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Mr. Ariu Levi
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SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP REQUEST FOR NO FURTHER ACTION AND CASE CLOSURE

SITE: ALAMEDA FEDERAL CENTER
BUILDING #4
620 CENTRAL AVENUE
ALAMEDA, CALIFORNIA
SLIC CASE NUMBER 2903
GLOBAL ID NUMBER SL0600100090

Dear Mr. Levi:

In early February 2008, General Services Administration (GSA) had sent Alameda County Environmental Health Services a site characterization report, documenting the grab groundwater sampling and analysis from the former location of a suspect hydraulic lift and a sump at the Motor Pool Building #4, 620 Central Avenue, Alameda, California. Also, the report summarized an earlier subsurface investigation, conducted by Jonas and Associates Inc. in 2003. In early 2007, after demolishing Building #4 and performing soil excavation, it was determined that no such hydraulic lifts or sump existed at this building. Based on information obtained from the GSA management onsite in late 2007, the lift, which existed in Building #4, was actually a pneumatic (air actuated), aboveground lift. The conclusions of the submitted site characterization report were as follows:

- No Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) were detected in the soil and groundwater samples.
- The metal concentrations in soil and groundwater were either below the final Environmental Screening Levels (ESLs) or within the range of naturally-occurring typical background concentrations.
- Total Extractable Petroleum Hydrocarbons (TEPH) concentrations detected were below 500 ug/l in the four (4) Geoprobe boring groundwater samples.

Based on the analytical findings to date and the fact that the lifts were non-hydraulic/ pneumatic lifts, GSA requests the following:

- No further action at Building #4.
- To close the SLIC case for GSA site related to Building#4.

The GSA understands the budget constraints placed upon state and local agencies. In response to a letter dated March 5, 2008, the GSA provided a check in the amount of \$6,000 to continue the

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regulatory review process. The monies were forwarded to the Alameda DEH on March 18, 2008. Mr. Plunkett estimated that his review should take approximately 15 - 30 days from receipt of the funds; we anticipated a decision would be made by the end of April 2008. Unfortunately, we were unable to receive a decision before Mr. Plunkett went on leave.

Currently we are on hold due to the need for the "closure letter". In order for our Office of Property Disposal to accept this property for disposal purposes a "closure letter" is required. We have begun other tasks related to this project in anticipation of the "closure letter". We have budgeted for and have contracts in place ready to proceed to make improvements on a portion of the property prior to sale. Unfortunately we cannot proceed without the closure letter.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance on this project. If you have any questions, please call me at (415) 522-3396 or Sami Malaeb at (925) 374-0020.

Sincerely,



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