

Phase I & II Site Assessments Soil & Groundwater Sampling Site Remediation UST Removal & Oversight Waste Management

> July 9, 2008 GGE Project #2006

Mr. Fred Selk 44 Basinside Way Alameda, CA 94502

Subject:

**Preliminary Site Characterization** 

757 Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda, California

**ACEH Case # RO0002957** 

Dear Mr. Selk:

Golden Gate Environmental, Inc. (GGE) completed the field investigation part of the Preliminary Site Characterization (PSC) at the subject site on March 5, 2008. GGE performed this part of the PSC in strict adherence with the Draft Work Plan submitted to the Alameda County Environmental Health (ACEH) on December 7, 2007. The ACEH approved the Draft Work Plan in a letter submitted on February 13, 2008.

GGE stated in the Draft Work Plan (Page 5, "Drilling and Soil Sampling Activities", Fourth Paragraph) that soil borings (B-I to B-4) would be advanced to a maximum of 20 feet below grade (fbg) or 2 to 3 feet past the first encountered groundwater. First groundwater was encountered in borings B-1 to B-4 at 7.5 fbg, thus the total depth for these borings was 10.5 fbg.

Some of the technical comments that the ACEH provided in its February 13, 2008 letter stated, "after soil borings have been advanced to a total depth of 20 fbg, the borings will be converted into temporary piezometers". The ACEH omitted the fact that GGE has assumed 20 fbg or 2 to 3 feet past the first encountered groundwater as total depth based on historical information of the site and surrounding areas. The 20-foot mark was more intended for cost estimate for drilling companies, but the more realistic proposed total depth was 2 to 3 feet past the first groundwater, which is what GGE accomplished.

Should you have any all estions, please contact us at your convenience at 415-512-1555

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