instructed

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him that the contaminated soil shall be stored in metal drums for proper disposal. I made an appointment to return on July 12, 2001 to check on the progress of the removal.

- Photograph #2: Storage area for hazardous waste contains open drums of waste oil. Drain pans leaked oil and soaked into the wooden floor of the structure. Improper management of hazardous wastes.
- Photograph #3: Bed liner contains spilled oil and grease from old engines. Hazardous waste not properly managed, this is not acceptable. This is not a storage area for waste. Spills not cleaned up can result in soil contamination. Mr. Weiss previously agreed to not store leaking engine blocks outside in this way.
- Photograph #4: Dismantling activities in unapproved areas of the facility. Mr. Weiss agreed to perform all dismantling in predetermined areas with concrete surfaces. This rear axle and components have been removed and the oil drained into the soil. This activity constitutes on-site disposal of a hazardous waste.
- Photograph #5: Engines and transmissions improperly stored on a wooden pallet and allowed to drain waste onto the soil. Absorbent placed on spilled waste oil without cleaning up the spill.
- Photograph #6: Main hazardous waste storage building. Containers of hazardous waste not properly closed. Drains and funnels left in the open drums. Spills of oil onto building floor with absorbent left to soak up the spills. Two drums of contaminated soil (diesel) no identification of waste with labeling, drums open, five gallon pail open no label.

This facility's handling practices for hazardous wastes have declined from the level of compliance previously observed. The examples noted above are the worst of a multitude of poor handling practices observed during my inspection. Mr. Weiss could not explain why the handling practices had deteriorated. This facility requires constant oversight in order to comply with the laws and regulations for hazardous waste management. This office does not have the resources to continually monitor and advise Mr. Weiss. The proper methods of managing the wastes at AAA Truck Parts Inc. have been explained many times to Mr. Weiss.

On July 12, 2001 another inspection of the facility was performed with Mr. Weiss. The primary purpose of the visit was to examine the area of the spilled diesel discovered on July 9, 2001. Mr. Weiss showed me the area of the spill and explained the actions taken

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to remove the contaminated soil. The staff had moved the temporary buildings and dug out the soil stained with diesel. The diesel soaked soil was removed down to visibly unstained soil. All contaminated soil was placed in drums and stored in the hazardous waste main storage building (see photograph #6).

Additionally, work had begun to correct violations pointed out to Mr. Weiss during the July 9, 2001 inspection.

However, the main focus of the inspections had been to determine if inventory reduction had taken place to the extent required by the July 2000 order. Based on my observations of the site over the last two years the inventory of scrap trucks and buses has been reduced. But the inventory reduction has not been accomplished in a way that the site can be properly managed by Mr. Weiss. Finding the examples of improper hazardous waste management on July 9, 2001 proves to me that the facility has not reached a point where on-going activities support the goals of hazardous waste management in compliance with the laws and regulations.

Please contact me at (510) 567-6781 should you have any questions about the content of this letter.

Sincerely,



Robert Weston
Sr. Hazardous Materials Specialist

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cc: Susan Hugo, Supervisor, ACDEH

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Andy Weiss
Owner/Operator
AAA Truck Parts and Wrecking
3884 Depot Road
Hayward CA 94545

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Subject: Illegal storage and disposal of hazardous waste and hazardous materials at AAA Truck Parts and Wrecking, 3884 Depot Road, Hayward CA 94545

Dear Mr. Weiss:

This notice of violation is being issued to you as the owner/operator of the business at 3884 Depot Road, Hayward. This notice is for failure to comply with the Hazardous Waste Control Laws and the California Health and Safety Code.

On May 5, 1999 a joint inspection was performed by Alameda County Fire Department and Alameda County Public Works, Clean Water Program in cooperation with this office. The purpose of that inspection was to document the ongoing violations and to provide direction to you for the correction of the violations. This office has a long history of attempts to bring this facility into compliance with both hazardous waste and hazardous materials laws. To date this agency has not been successful in finding your facility in compliance.

In order for you to return to compliance the following actions are required:

1. Conduct a site-wide sweep for all hazardous wastes including lead-acid batteries, waste oil, 55 gallon drums of rainwater mixed with waste, propane containers, gasoline tanks (from motor vehicles) and other flammable materials.
2. Designate an assembly area for interim storage prior to timely disposal. Collect the above materials in the designated areas which will act to segregate incompatible materials.

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3. Properly label, store and dispose of all hazardous wastes generated at your facility. All waste containers will be labeled as to contents and accumulation date. The storage area for wastes will be covered and in a secure area under your control. A receipt for disposal will be obtained each time a hauler transports your waste. All receipts for disposal of hazardous waste will be kept for three years.
4. Make arrangements with this office for an inspection of the work described in this letter and any other work performed by your staff to correct the violations noted in previous inspections. Progress reports can be submitted either by voice message or written documentation.

All of the above required actions shall be performed by May 26, 1999. During the post-inspection meeting we discussed and mutually agreed that you would make the corrections by May 26, 1999. Failure to correct the violations in a timely manner will result in referral of this matter to the Alameda County District Attorney's Office for enforcement action. If you have any questions regarding this Notice of Violation please contact me at (510) 567-6781.

Sincerely,



Robert Weston
Sr. Hazardous Materials Specialist

c: Tom Peacock, Manager, ACDEH
Paul Smith, Alameda Co. Public Works, Clean Water Program
Bob Bohman, Alameda County Fire Department
Lacey Starling, Alameda County Zoning Department