



July 5, 1990

SFO28830.A1

Mr. Dennis Byrne  
Hazardous Materials Specialist  
Alameda County Health Agency  
Division of Hazardous Materials  
80 Swan Way, Room 200  
Oakland, CA 94621

Subject: Site Closure of the Del Monte Property  
1250 Park Avenue, Emeryville, CA

Dear Mr. Byrne:

The Del Monte Foods Corporation requests the Alameda County Health Agency's (ACHA) concurrence concerning site closure of Del Monte's former underground storage tank (UST) area at 1250 Park Avenue, Emeryville. Del Monte considers this site closed based on the results of the groundwater data collected over the past four years at the property. A gasoline UST and impacted soils were removed from the property in January 1986 as reported in Del Monte's, June 1989 "Property Assessment Report; Del Monte Plant No. 35, Emeryville, California". Groundwater monitoring was implemented at the property after the UST was removed and has been ongoing since February, 1986 in downgradient monitoring Well MW6.

As described in the December 28, 1989 letter from Jeff Holloway/CH2M HILL to Dennis Byrne/ACHA (copy attached), the Plant No. 35 property was subdivided into an east parcel at 1250 Park Avenue and a west parcel at 4204 Hollis Street in Emeryville. As a result of the property transfer, the former UST area is located on the east parcel and is currently the only active investigation located at the 1250 Park Avenue property.

Results of the groundwater monitoring program at the property are listed in the attached table. No total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH) as gasoline or volatile organic compound (BTEX) parameters were detected above the laboratory method detection limits (MDL) in the October 24, 1989 samples. The latest samples collected in February 7, 1990 reveal levels of TPH gasoline and BTEX below or only slightly above the MDLs. No benzene has been detected in the groundwater samples since February, 7, 1986.

According to the water quality goals promulgated by the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), the concentrations in MW6 are significantly below California's Primary Drinking Water Standards Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCL), the Environmental Protection Agency's One-in-a-Million Cancer Risk Estimates, and the Acute Aquatic Toxicity Criteria (AATC).

We believe this property can be closed because 1) the low TPH and BTEX concentrations have stabilized at levels below the RWQCB's water quality goals, 2) the existing TPH and BTEX concentrations at the 1250 Park Avenue property pose no threat to human health or the environment in the area, and 3) the shallow groundwater beneath the property is not a potable water supply and likely discharges into the San Francisco Bay located to the west. Del Monte, therefore, considers the site investigation of the 1250 Park Avenue, Emeryville, California property closed and requests the ACHA's concurrence.

I will be happy to answer questions and assist you in anyway possible to obtain a speedy site closure. Feel free to contact me at my office (415-652-2426). I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Jeff Holloway  
Project Manager

Enclosures (2)

cc: Wilbur Sprague/Associated Services for Del Monte  
Liz Dodge/CH2M HILL

**DEL MONTE PLANT NO. 35**  
**1250 PARK AVENUE, EMERYVILLE, CA**  
**QUARTERLY GROUNDWATER MONITORING RESULTS**  
 (Removed Gasoline Tank Site)

Concentration (mg/l)

Monitoring Well	Sampling Date	TPH Gasoline	Benzene	Ethyl-benzene	Toluene	Xylene
MW6	07-Feb-86	6.200	0.0440	NA	0.0400	0.0250
MW6	07-Aug-87	<0.050	<0.0005	NA	0.0012	0.0006
MW6	06-Dec-88	<1.000	<0.0010	<0.0010	<0.0020	<0.0030
MW6	12-May-89	0.910	<0.0003	<0.0003	<0.0003	0.0110
MW6	10-Jul-89	0.210	<0.0003	<0.0003	<0.0003	0.0060
MW6	24-Oct-89	<0.050	<0.0003	<0.0003	<0.0003	<0.0003
MW6	07-Feb-90	0.095	<0.0003	<0.0003	0.0004	0.0039
MW6-dup	07-Feb-90	<0.050	<0.0003	0.0004	0.0003	0.0012
<b>WATER QUALITY STANDARDS</b>						
	Cancer Risk	--	0.00066	--	--	--
	MCL	--	0.001	0.68	2.0	1.75
	AATC	--	5.3	32.0	17.0	--