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HEALTH CARE SERVICES

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September 21, 2005

Mr. John Vierra
Vierra Trucking
24227 Palomares Rd.
Castro Valley, CA 94552

Dear Mr. Vierra:

Subject: SLIC Cas [REDACTED], Vierra Trucking, 24227 Palomares Rd.,
Castro Valley, CA 94552

In order for ACEH to review reports for your site, we would require an oversight account for the above-referenced site. To set up your account, please send a check in the amount of \$6000.00 payable to Alameda County Environmental Health. Please send your check to the attention of our Finance Department.

This initial deposit may or may not be sufficient to provide all necessary regulatory oversight. ACEH will deduct actual costs incurred based upon the hourly rate specified below. If these funds are insufficient, additional deposit will be requested. Otherwise, any unused monies will be refunded to you or your designee.

The deposit is authorized in Section 6.92.040L of the Alameda County Ordinance Code. Work on this project is being debited at the Ordinance specified rate, currently \$166.00 per hour.

Please write "SLIC" (the type of project), the site address and the AR# 0314968 on your check.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (510) 567-6862.

Sincerely,



Ariu Levi
Division Chief

cc: D. Drogos, J. Jacobs, Barney Chan

Alameda County CUPA Program

Contaminated Site Case Transfer Form

Referral To:

Date	1-19-05
Agency	Alameda County Environmental Health, 1131 Harbor Bay Parkway, Alameda, CA 94502
Attention	Donna L. Drogos, LOP/SLIC Program Manager

Site Information:

Site Responsible Party(s)	John Vierra
Site Name	Vierra Trucking
Site Address	24227 Palomares Road, Castro Valley 94552
Site Phone	510-537-6920
Site Contractor/Consultant (if available)	UNK
Site DBA	Vierra Trucking

Site Conditions:

UST	NA
USTs removed? # removed: _____ Date removed: _____	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Contents (circle): gasoline diesel waste oil heating oil solvents kerosene stoddard solvent other (specify) _____	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Observations of system (holes, leaks)?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Observed contamination (free product, smell, soil/water discoloration)?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Detectable concentrations of soil and/or groundwater contamination?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
o Highest Concentration Detected in Soil Contaminant (specify) _____ Concentration _____ ppm	
o Highest Concentration Detected in Water Contaminant (specify) _____ Concentration _____ ppb	
Unauthorized Release Form filed?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Future intended use if known? Specify _____	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
NON-UST	
Former industrial use? Current use: TRUCKING YARD / TRUCK MAINTENANCE	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Detectable concentrations of soil and/or groundwater contamination?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
o Highest Concentration Detected in Soil Contaminant (specify) DIESEL FUEL Concentration UNK ppm	
o Highest Concentration Detected in Water Contaminant (specify) _____ Concentration _____ ppb	
Future intended use if known? Specify SAME AS CURRENT	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>If available, attach pertinent reports</i>	

Transferred as: LOP SLIC

Level of Update requested: distribution list all meetings all site visits closure sign off all the above

Transfer requested by Inspector: SCOTT SEERY Date: 1-19-05

Transfer accepted by (ACEH):  Date: 04/15/05

Garcia-La Grille, Roseanna, Env. Health

From: Seery, Scott, Env. Health
Sent: Wednesday, January 19, 2005 10:07 AM
To: Drogos, Donna, Env. Health; Hugo, Susan, Env. Health
Cc: Levi, Ariu, Env. Health
Subject: Vierra Trucking, 24227 Palomares Road, Castro Valley - SLIC case transfer form

Attachments: VIERRA TRUCKING _ SLIC TRANSFER FORM.doc; IMG_0232.JPG; IMG_0233.JPG; IMG_0234.JPG

Attached is the completed SLIC transfer form for Vierra Trucking.

The release is to the ground from a diesel AST. No samples have been collected to my knowledge, but the staining to the ground was noteworthy (see photos).

The site sits directly adjacent the slope leading down to Palomares Creek.

The ASTs have been there for many years sans permit from the FD and w/o benefit of any reporting/submittals (e.g., HMBP, SPCC) or fees paid to ACDEH.

The owner's daughter informed me last week that they had already dug out the impacted soil. The soil is currently stockpiled on site, according to her account.

They have no consultant. They've been given no agency oversight for this work.

I informed the daughter to cease work until directed by ACDEH (or whichever agency will oversee the work).

*Scott O. Seery, R.G., CHMM
Alameda Co. Env. Health Dept.
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Garcia-La Grille, Roseanna, Env. Health

From: Seery, Scott, Env. Health
Sent: Thursday, January 13, 2005 11:25 AM
To: Hugo, Susan, Env. Health; Drogos, Donna, Env. Health
Cc: Levi, Ariu, Env. Health
Subject: Vierra Trucking, 24227 Palomares Road, Castro Valley

Attachments: IMG_0230.JPG; IMG_0233.JPG; IMG_0234.JPG

Today I received a call from the daughter of the facility owner. She indicated that one of the two (2) ASTs had been emptied and removed from the site, and that the other would be emptied/removed soon.

During my 12/15/04 CWP inspection, I noted an ongoing release of diesel fuel to the ground from the diesel AST from a faulty nozzle. The diesel AST is now removed, but it previously sat on the edge of the creek bank above Palomares Creek. The daughter told me today that they have already dug out the affected soil and are awaiting the removal of the soil from the site.

I told them to stop the process until they have received oversight from this office. Apparently they have not been contacted. This appears to be a SLIC case.

Attached are some of the pictures I sent in my previous e-mail dated 12/15/04.

Should this not be a SLIC case?

The phone number of Vierra Trucking is 510/537-6920. The owner is John Vierra.

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Garcia-La Grille, Roseanna, Env. Health

From: Seery, Scott, Env. Health
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2004 12:45 PM
To: Bohman, Robert ACFD; 'vpal@waterboards.ca.gov'
Cc: Gosselin, Sharon; Fournier, Marc; Weston, Robert, Env. Health; Drogos, Donna, Env. Health; Levi, Ariu, Env. Health; Hugo, Susan, Env. Health; 'Linda Bulkeley (E-mail)'
Subject: Vierra Trucking, 24227 Palomares Rd., Castro Valley
Attachments: IMG_0230.JPG; IMG_0233.JPG; IMG_0234.JPG; IMG_0237.JPG; IMG_0238.JPG; IMG_0239.JPG; IMG_0240.JPG; IMG_0241.JPG; IMG_0242.JPG; IMG_0243.JPG; IMG_0244.JPG; IMG_0235.JPG; IMG_0236.JPG

Bob, Vic

I inspected this trucking facility today. It is located on the corner of Palos Verde and Palomares Road in rural Castro Valley. It is located on the banks of Palomares Creek (?), and right next door to a Palomares Elementary School. John Vierra is the owner (510/537-6920), and has been in this location for ~30 years.

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On the Clean Water Program (CWP) front, based on business activity, it appears the SIC code for this facility is 4213. I understand that this SIC would require that the facility apply for and receive a General or Individual NPDES Permit, and would also require the filing of an NOI. I am not sure who facilitates this action.

A creek bank restoration project was completed in the last year or so at the southern edge of the truck parking lot. I understand the project was sponsored by ACPWA, Resource Conservation Service, and the elementary school. Banks were stabilized, and a new drop inlet installed at the edge of the facility at the top of the stream bank. This inlet drains the truck parking lot, with discharge directly to the creek.

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On the Fire Code and AST fronts, this facility has two (2) above-ground Convault fuel storage tanks. Both tanks sit in separate containment vessels that are open to rainfall and which have drains at one end. One 1000-gallon tank contains diesel, the smaller 500-gallon tank contains gasoline. Based on my conversation with Mr. Vierra, it appears that no permit for the installation of these tanks was granted by any oversight agency. The tanks site adjacent to the creek bank and behind an 8' fence which obscures any view of the tanks from public roads or the facility parking area.

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On the CUPA and Fire Code fronts, there are also numerous flammable and combustible hazardous materials, and wastes, in both gaseous and liquid states at the facility. A HMBP packet was left with the facility owner with instructions to complete an HMBP within 30 days. There are approximately 8 - 10 materials that appear subject to the HMBP reporting requirement. Haz waste generator information was also provided.

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On the SLIC front, the diesel AST nozzle apparently leaks. The nozzle hangs from its mechanism and drains into the containment vessel for that AST. The end plug of the containment vessel is open and fuel has leaked from the containment and soaked into the soil. The staining appears to represent a long-term problem. It appears to me that a cleanup is necessary, and perhaps a soil/water investigation.

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I have attached several pictures to this e-mail that illustrate my observations today.

Please advise what further steps I should pursue, and any additional assistance I may provide, on the Fire Code and CWP/NPDES fronts.

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BUSINESS OWNER/OPERATOR IDENTIFICATION FORM

I. IDENTIFICATION

FACILITY ID#	0 1 0 0 0	BEGINNING DATE	100	ENDING DATE	101
BUSINESS NAME (Same as FACILITY NAME or DBA - Doing Business As)	VIERRA TRUCKING			BUSINESS PHONE NUMBER	102
BUSINESS SITE ADDRESS	24227 PALOMARES RD				103
CITY	104	CA	ZIP CODE	94552	105
DUN & BRADSTREET	106	SIC CODE (4 digit #)			107
COUNTY	ALAMEDA				108
BUSINESS OPERATOR NAME	109	BUSINESS OPERATOR PHONE NUMBER	610 537 6920		

II. BUSINESS OWNER

OWNER NAME	111	OWNER PHONE NUMBER	510 537 6920		
OWNER MAILING ADDRESS	SAME AS ABOVE				
CITY	114	STATE	115	ZIP CODE	116

III. ENVIRONMENTAL CONTACT

CONTACT NAME	117	CONTACT PHONE NUMBER	510 537 6920		
CONTACT MAILING ADDRESS	SAME AS ABOVE				
CITY	120	STATE	121	ZIP CODE	122

-PRIMARY-

IV. EMERGENCY CONTACTS

-SECONDARY-

NAME	123	NAME	MARGARET VIERRA		
TITLE	124	TITLE	EMPLOYEE		
BUSINESS PHONE NUMBER	125	BUSINESS PHONE NUMBER	510 537 6651		
24-HOUR PHONE NUMBER	126	24-HOUR PHONE NUMBER	510 537 6651		
CELL PHONE NUMBER	127	CELL PHONE NUMBER	None		

Certification: Based on my inquiry of those individuals responsible for obtaining the information, I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted and believe the information is true, accurate, and complete.

SIGNATURE OF OWNER/OPERATOR OR DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE	DATE	134	NAME OF DOCUMENT PREPARER	135
Joann Vierra	3-17-05		Joann Vierra	
NAME OF SIGNER (print)	136	TITLE OF SIGNER	137	
JOANN VIERRA		OWNER		