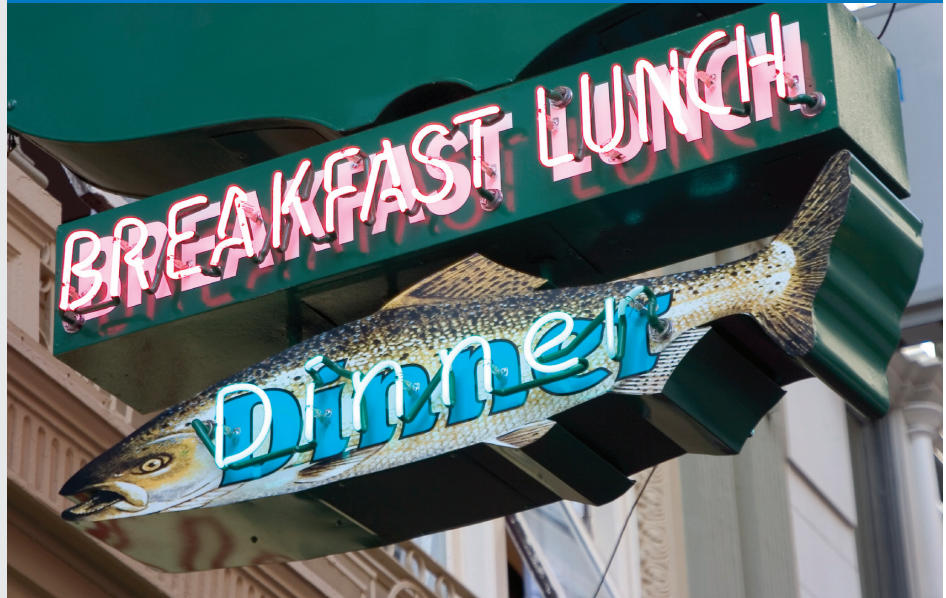




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Contaminated Site Work

Believe it or not, the discovery of fuel oil floating through the walls of the restaurant's basement was not the worst part of the situation.

GEC's confidential client discovered fuel oil migrating into a tenant's basement and quickly determined that the source was from an underground storage tank located upgradient. Later assessment work discovered that the property owner had another problem – legacy coal gas manufacturing activities and other industrial usage resulted in soil and groundwater contamination across the Site. Not the news you want when you are trying to sell your property.

GEC completed response actions in accordance with the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (MCP) involving four fully-developed properties. Activities included extensive site assessment, remediation and Method 3 risk characterization. GEC concluded that site closure was appropriate with use restrictions and prepared and submitted closure documentation including Response Action Outcomes and Activity and Use Limitation documentation.

GEC also assisted with third-party negotiations to assure that the owners could sell the property and the new owners could redevelop the property as they wished. GEC also assisted with insurance recovery and claims against the potential upgradient contaminant source.