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RE: Further Action Required
for Hendricks Bus Company in Forest Grove
LUST #34-92-0192

Hope Kramer:

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has completed its review of available file information for the Hendricks Bus Company site, including three underground storage tank (UST) decommissioning reports. The Hendricks Bus Company site is located at 2133 Douglas Street in Forest Grove.

DEQ understands that a 500-gallon UST was decommissioned by removal from the site on July 13, 1992. The UST was located on the west side of the on-site building. Up to 175 cubic yards of petroleum-contaminated soils (PCS) were excavated from around the UST and spread out on the eastern half of the site for aeration treatment. Up to 538 parts per million (ppm) gasoline and 420 ppm total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH, generally diesel and heavy oils) were detected in the excavated soils. Up to 342 ppm gasoline and 78 ppm TPH remained in the sidewalls and on the floor of the UST excavation pit, at depths ranging from 7-15 feet below ground surface (bgs). Groundwater entered the excavation pit at a depth of 10 feet bgs.

After a year of aeration treatment, four samples were collected from the excavated soils and analyzed for gasoline and diesel. Gasoline was detected in one sample at 12 ppm. The other samples were non-detect.

A 3,000-gallon UST was decommissioned by removal from the site on May 23, 1994. The UST was located on the northwest corner of the on-site building. Up to 110 cubic yards of PCS were excavated from around the UST and stockpiled on the eastern half of the site. Up to 830 ppm gasoline and 300 ppm diesel were detected in the excavated soils. Up to 520 ppm gasoline and 400 ppm diesel remained in the sidewalls and on the floor of the UST excavation pit, at depths ranging from 8-13 feet bgs. Groundwater entered the excavation pit at a depth of 9-10 feet bgs. The stockpiled soils were reportedly shipped to the Hillsboro Landfill in the summer of 1994.

Finally, a 10,000-gallon UST was decommissioned by removal from the site on November 5, 1999. The UST was located on the east side of the on-site building. Almost 105 tons of PCS were excavated from around the UST and shipped to the Hillsboro Landfill for disposal.

Gasoline (170 ppm) was detected in one soil sample at the bottom of the excavation pit (6½ feet bgs). Groundwater entered the pit at 6½ feet bgs, and a sample of the groundwater found gasoline at a concentration of 7,700 parts per billion (ppb).

Further investigation into the extent of residual contamination at the site is necessary. In particular, the extent of potential shallow groundwater contamination needs to be determined. DEQ recommends that you hire an environmental services company to investigate the nature and extent of contamination remaining at the Hendricks Bus Company site.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact me at (503) 229-5369, or via e-mail at kevin.dana@deq.state.or.us. DEQ thanks you for your efforts in ensuring that the Hendricks Bus Company site does not pose any unacceptable risks to human health or the environment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kevin Dana". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kevin Dana, Project Manager
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