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February 23, 1994

Mr. Michael Rabbith
Ghirardelli Chocolate Company
1111 139th Avenue
San Leandro, CA-94578

*Closure
Letter*

Ref: Site Closure for Ghirardelli Property,
1111 139th Avenue, San Leandro, CA

Dear Mr. Rabbith:

I am in receipt of the information you sent on the San Leandro Plume investigation conducted by Woodward and Clyde Consultant.

Three underground storage tanks used for storing petroleum products were removed from the above mentioned property in August 1990, and one UST was closed in place in June 1991. Laboratory analysis of soil samples collected subsequent to tank removal indicated concentrations of petroleum hydrocarbons less than detection levels. Laboratory analysis of soil samples collected from soil piles indicated concentrations of diesel upto 460 ppm. The contaminated soil was shipped to a recycling company for thermal treatment.

Additional information and documentation was requested by this office to make a decision on site closure. We received documentation of groundwater monitoring data, soil testing reports, and thermal treatment of soil piles. Quarterly monitoring data of April 1987 indicated the presence of low concentrations of solvents like tetrachloroethene(PCE), chloroform, and 1,1 dichloroethene.

Since the Ghirardelli site is located in a regional solvent plume area identified in a report by Woodward and Clyde Consultants, the presence of solvents in the groundwater beneath the site cannot be attributable to contamination in the property. Century Plating, located near (less than quarter mile) the Ghirardelli property is one of several sites that has been identified as a source contributing to the San Leandro solvent plume. Also, there has been no information found so far indicating that solvents were used on this property.

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Based on the information submitted to us, it is our opinion that the above mentioned site no longer poses a threat to human health. However, please be aware that further work may be required if conditions change or a water quality threat is observed at this specific site.

If you have any questions regarding this site, please feel free to contact me at (510) 271-4320.

Sincerely,



Madhulla Logan
Hazardous Material Specialist