

September 12, 2011

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Dear Ms. Jakub,

Thank you for your July 22, 2011, response to the *Fourth Quarter 2010 Groundwater Monitoring Report* submitted by TRC on behalf of the United States Postal Service (USPS) regarding 1675 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Oakland CA 94607 (Case No. RO0000016; Geotracker Global ID T0600100443). We appreciate the time you have taken to review our case and would like to provide additional input regarding our current financial status, as well as your comments and requests.

Like many government agencies, the USPS is experiencing severe financial difficulties, especially now as the end of the fiscal year approaches. The USPS does not have funding to conduct any additional work related to this site until the beginning of the next fiscal year (FY12) in October 2011. We understand that further action at this site is required by law and we anticipate receiving a sufficient FY12 budget allocation and beginning further work promptly in FY12.

The USPS respectfully disagrees with Alameda County Environmental Health (ACEH) regarding the need for quarterly groundwater monitoring at the site. On May 19, 2009, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) adopted resolution No. 2009-0042, which directed all sites conducting investigation and cleanup related to former underground storage tanks (USTs) without specific reason to conduct more frequent sampling to reduce sampling frequency from quarterly to semiannually. We believe this resolution applies to conditions at this site and should be sampled semiannually and we ask that ACEH reconsider the requested monitoring frequency.

In addition, due to our budget limitations, we must respectfully request the following revisions to your schedule for submittal of technical reports, subject to receiving a sufficient FY12 budget allocation:

- November 15, 2011 – Soil Vapor Investigation Workplan
- December 15, 2011 – Semiannual Groundwater Monitoring Report (for sampling to be conducted in late October/early November)
- June 15, 2012 – Semiannual Groundwater Monitoring Report (for sampling to be conducted in late April/early May)



Also, USPS noted that your request includes upload of boring logs to GeoTracker. Once funding becomes available for the site, we will all upload available boring logs. We anticipate completing this task by November 15, 2011.

Thank you very much for your time and understanding. Please feel free to address all correspondence regarding the site to both Stephanie Burns and me. Both of our complete contact information – including e-mail addresses – is presented below.

Sincerely,

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