

ALAMEDA COUNTY  
HEALTH CARE SERVICES

AGENCY  
DAVID J. KEARS, Agency Director



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RO# 2679

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
1131 Harbor Bay Parkway, Suite 250  
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(510) 567-6700

March 2, 1999

Mr. Gary Robinson  
Construction Services  
1300 Powell Street  
Emeryville, CA 94608

Mr. Richard Becker  
160 La Cuesta Drive  
Greenbrae, California 94904

**Subject: Discharge of Water Run-Off at Construction Services  
1300 Powell Street, Emeryville, California 94608 (SLIC #322)**

Dear Messrs. Robinson and Becker:

As you both know, this agency conducted an inspection of the facility on February 24, 1999 and February 26, 1999 to follow up a reported water run-off associated with the steam washing of rental trucks and equipment at the subject site.

During the inspection, it was noted that rental trucks and equipment are washed at the site. Drains in the wash area (outside the building in the yard) appeared to discharge into the storm drains. You were advised to discontinue washing the trucks and equipment at the site until preventive measures can be implemented to capture any of the water run-off from discharging pollutants into the storm drains. During the previous inspection of the facility in 1994 and 1997, you were notified to discontinue the washing of trucks and equipment because of the water run-off discharging into the storm drains. A corrective action plan must be submitted which addresses the following issues at the subject site:

- 1) Water run-off associated with trucks and equipment washing must be prevented from discharging into the storm drains.
- 2) The northwestern part of the yard is unpaved with exposed surface soil and the asphalt outside the building is weathered. Surface spillage associated with truck & equipment washing at the site must be evaluated as a potential source of contamination. Petroleum hydrocarbon was detected in shallow soil and groundwater at the site.

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- 3) Storm drain found in the backyard appeared to be surrounded with dirt and sediments. The areas near the storm drain must be cleaned. The storm drains must be maintained and inspected periodically.

Your corrective action work plan must be submitted no later than March 30, 1999.

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

Sincerely,



Susan L. Hugo  
Hazardous Materials Specialist

- c: Derek Lee, San Francisco Bay RWQCB  
Dick Pantages, Chief, Hazardous Materials Division  
Tom Peacock, Manager, Hazardous Materials Program  
David Elias, Cambria, 1144 65th Street, Suite B, Emeryville, CA 94608  
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January 08, 1999

ATTN: Accounts Payable

Construction Services  
1300 Powell St  
Emeryville CA 94608

RE: Project # 5105A - Type M  
at 1300 Powell St in Emeryville 94608

Dear Property Owner/Designee:

Our records indicate the deposit/refund account for the above project has fallen below the minimum deposit amount. To replenish the account, please submit an additional deposit of \$1,000.00, payable to Alameda County, Environmental Health Services.

We must receive this deposit so that future regulatory oversight on the subject site can proceed in a timely fashion. At the completion of this project, any unused monies will be refunded to you or your designee.

The deposit refund mechanism is authorized in Section 6.92.040L of the Alameda County Ordinance Code. Work on this project will be debited at the Ordinance specified rate, currently \$94 per hour.

Please be sure to write the following on the check to identify your account:

- project #,
- type of project and
- site address

(see RE: line above).

If you have any questions, please contact Susan Hugo at (510) 567-6780.

Sincerely,

Tom Peacock, Manager  
Environmental Protection

c: files/inspector

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January 29, 1997  
SLIC # 322

Mr. Richard Becker  
1300 Powell Street  
Emeryville, California 94608

**RE: Investigation Work Plan Addendum for  
1300 Powell Street, Emeryville, California 94608**

Dear Mr. Becker:

I have reviewed the investigation workplan addendum dated January 23, 1997 prepared and submitted by Cambria for the subject site. The work plan is approved and must be implemented in a timely manner. Please notify this office at least 74 hours in advance of any field activity at the site.

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

Sincerely,

Susan L. Hugo  
Senior Hazardous Materials Specialist

c: Mee Ling Tung, Director, Environmental Health  
Gordon Coleman, Acting Chief, Environmental Protection Division  
Sum Arigala, San Francisco Bay RWQCB  
David Elias, Cambria, 1144 65th Street, Emeryville, California 94608  
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January 6, 1997  
SLIC # 322

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Mr. Richard Becker  
1300 Powell Street  
Emeryville, California 94608

**RE: Construction Services - 1300 Powell Street, Emeryville, California 94608**

Dear Mr. Becker:

Thank you for submitting the \$1800 deposit money to cover the county's oversight work associated with the subsurface investigation at the above referenced site. I have reviewed the investigation workplan dated September 18, 1996, prepared and submitted by Cambria for the subject site. The work plan is acceptable provided the following items are addressed:

1. Subsurface investigation conducted in April 1995 found oily sheen in borings B-1 and B-2 and identified elevated total petroleum hydrocarbons in borings B-4 and B-5. Soil and groundwater samples within ten feet downgradient of borings B-1, B-4 and B-5 are required to assess the extent of the contamination. A boring was proposed near B-2. Borings should also be placed near B-1, B-4 and B-5. Please submit a site map showing the new location of the proposed borings.
2. A health and safety plan should be submitted for the site.

Response to the items listed above is required prior to implementing the work plan and should be submitted no later than February 6, 1997.

Please contact me at (510) 567-6780 concerning any questions you may have regarding this letter or the subject site.

Sincerely,

Susan L. Hugo  
Senior Hazardous Materials Specialist

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Alameda County  
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1131 Harbor Bay Pkwy., #250  
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July 11, 1996

Mr. Richard Becker  
1300 Powell Street  
Emeryville, California 94608

**RE: Construction Services**  
1300 Powell Street, Emeryville, California 94608

Dear Mr. Becker:

The Alameda County Department of Environmental Health, Environmental Protection Division has completed review of the Baseline Survey Report (April 13, 1995) prepared by Lush Geosciences and submitted by Julie Rose of Randick & O'Dea Law Offices on February 21, 1996 for the above referenced site.

A subsurface investigation was conducted in April 1995 to determine if soil and groundwater contamination exists at the site. Eight shallow soil borings (up to 5 feet bgs) were drilled near the areas likely to have surficial contamination based on current and past historical use of the site. The subject site is currently occupied by a construction equipment rental yard with a maintenance facility. The Pennzoil Company used to operate a bulk oil storage, canning and warehouse based on the review of the Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps of the Oakland / Emeryville area dating back in 1951.

Analytical results of the soil samples collected from the borings showed petroleum hydrocarbon contamination as high as 3,200 ppm TOG and 880 ppm TPH diesel. In addition, a thick and oily sheen was identified in two borings (B-1 and B-2) at five feet depth.

Based upon the review of the subsurface investigation report, the following issues must be addressed concerning the contamination found at the site:

- 1) The extent of the soil and groundwater contamination must be delineated.
- 2) All potential sources of contamination should be identified to the maximum extent possible and must be supported by data that has been collected or will be collected at the site.
- 3) Soil and groundwater samples must be analyzed for the following target compounds: TPH as gasoline, TPH as diesel, TPH as motor oil, benzene, toluene, ethyl benzene, xylene, polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PNAs), chlorinated solvents and metals (lead, nickel, cadmium, zinc and chromium).

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A work plan which addresses the issues listed above should be submitted to this office **no later than August 30, 1996.**

You will also need to submit \$1880.00 deposit payable to Environmental Health Services. This deposit is authorized under Section 3-141.6 of the Ordinance Code of the County of Alameda and is used to cover the expenses incurred by the County personnel in the execution of their oversight responsibilities associated with the project. Records of the time County employees commit to the project are maintained and the deposit is charged an hourly rate of \$94.00. Upon completion of the project, the balance of the deposit will be refunded to the responsible party or their designee.

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

Sincerely,



Susan L. Hugo  
Senior Hazardous Materials Specialist

c: Mee Ling Tung, Director, Environmental Health  
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