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Mr. Steven Hill  
San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board  
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(sent via electronic mail to: [SHill@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:SHill@waterboards.ca.gov))

Subject: Notice of Enforcement Referral; Fuel Leak Case No. RO0002598 and GeoTracker Global ID T06019768563; Neptune Apartments, 600 Central Avenue, Alameda, CA 94501

Dear Mr. Hill:

This is a notice of an enforcement referral for the subject site. Site Responsible Parties are non-responsive to Alameda County Environmental Health (ACEH) requests and are recalcitrant. The site has accumulated a series of Notice of Violations from ACEH. As a consequence, ACEH is referring this site to the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board for enforcement actions.

#### **Site Background**

A 1,500-gallon heating oil tank was removed from the site; confirmation soil samples were not collected from the excavation sidewalls or beneath the former UST; significant free product was observed floating in the tank pit. Grab groundwater samples taken after water and free product were pumped out of the tank pit detected TPHD at 2,890 ppb. The lateral and vertical extent is undefined, the presence of free product is unknown, and the potential for migration along utility conduits have not been evaluated. No site characterization has been completed at the site.

During the tank removal, two discrepancies were noted regarding the condition of the UST and soil type surrounding the UST. The Alameda County CUPA inspector described the tank backfill as "sand"; the over excavated material as "sandy", and the UST condition as "no obvious holes but corroded". The tank removal contractor described the UST overburden and soil beneath the UST as "clay" and the tank condition as "good with no obvious holes". The CUPA inspector's photographs support a sandy material.

Directive letters requesting site characterization and Geotracker compliance were sent in January and July 2008, and an enforcement letter was issued in July 2009 and a second enforcement letter in February 2011. No responses have been received.

Not all historic documents for the fuel leak case may be available on GeoTracker. A more complete historic case file for this site is located on the Alameda County Environmental Health website at: <http://ehgis.acgov.org/dehpublic/dehpublic.jsp>.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (510) 567-6708 or send me an electronic mail message at [karel.detterman@acgov.org](mailto:karel.detterman@acgov.org).

Sincerely,

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