



July 30, 1993

Mr. Philip Chandler
Mr. Samuel Yu
California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Los Angeles Region
101 Centre Plaza Drive
Monterey Park, CA 91754-2156

Reference: File No. 105.0296

Dear Messrs. Chandler and Yu:

Attached is an addendum to Utility Trailer Manufacturing Company's (UTM) Phase II Site Assessment prepared by our consultant Harding Lawson Associates (HLA) in response to your letter dated July 13, 1993.

In response to several points discussed in your letter, UTM concurs with the Board that further study of the site as proposed in Phase II and addendums is necessary for characterization since previous studies have not established a link between detected soil hydrocarbons at the site and those detected in shallow groundwater. UTM anticipates that the upcoming testing will completely characterize our site, and therefore will allow UTM to proceed beyond the characterization phase and into the remedial phase. In order to more proactively pursue this last phase of site characterization, UTM has requested that HLA perform work in addition to both that previously proposed and that proposed in response to your July 13, 1993 letter. The additional work is also documented in the HLA attachment.

In addition to on-site work, HLA and UTM propose that two soil borings be placed on the property located immediately adjacent to UTM on the south (Somitex). We believe these borings are necessary to characterize the southerly extent of the area near well MW-4 where elevated soil-gas values were previously recorded, and follow the Board's rationale used on site of bracketing areas of previously reported elevated soil-gas values with borings. It is anticipated that one of the borings will also provide background values for comparison with other samples analyzed. We will request that Somitex provide access to their property to perform this work; however, we may need

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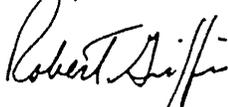
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the influence of the Board to persuade Somitex to allow us to procure these samples that we feel are important in characterizing the site.

Two additional points discussed in the letter require specific comment at this time. First, item E(2) of the Technical Comments section suggests that we are delinquent in our sampling. My records show that the last groundwater sampling was performed on February 5, 1993, therefore, our next sampling is due the first week of August 1993. HLA is already scheduled for the week of August 1, 1993. Secondly, item A of the Technical Comments section states that either UTM or HLA agreed to provide copies of aerial photographs of the site area. A review of both UTM and HLA notes from the April 1, 1993 meeting indicates that no such offer was made. As was stated in UTM's letter of April 15, 1993, neither UTM nor HLA has copies of these photos that were viewed by HLA at several public repositories. These photos are available at these repositories for the Board's viewing, and my understanding is that HLA has provided Mr. Yu with a listing of the photos viewed. At this time, UTM would prefer not to spend the several thousand dollars required to have copies made of these publicly available aerial photos.

I would also like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. UTM has retained me as a staff professional to oversee environmental affairs, including the Board's investigation of our City of Industry property. Please direct to me future correspondence regarding this property or any other environmental matters concerning UTM.

Sincerely,



Robert Griffis
Environmental Engineer

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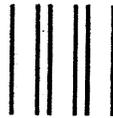
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