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Mr. Stephen Chao
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Re: *Draft August 1996 Quarterly Report*, dated December 31, 1996

Dear Mr. Chao,

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has received the subject document and provides the following comments. If you have any questions, please call me at 415-744-2385.

1. Section 2.0. We appreciate the inclusion of the summary of site work performed. This is an important quarterly report addition because of increasing remedial action now occurring at the site. Please include estimates of quantities of contaminants removed.
2. Section 2.6.1. Please include information about the duration of the iron curtain pilot test and its potential onsite application, if the test is successful.
3. Section 3.0. The text states that wells WIC-1, WIC-2, WIC-3 and WIC-4 were sampled in September by another sampling team. Please include the results of that sampling and any associated conclusions. In addition, wells WT57-1 and WT55-1 were not sampled due to a lack of groundwater recharge. Are these wells close to other sampled wells? Was there an attempt to sample them the following quarter?
4. Section 5.4.7. Is there any explanation for the notable increases in TPH concentrations in well WT17-1? Are there any remaining tanks in the area? Is it possible that a high water table diluted previous (February 1996) samples? Is there any corrective action plans for this areas? Please clarify.

Sincerely,

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