

CITY OF LAREDO



LAREDO, TEXAS
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November 1, 1990

Mr. Dan Airey
Texas Water Commission
P. O. Box 13087
Capitol Station
Austin, TX 78711-3087

Re: Laredo, Texas (LPST ID No. 95021)

Dear Mr. Airey:

This letter will serve to acknowledge your letter dated October 9, 1990, regarding subsurface release of aviation fuels at the Laredo International Airport.

Since initially detecting the presence of aviation fuels on the subsurface at the Airport's Fuel Farm, the City has taken responsible measures to first determine the extent of the contamination and to remedy said contamination.

During the past 30 days representatives of the U. S. Corps of Engineers in Fort Worth, Texas, have indicated that the contamination at the Laredo International Airport, formerly Laredo Air Force Base, is an eligible project for federal funding under the Defense Environmental Restoration Program that addresses restoration efforts at Former Use Defense Sites (FUDS). The Corps has assigned Project No. K06TX021301 to the Laredo project.

Corps representatives agree that the Air Force was the party responsible for subsurface contamination. The fuel tanks and pipes being used by the City tested tight; thus, the City could not have contaminated the subsurface.

We have written to our congressional delegation to urge the Corps of Engineers to assign the Laredo project a higher priority.

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In our correspondence to our congressional delegation and the Corps of Engineers, we make note of your letter of October 9, 1990, wherein you mandate that the City provide your office with a written response 45 days from October 9, 1990, that adequately addresses the completion of the restoration efforts at Laredo, Texas.

The City will endeavor to provide the Texas Water Commission with as much information as is available to the City that helps to answer the nine items listed in your October 9, 1990, letter. However, the City does not have the financial resources to implement a complete restoration program.

The City of Laredo hereby formally requests that the Texas Water Commission formally seek from the U. S. Corps of Engineers, who represent the responsible party, a commitment and schedule of restoration efforts at the Laredo International Airport. In this regard the City of Laredo recommends that a planning meeting to discuss the restoration efforts at Laredo be scheduled at your earliest convenience prior to the expiration of the 45-day notice.

Your consideration and kind attention to this request will be appreciated.

Sincerely,



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City Manager

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Mr. Hank Domeracki, Assistant City Manager
Mr. Joe Aranda, Transportation Director
Mr. Jose L. Flores, Airport Director
Mr. Melvin Green, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers
Mr. Jeff Lewellin, Texas Water Commission
Mr. Anthony McGettrick, City Attorney

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