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INVITATION TO COMMENT – POTENTIAL CASE CLOSURE

**FRANCIS PLATING BUILDING
785 SEVENTH STREET
OAKLAND, CA 94607
SITE CLEANUP PROGRAM CASE RO0003174
GEOTRACKER GLOBAL ID T10000007028**

December 10, 2015

The above referenced site is a Site Cleanup Program (SCP) case that is under the regulatory oversight of Alameda County Environmental Health (ACEH) for the investigation of soil and groundwater contamination from a former plating facility. The site operated as a metal plating facility from approximately 1957 to 1998. In 1998, the property was found abandoned with chemicals and equipment remaining on site. As part of an emergency response, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency removed the abandoned chemicals and excavated shallow soil in areas without asphalt or concrete surfaces. One building on the site which was constructed in 1970, is currently used as a fitness training facility.

This potential case closure applies only to the eastern portion of the site that includes the on-site building where site investigation activities have been completed. The western portion of the site will require further investigation and cleanup and will remain an active case. Metals and petroleum hydrocarbons were detected in soil and groundwater beneath the site. Volatile organic compounds (VOCs) were also detected in soil vapor outside of and beneath the building. Soil vapor, sub-slab vapor, and indoor air sampling was conducted for the on-site building and it appears that the VOCs in soil vapor do not pose a significant vapor intrusion risk for the current building and land use.

Residual contamination remains at the site beneath a cap consisting largely of asphalt and concrete. However, the residual contamination could potentially pose a risk if the cap is removed or altered for excavation, construction, or other purposes. ACEH is considering closure of the case with site management requirements to prevent potential future exposure. The site management requirements would not allow construction, redevelopment, or other types of subsurface disturbance without the review and approval of ACEH.

This notice is being sent to the current occupants and landowners of surrounding properties and known interested parties for this site. The public is invited to review and comment on the potential closure of the case. The entire case file can be viewed over the Internet on the ACEH website (<http://www.acgov.org/aceh/lop/ust.htm>) or the State of California Water Resources Control Board GeoTracker website (<http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov>). Please send written comments to Jerry Wickham at ACEH, 1131 Harbor Bay Parkway, Alameda, CA 94502; all comments will be forwarded to the responsible parties. Comments **received by January 11, 2016** will be considered and responded to prior to a final determination on the proposed case closure.

If you have comments or questions regarding this site, please contact the ACEH caseworker, Jerry Wickham at 510-567-6791 or by email at jerry.wickham@acgov.org. Please refer to ACEH case RO0003174 in any correspondence.