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December 23, 2013

Mr. Brian Waite Chevron Environmental Management Co. 6101 Bollinger Canyon Road San Ramon, CA 94583 (Sent via electronic mail to: <u>BWaite@chevron.com</u>) Mr. Mark Gomez City of Oakland 250 Frank Ogawa Plaza, Suite 5301 Oakland, CA 94612 (Sent via electronic mail to: mmgomez@oaklandnet.com)

# Subject: Modified Work Plan Approval; Fuel Leak Case No. RO0000137 and Geotracker Global ID T0600100313, Chevron #9-0019, 210 Grand Avenue, Oakland, CA 94610

Dear Messrs. Waite and Gomez:

Alameda County Environmental Health (ACEH) staff has reviewed the case file for the above-referenced site, including the *Site Assessment Work Plan*, dated December 6, 2013. The work plan was prepared by the Conestoga-Rovers & Associates (CRA). Thank you for the work plan.

The work plan proposes the installation of one onsite soil bore (B-6). The soil bore will be hand augered to a depth of 9.5 feet below grade surface downgradient of well MW-4 in order to determine if shallow unconfined groundwater conditions are present at the site. If groundwater is not encountered to the depth of 9.5 feet, it will be assumed that groundwater conditions are confined, and that the screened interval (9.5 to 14 feet below grade surface [bgs]) of well MW-4 is representative of site groundwater conditions. If groundwater is present, a grab groundwater sample will be collected. Soil is not proposed to be sampled. The work plan also proposes to review available city of Oakland records for construction details of the current and abandoned storm drain line beneath Grand Avenue.

Based on ACEH staff review of the referenced documents and of the case file we generally concur with the recently proposed scope of work to collect data to satisfy the remaining data gaps associated with the Groundwater Media-Specific Criteria, provided that the modifications requested in the technical comments below, and as previously requested in the directive letter dated May 24, 2013, are addressed and incorporated during the field implementation. Submittal of a revised work plan or a work plan addendum is not required unless an alternate scope of work outside that described in the work plan or technical comments below is proposed. We request that you address the following technical comments, submit the requested document, and upon ACEH approval, perform the proposed work, and send us the technical reports requested below. Please provide 72-hour advance written notification to this office (e-mail preferred to: mark.detterman@acgov.org) prior to the start of field activities.

#### **TECHNICAL COMMENTS**

- 1. Work Plan Modifications The referenced work plan proposes a series of actions with which ACEH is in general agreement of undertaking; however, ACEH requests several modifications to the approach. Please submit a report by the date specified below.
  - a. Soil Sampling and Analysis ACEH requests the collection and analytical analysis of a minimum of one soil sample from proposed bore B-6. It appears that the difference in screening intervals in wells MW-4 and MW-5 may account for difference in groundwater contaminant loads between the two wells, as discussed in the ACEH letter dated May 24, 2013 (the screen interval of well MW-5 includes an apparently contaminated gravel layer between 7 to 8.5 feet bgs, and the screen interval of well MW-4 does not include the comparable contaminated gravel later located between 5.5 and 8.5 feet bgs). The collection of soil analytical data from this layer can test this observation. Consequently ACEH requests

that a minimum of one soil sample be collected based upon indications of contamination (photoionization detector response, staining, odor, sheen, etc.).

- **b.** Utility Preferential Pathway Investigation Glen Echo Creek and Lake Merritt are located approximately within 210 feet of the site. Potential exists for contamination to travel through utility conduits to these sensitive receptors. Therefore, please also investigate the construction details (location, depth of burial, size, etc.) of all utility potential preferential pathways that are present downgradient of the site in addition to the abandoned and current storm drain systems (a sewer line is also depicted on Figure 2, and other utility lines may be present but not depicted yet).
- **c. Groundwater Monitoring** Because the site has not demonstrated stability and groundwater concentrations in well MW-5 were rebounding from interim remedial actions taken previously, and because it has not been monitored since September 2012, ACEH requests a groundwater monitoring event be undertaken and included in the report requested. While the highest concentrations in groundwater are associated with events early in the year (March), a gauge of the magnitude, or dissipation, of the rebound can be obtained from a late-in-the-year sampling event.

#### TECHNICAL REPORT REQUEST

Please upload technical reports to the ACEH ftp site (Attention: Mark Detterman), and to the State Water Resources Control Board's Geotracker website, in accordance with the specified file naming convention below, according to the following schedule:

• March 3, 2014 – Soil and Groundwater Investigation Report File to be named: RO137\_SWI\_R\_yyyy-mm-dd

These reports are being requested pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 25296.10. 23 CCR Sections 2652 through 2654, and 2721 through 2728 outline the responsibilities of a responsible party in response to an unauthorized release from a petroleum UST system, and require your compliance with this request.

Online case files are available for review at the following website: <u>http://www.acgov.org/aceh/index.htm</u>. If your email address is not listed on the first page of this letter, or in the list of cc's listed below, ACEH is requesting your email address to help expedite communications and to help lower overall costs.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (510) 567-6876 or send me an electronic mail message at mark.detterman@acgov.org.

Sincerely,

Mark Detterman, PG, CEG Senior Hazardous Materials Specialist

- Enclosures: Attachment 1 Responsible Party (ies) Legal Requirements / Obligations Electronic Report Upload (ftp) Instructions
- cc: Nathan Allen, 10969 Trade Center Drive, Suite 106, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 (sent via electronic mail to <u>nallen@craworld.com</u>) Leroy Griffin, Oakland Fire Department, 250 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Suite 3341, Oakland, CA 94612-2032 (sent via electronic mail to <u>lgriffin@oaklandnet.com</u>)

Dilan Roe (sent via electronic mail to <u>dilan.roe@acgov.org</u>) Mark Detterman (sent via electronic mail to <u>mark.detterman@acgov.org</u>) Geotracker, Electronic Files

# Attachment 1

## Responsible Party(ies) Legal Requirements/Obligations

#### **REPORT/DATA REQUESTS**

These reports/data are being requested pursuant to Division 7 of the California Water Code (Water Quality), Chapter 6.7 of Division 20 of the California Health and Safety Code (Underground Storage of Hazardous Substances), and Chapter 16 of Division 3 of Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations (Underground Storage Tank Regulations).

#### ELECTRONIC SUBMITTAL OF REPORTS

ACEH's Environmental Cleanup Oversight Programs (Local Oversight Program [LOP] for unauthorized releases from petroleum Underground Storage Tanks [USTs], and Site Cleanup Program [SCP] for unauthorized releases of non-petroleum hazardous substances) require submission of reports in electronic format pursuant to Chapter 3 of Division 7, Sections 13195 and 13197.5 of the California Water Code, and Chapter 30, Articles 1 and 2, Sections 3890 to 3895 of Division 3 of Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations (23 CCR). Instructions for submission of electronic documents to the ACEH FTP site are provided on the attached "Electronic Report Upload Instructions."

Submission of reports to the ACEH FTP site is in addition to requirements for electronic submittal of information (ESI) to the State Water Resources Control Board's (SWRCB) Geotracker website. In April 2001, the SWRCB adopted 23 CCR, Division 3, Chapter 16, Article 12, Sections 2729 and 2729.1 (Electronic Submission of Laboratory Data for UST Reports). Article 12 required electronic submittal of analytical laboratory data submitted in a report to a regulatory agency (effective September 1, 2001), and surveyed locations (latitude, longitude and elevation) of groundwater monitoring wells (effective January 1, 2002) in Electronic Deliverable Format (EDF) to Geotracker. Article 12 was subsequently repealed in 2004 and replaced with Article 30 (Electronic Submittal of Information) which expanded the ESI requirements to include electronic submittal of any report or data required by a regulatory agency from a cleanup site. The expanded ESI submittal requirements for petroleum UST sites subject to the requirements of 23 CCR, Division, 3, Chapter 16, Article 11, became effective December 16, 2004. All other electronic submittals required pursuant to Chapter 30 became effective January 1, 2005. Please SWRCB information visit the website for more on these requirements: (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water issues/programs/ust/electronic submittal/).

#### PERJURY STATEMENT

All work plans, technical reports, or technical documents submitted to ACEH must be accompanied by a cover letter from the responsible party that states, at a minimum, the following: "I declare, under penalty of perjury, that the information and/or recommendations contained in the attached document or report is true and correct to the best of my knowledge." This letter must be signed by an officer or legally authorized representative of your company. Please include a cover letter satisfying these requirements with all future reports and technical documents submitted for this fuel leak case.

#### PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION & CONCLUSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

The California Business and Professions Code (Sections 6735, 7835, and 7835.1) requires that work plans and technical or implementation reports containing geologic or engineering evaluations and/or judgments be performed under the direction of an appropriately registered or certified professional. For your submittal to be considered a valid technical report, you are to present site specific data, data interpretations, and recommendations prepared by an appropriately licensed professional and include the professional registration stamp, signature, and statement of professional certification. Please ensure all that all technical reports submitted for this fuel leak case meet this requirement.

#### UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK CLEANUP FUND

Please note that delays in investigation, late reports, or enforcement actions may result in your becoming ineligible to receive grant money from the state's Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund (Senate Bill 2004) to reimburse you for the cost of cleanup.

#### AGENCY OVERSIGHT

If it appears as though significant delays are occurring or reports are not submitted as requested, we will consider referring your case to the Regional Board or other appropriate agency, including the County District Attorney, for possible enforcement actions. California Health and Safety Code, Section 25299.76 authorizes enforcement including administrative action or monetary penalties of up to \$10,000 per day for each day of violation.

Alameda County Environmental Cleanup Oversight Programs (LOP and SCP)	REVISION DATE: July 25, 2012
	ISSUE DATE: July 5, 2005
	<b>PREVIOUS REVISIONS:</b> October 31, 2005; December 16, 2005; March 27, 2009; July 8, 2010
SECTION: Miscellaneous Administrative Topics & Procedures	SUBJECT: Electronic Report Upload (ftp) Instructions

The Alameda County Environmental Cleanup Oversight Programs (petroleum UST and SCP) require submission of all reports in electronic form to the county's FTP site. Paper copies of reports will no longer be accepted. The electronic copy replaces the paper copy and will be used for all public information requests, regulatory review, and compliance/enforcement activities.

# REQUIREMENTS

- Please <u>do not</u> submit reports as attachments to electronic mail.
- Entire report including cover letter must be submitted to the ftp site as a single Portable Document Format (PDF) with no password protection.
- It is preferable that reports be converted to PDF format from their original format, (e.g., Microsoft Word) rather than scanned.
- Signature pages and perjury statements must be included and have either original or electronic signature.
- <u>Do not</u> password protect the document. Once indexed and inserted into the correct electronic case file, the document will be secured in compliance with the County's current security standards and a password.
  Documents with password protection will not be accepted.
- Each page in the PDF document should be rotated in the direction that will make it easiest to read on a computer monitor.
- Reports must be named and saved using the following naming convention:

RO#\_Report Name\_Year-Month-Date (e.g., RO#5555\_WorkPlan\_2005-06-14)

## **Submission Instructions**

- 1) Obtain User Name and Password
  - a) Contact the Alameda County Environmental Health Department to obtain a User Name and Password to upload files to the ftp site.

i) Send an e-mail to <u>deh.loptoxic@acgov.org</u>

- b) In the subject line of your request, be sure to include "ftp PASSWORD REQUEST" and in the body of your request, include the Contact Information, Site Addresses, and the Case Numbers (RO# available in Geotracker) you will be posting for.
- 2) Upload Files to the ftp Site
  - a) Using Internet Explorer (IE4+), go to <a href="http://alcoftp1.acgov.org">http://alcoftp1.acgov.org</a>
    - (i) Note: Netscape, Safari, and Firefox browsers will not open the FTP site as they are NOT being supported at this time.
  - b) Click on Page located on the Command bar on upper right side of window, and then scroll down to Open FTP Site in Windows Explorer.
  - c) Enter your User Name and Password. (Note: Both are Case Sensitive.)
  - d) Open "My Computer" on your computer and navigate to the file(s) you wish to upload to the ftp site.
  - e) With both "My Computer" and the ftp site open in separate windows, drag and drop the file(s) from "My Computer" to the ftp window.
- 3) Send E-mail Notifications to the Environmental Cleanup Oversight Programs
  - a) Send email to <u>deh.loptoxic@acgov.org</u> notify us that you have placed a report on our ftp site.
  - b) Copy your Caseworker on the e-mail. Your Caseworker's e-mail address is the entire first name then a period and entire last name @acgov.org. (e.g., firstname.lastname@acgov.org)
  - c) The subject line of the e-mail must start with the RO# followed by **Report Upload**. (e.g., Subject: RO1234 Report Upload) If site is a new case without an RO#, use the street address instead.
  - d) If your document meets the above requirements and you follow the submission instructions, you will receive a notification by email indicating that your document was successfully uploaded to the ftp site.