



Utility Trailer Manufacturing Company

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Mr. Roy R. Sakaida
California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Los Angeles Region
107 South Broadway, Suite 4027
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Subsurface Investigation (File 87-19)

Your letter of November 17, 1987 made note of our request to place a concrete slab near the conduit outlet at the North end of our property. Conditional approval was given pending the outcome of additional shallow testing in the area. This testing would, among other things, reduce the uncertainty regarding future soil remediation. The soil has been tested and the results are included. We are still anxious to proceed with the paving and would appreciate a timely review of the enclosed test results.

Your letter further stated that at least one monitoring well would be required in this area and that further instructions would follow in a separate letter. That letter, dated December 9, 1987, has been received and the information noted. Due to the holiday period and some out of town commitments on my part we were unable to respond until now.

To date, this subsurface investigation has been costly to Utility Trailer and we feel this expense is not justifiably ours. The drainage conduit around which this entire subsurface investigation is centered originates on the property of others. Over the years discharges have been observed going through our property. As this investigation has developed we have become more concerned about the contents of this flow. Samples that we have taken from these discharges have been analyzed and show levels of Methylene Chloride, 1,1,1, Trichloroethane, Tetrachloroethylene, Chloroform, and Trichloroethylene. The last three chemicals listed have never been used on this property.

As a direct result of one such discharge the night of December 2nd, 1987 your organization was called by us. Staff members were sent to observe the stream and the pools of standing water. Samples taken at that time by Philip Chandler were analyzed and revealed the presence of at least one of the questioned chemicals in the stream running through our property. I understand that a chemical use questionnaire and other investigations are currently underway at this adjacent property.

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We believe the source of this soil contamination is very much in question as is the financial responsibility for it. We are requesting a postponement in the placement of a discovery well until you have had an opportunity to complete your other investigations. This might allow for a more accurate assessment of responsibility.

By placing a concrete slab in the drainage area further infiltration by rain water or industrial discharges will be stopped. This in turn should prevent any of these contaminants from reaching the water table. As long as this infiltration is not taking place the urgency of getting a discovery well emplaced is not as critical. This should allow for its temporary postponement while your other investigations proceed.

If you have any questions please give me a call.

Sincerely,

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