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Subject: Work Plan Approval for Fuel Leak Case No. RO0000145 and Geotracker Global ID T0600101876, Shell/Auto Tech West, 2703 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Brown and Mr. and Ms. Kwan:

Alameda County Environmental Health (ACEH) staff has reviewed the fuel leak case file for the above-referenced site including the most recently submitted document entitled, "*Subsurface Investigation Work Plan*," dated October 5, 2010. The Work Plan, which was prepared on Shell's behalf by Conestoga-Rovers & Associates (CRA), proposes advancing and sampling 25 direct-push borings on site and 10 shallow hand auger borings off-site. The purpose of the on-site borings is to refine the extent of excavation of hydrocarbon-impacted soils in the area of the former USTs and western portion of the site. Excavation followed by bio-sparging is the selected remedy for on-site petroleum hydrocarbon contamination in the area of the former USTs and western portion of the site.

The off-site hand auger borings are proposed in order to define the extent of shallow excavation needed to address elevated concentrations of total petroleum hydrocarbons as diesel (TPHd), TPH as motor oil (TPHmo), and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) in shallow soil in the area of the waste oil AST in the northern corner of the site. To date, no soil sampling has been conducted in off-site areas to the west or immediately north of the waste oil AST. However, it is possible that the surface spillage or leakage from the waste oil AST extends into the off-site areas.

The proposed scope of work is generally acceptable and may be implemented provided that the technical comments below are addressed during implementation of the field investigation. Submittal of a revised Work Plan or Work Plan Addendum is not required unless an alternate scope of work outside that described in the Work Plan and technical comments below is proposed. We request that you address the following technical comments, perform the proposed work, and send us the reports described below.

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ACEH has also reviewed the recently submitted reports entitled, "Soil Vapor Probe Installation and Soil Vapor Sampling Report," dated October 27, 2010 and "Subsurface Investigation and Third Quarter 2010 Groundwater Monitoring Report," also dated October 27, 2010. Please incorporate sampling of wells MW-9 through MW-11 into the ongoing groundwater monitoring program for the site. No further work is requested at this time based on the results of the investigations presented in these reports.

TECHNICAL COMMENTS

1. **Soil Samples for Laboratory Analysis in Hand Auger Borings.** The proposed hand auger boring locations and sampling methods are generally acceptable; however, we request that an additional soil sample be collected for laboratory analysis from any stained or odorous soil that is observed outside the proposed fixed sampling intervals of 0 to 0.5 feet bgs, 1.0 to 1.5 feet bgs, and 4.5 to 5.0 feet bgs. Please include these results in the Site Investigation Report requested below.

TECHNICAL REPORT REQUEST

Please submit technical reports to Alameda County Environmental Health (Attention: Jerry Wickham), according to the following schedule:

- **February 4, 2011** – Fourth Quarter 2010 Groundwater and Soil Vapor Monitoring Report
- **March 4, 2011** – Site Investigation Report and Revised Remedial Action Plan
- **August 4, 2011** – Second Quarter 2011 Groundwater Monitoring Report

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.

If you have any questions, please call me at (510) 567-6791 or send me an electronic mail message at jerry.wickham@acgov.org.

Sincerely,

Jerry Wickham, California PG 3766, CEG 1177, and CHG 297
Senior Hazardous Materials Specialist

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Enclosure: ACEH Electronic Report Upload (ftp) Instructions

cc: Leroy Griffin, Oakland Fire Department, 250 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Ste. 3341, Oakland, CA 94612-2032 2032 (*Sent via E-mail to: lgriffin@oaklandnet.com*)

Scott Merillat, 664 27th Street, Oakland, CA 94612

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Emeryville, CA 94608 (*Sent via E-mail to: pschaefer@croworld.com*)

Donna Drogos, ACEH (*Sent via E-mail to: donna.drogos@acgov.org*)

Jerry Wickham, ACEH (*Sent via E-mail to: jerry.wickham@acgov.org*)

GeoTracker, File

Attachment 1
Responsible Party(ies) Legal Requirements/Obligations

REPORT REQUESTS

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ELECTRONIC SUBMITTAL OF REPORTS

ACEH's Environmental Cleanup Oversight Programs (LOP and SLIC) require submission of reports in electronic form. The electronic copy replaces paper copies and is expected to be used for all public information requests, regulatory review, and compliance/enforcement activities. Instructions for submission of electronic documents to the Alameda County Environmental Cleanup Oversight Program FTP site are provided on the attached "Electronic Report Upload Instructions." Submission of reports to the Alameda County FTP site is an addition to existing requirements for electronic submittal of information to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) GeoTracker website. In September 2004, the SWRCB adopted regulations that require electronic submittal of information for all groundwater cleanup programs. For several years, responsible parties for cleanup of leaks from underground storage tanks (USTs) have been required to submit groundwater analytical data, surveyed locations of monitoring wells, and [other](#) data to the GeoTracker database over the Internet. Beginning July 1, 2005, these same reporting requirements were added to Spills, Leaks, Investigations, and Cleanup (SLIC) sites. Beginning July 1, 2005, electronic submittal of a complete copy of all reports for all sites is required in GeoTracker (in PDF format). Please visit the SWRCB website for more information on these requirements (http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/ust/electronic_submittal/report_rqmts.shtml).

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, 6835, 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, later 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 SLIC)	ISSUE DATE: July 5, 2005
	REVISION DATE: July 8, 2010
	PREVIOUS REVISIONS: December 16, 2005, October 31, 2005
SECTION: Miscellaneous Administrative Topics & Procedures	SUBJECT: Electronic Report Upload (ftp) Instructions

The Alameda County Environmental Cleanup Oversight Programs (LOP and SLIC) 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

- Entire report including cover letter must be submitted to the ftp site as a **single portable document format (PDF) with no password protection**. (Please do not submit reports as attachments to electronic mail.)
- 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.
- **Do not 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)

Additional Recommendations

- A separate copy of the tables in the document should be submitted by e-mail to your Caseworker in **Excel** format. These are for use by assigned Caseworker only.

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 dehloptoxic@acgov.org
Or
 - ii) Send a fax on company letterhead to (510) 337-9335, to the attention of Teena Le Khan.
 - 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 <ftp://alcoftp1.acgov.org>
 - (i) Note: Netscape and Firefox browsers will not open the FTP site.
 - b) Click on Page on upper right side of browser, 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 dehloptoxic@acgov.org 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.