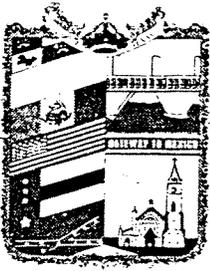


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April 1, 1993

Ms. Anne C. Miller  
Texas Water Commission  
P. O. Box 13087  
Capitol Station  
Austin, TX 78711-3087

Re: LPST ID No. 95021 and  
LPST ID No. 104866

Dear Ms. Miller:

Enclosed please find two copies of the January Quarterly Status Report for the Laredo Airport Beneficial Use (BU) Petroleum Storage Tank (PST) project. A copy has also been forwarded to the district office.

We agree with the conclusions and recommendations made by Raba-Kistner as stated in the report. We have requested product specifications and cost information on the Petro Trap from Enviro Products. As soon as we have received this information, we will submit a purchase order. We expect to have at least two Petro Traps installed by the next Quarterly sampling event. We will let you know how effective these tools are in the next report.

Raba-Kistner and City of Laredo personnel have been monitoring the PST removal activities of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE). Almost all the tanks observed were severely corroded (large diameter holes) and surrounded by heavily contaminated soils. The PSTs in the waste oil tankhold up gradient of the Laredo Airport BU PSTs contained over 8000 gallons of product and a significant amount of separated phase hydrocarbons was observed floating on the water in the excavation. Soil samples collected by R-KCI from the west side of the waste oil tankhold were found to contain up to 3300 ppm total petroleum hydrocarbons and greater than 2 ppm total BTEX.

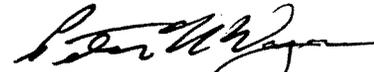
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In a letter dated November 20, 1990, from William D. Brown, COE District Engineer, to Senator Phil Gramm, the COE said that they will help implement the remedial investigation (RI). We still intend to meet with the COE to discuss the implementation of the RI during our meeting in May. The actual date of the meeting has not been established. However, since extensive hydrocarbon contamination has been established, we hope to encourage the COE to hold the meeting in early part of May. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss responsibilities and management of future activities including site restoration of the BU tank site.

Our immediate plans are to continue to observe the tank removal operations and to continue monitoring the site conditions. We will submit the next Quarterly Status Report around May 30, 1993. We or the COE will submit a remedial investigation plan after the Kansas City meeting.

The City of Laredo will install the Petro Traps and check them daily for recovery rates and effectiveness. This schedule will be modified as we gain experience with the use of the Petro Traps.

Sincerely,



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