



Office of the City Manager

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Chancellor Robert J. Birgeneau, Ph.D.
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Re: Stanley Hall Diesel Spill

Dear Chancellor Birgeneau:

Thank you for the time you and your staff have committed to working with City of Berkeley staff to improve our collective ability to respond to hazardous waste releases, such as the December 10, 2011 discharge of diesel fuel from the Stanley Hall fuel tanks. With the goal of further improving our response to these types of events, the City Council asked me to request the following information from the University.

- a) Mapping of all sump pumps and piping diagrams on campus; and
- b) A revised UCB Contingency Plan for Hazardous Waste Releases and Threatened Releases, incorporating the "lessons learned", from the December 2011 release.

We very much appreciate that UC Berkeley has shared its lessons learned and resulting changes in policies and procedures with City staff, the Community Health Commission (CHC) and the Community Environmental Advisory Commission (CEAC). One of the items identified by the University for improvement is item S.1 on a list provided to City staff on September 25, 2012: "Have better maps and spill signage on hand, including pre-made signs (with contact information) and installation." This item is of particular interest to the City because it would result in mapping of all sump pumps and piping on campus and thus identify all piping, trenching, sumps, etc. that can convey hazardous substances to the storm water system. The City also requests that the mapping include the entire UC storm water conveyance system in order to assist the City in identifying possible sources of impacts on the City's storm water system.

Secondly, the City requests that you incorporate the Contingency Plan for hazardous waste generators (Title 22, California Code of Regulations) into the campus emergency response plans. It is my understanding that the City regulates UC Berkeley for this

program and that the University's Environmental Health & Safety staff has been working with the City's Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) on plan implementation. The City specifically requests that the update to the campus emergency plan reflects the lessons learned from the Stanley Hall spill and ensures that the plan can be scaled for small, medium and large incidents. Please note that the University's plan should reflect spill notifications calls to the City at 981-5911 (the City's Public Safety Communications Center). Finally, during the post-incident lessons learned meetings, training on partial activation of the UC Emergency Operations Center was identified as an important outcome. We would appreciate being notified when such exercises will be held and would like the opportunity to participate if appropriate.

We understand that these tasks need a considerable amount of time to evaluate, fund and implement, and we would appreciate receiving a timeline that indicates when this work is to be concluded.

The City recognizes that UC Berkeley's response to the December 2011 spill was largely appropriate and many investigations, studies, lessons learned and corrective actions were undertaken and are still being made to improve spill prevention and responses. The City also learned much from this spill and is also making changes in our response procedures accordingly. We appreciate the University's commitment to continuing to work collaboratively with the City on improving our collective response to these types of events. Please let us know if you or your staff have any questions about this or any other spill response issues.

Sincerely,



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