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UNDERGROUND TANK LEAK AT BUY-N-SPLIT MARKET, 500 19 ½ AVENUE, LEMOORE, KINGS COUNTY

The Kings County Environmental Health Department has referred the subject case to our agency for regulatory oversight. They also provided us with information that indicates gasoline and diesel leaked at the subject facility and degraded soils and ground water. It will be necessary for you to determine the extent of soil and groundwater degradation caused by the discharge and remediate its effects.

Prior to 7 January 1994, please provide us with a description of the occurrence resulting in the discharge and the cleanup measures accomplished to date. Also by this date, provide us with a work plan for delineation of the lateral and vertical extent of soil contamination and ground water pollution, and interim remediation of the effects of the discharge. The work plan, in general, should comply with the enclosed *Tri-Regional Recommendations for Initial Evaluation and Investigation of Underground Tanks* and *Appendix A - Regional Board Staff Recommendations for Initial Evaluation and Investigation of Underground Tanks*. The work plan should include sufficient detail to allow us to determine the adequacy of the proposed study. It should also contain a time schedule for conducting the study and submitting reports. All submittals should contain the signature and seal of a California registered civil engineer, certified engineering geologist, or registered geologist who is responsible for the content of the submittal.

In addition, if you have evidence to support identification of other potentially responsible parties, we request that you identify them now by providing such evidence so they may be notified of their potential responsibility. Evidence should include the beginning and ending dates and type of involvement, the names and current addresses of all potentially responsible parties, and copies of any documents that would verify the terms and conditions of involvement.

Lastly, you should be aware of legislation to assist owners and operators of underground tanks. Senator Keene's Senate Bill 2004 (Cleanup Fund Program) offers several forms of assistance for investigation and cleanup of underground tank discharges. You may want to contact the State Water Resources Control Board at (916)739-2475 about the Cleanup Fund Program. An application for and information on the Cleanup Fund Program is enclosed. If

you have not already applied for the Cleanup Fund Program, we strongly encourage you do. In addition, I have enclosed a copy of the *Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund Corrective Action Guide*. The guide contains information on choosing a consultant and obtaining a good bid (three bids are required to be eligible for reimbursement under the Cleanup Fund Program).

Should you have questions regarding this matter, please contact Russell Walls of this office at (209) 445-6192.

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Enclosures

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