# ALAMEDA COUNTY HEALTH CARE SERVICES

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Subject: Work Plan for Pilot Tests; Fuel Leak Case No. RO0000151 and GeoTracker Global ID T0600100196, City Blue Print, 1700 Jefferson St., Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Messrs. Westbrook and Grimes:

Alameda County Department of Environmental Health (ACDEH) staff has reviewed the case file including the *Draft Feasibility Study / Corrective Action Plan (FS/CAP)*, dated August 24, 2018. The FS/CAP was prepared and submitted on your behalf by Applied Water Resources Corporation (AWR) based on the results of a series of meetings, including the most recent on July 6, 2018. These meetings were requested by ACDEH staff to continue project coordination, timing of the work, and incorporation of the input, and evaluation of technical comments from multiple technical teams representing onsite and offsite property owners prior to finalization of the work product. During previous meetings an associated timeline for action items was identified. Modifications to the timeline are included below.

Based on ACDEH staff review of the case file, we request that you address the following technical comments and send us the reports described below.

#### **TECHNICAL COMMENTS**

1. Draft FS/CAP – Eight remedial alternatives (enhanced biological remediation, bio sparge, air-sparge, in-situ chemical oxidation, soil vapor extraction, dual-phase extraction, sub-slab depressurization, and excavation) were evaluated in the above-mentioned report as viable cleanup alternatives for the site. Additional data collection was also suggested as appropriate in part to prepare a Site-Specific Risk Assessment (SSRA), but no remedial alternative was recommended in the FS/CAP. Based on ACDEH's review, it does not appear that the FS/CAP was prepared in accordance with Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 2725, which requires evaluation of remedial alternatives for remedying the actual or potential adverse effects of the unauthorized release(s) and selecting the most effective corrective action. This in part may be due to a misunderstanding in the appropriateness of the recommended SSRA at an offsite property.

One of the remedial alternatives evaluated, sub-slab depressurization, and the SSRA, are not applicable or viable remedial alternatives. Sub-slab depressurization is not a remedial alternative, rather it is an engineering control or mitigation measure and does not constitute remediation. Sub-slab depressurization will not remedy the underlying cause of the contamination that is present at the site and vicinity. Sub-slab depressurization and the SSRA are not applicable offsite as there are currently Non-Aqueous Phased Liquids (NAPL) concentrations in soil underneath the adjacent apartment building, where groundwater is known to be at shallower depths than at the subject site.

Sub-slab depressurization and a SSRA will necessitate recording a Land Use Covenant (LUC) and implementation of a Long-Term Site Management Plan (SMP) to manage future potential exposures and the long-term property use restrictions must be accepted and allowed by the off-site property owners due to the land use limitations and long-term costs associated with annual inspections that are

required to ensure the mitigation system remains effective and is operating as designed. Since it is unlikely off-site property owners will accept a LUC, potentially devaluing their property, sub-slab depressurization and a SSRA are not an acceptable remedial alternative for properties off the site.

Both of these options require an agency to take the full free use of property from innocent property owners, and this agency cannot do so.

- 2. Destruction of Vapor Well SV19 Based on the results in the referenced report the referenced FS/CAP currently recommends against the destruction of vapor well SV19.
- 3. Pilot Test Work Plan The June 26, 2018 directive letter provided a December 3, 2018 due date for a pilot test work plan. To create the best project efficiency in achieving the previously targeted CAP implementation date, it appears appropriate to revise this date and combine the pilot test work plan with the final FS/CAP by the date identified below. Please be aware the work plan can incorporate aspects of additional lateral delineation in order to determine the extent that will require corrective actions. This date is intended to incorporate discussions in the currently planned October 4, 2018 meeting.
- 4. Public Notification The referenced draft FS/CAP document also presents a series of potentially viable remedial options and can be noticed for public comment. Consequently ACDEH will forward under separate cover samples of public notification documents for mockup. The samples will be in Word document format. Please modify them and return to ACDEH by email in Word format for final modifications, by the date identified below. This date is also intended to incorporate comments and thoughts generated at the planned October 4, 2018 meeting.

## **TECHNICAL REPORT REQUEST**

Please submit the following technical reports and deliverables to the State Water Board's Geotracker website and notify your case worker by electronic mail (<u>mark.detterman@acgov.org</u>), in accordance with the following specified file naming convention and schedule, as provided below, and in the Responsible Party(ies) Legal Requirements/Obligations which is included as Attachment 1.

- October 4, 2018 FS/CAP Comment Meeting
- October 19, 2018 Draft Public Participation Form to Alameda County (Word Document)
- November 2, 2018 Final FS/CAP and Pilot Test Work Plan (File to be named RO151\_FS/CAP\_R\_yyyy-mm-dd)
- November 2, 2018 to December 3, 2018 Public Participation Period
- **December 17, 2018** Potential Two Week Public Response Comment Period (if required)
- January 2019 Corrective Action Implementation Plan (CAIP; 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Reviewed) (File to be named RO151\_CAIP\_R\_yyyy-mm-dd)
- February 2019 CAIP Approval
- End of Second Quarter 2019 CAIP Field Implementation

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.

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Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this correspondence or your case, please call me at (510) 567-6876 or send me an electronic mail message at <u>mark.determan@acgov.org</u>.

Sincerely,

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Mark E. Detterman, P.G., C.E.G. Senior Hazardous Materials Specialist

Enclosures:

Attachment 1 - Responsible Party(ies) Legal Requirements/Obligations & ACDEH Electronic Report Upload (ftp) Instructions

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Alameda County Environmental Cleanup Oversight Programs (LOP and SCP)	REVISION DATE: December 14, 2017			
	ISSUE DATE: July 25, 2012			
	PREVIOUS REVISIONS: September 17, 2013, May 15, 2014, December 12, 2016			
SECTION: ACDEH Procedures	SUBJECT: Responsible Party(ies) Legal Requirements / Obligations			

#### REPORT & DELIVERABLE REQUESTS

Alameda County Department of Environmental Health (ACDEH) Cleanup Oversight Programs, Local Oversight Program (LOP) and Site Cleanup Program (SCP) require submission of all reports in electronic form to the State Water Board's (SWB) GeoTracker website in accordance with California Code of Regulations, Chapter 30, Division3, Title 23 and Division 3, Title 27.

#### Leaking Underground Fuel Tank (LUFT) Cases

Reports and deliverable requests are 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 (RP) in conjunction with an unauthorized release from a petroleum underground storage tank (UST) system.

#### Site Cleanup Program (SCP) Cases

For non-petroleum UST cases, reports and deliverables requests are pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 101480.

## ELECTRONIC SUBMITTAL OF REPORTS

A complete report submittal includes the PDF report and all associated electronic data files, including but not limited to GEO\_MAP, GEO\_XY, GEO\_Z, GEO\_BORE, GEO\_WELL, and laboratory analytical data in Electronic Deliverable Format<sup>™</sup> (EDF). Additional information on these requirements is available on the State Water Board's website (<u>http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\_issues/programs/ust/electronic\_submittal/</u>)

- Do not upload draft reports to GeoTracker
- Rotate each page in the PDF document in the direction that will make it easiest to read on a computer monitor.

#### GEOTRACKER UPLOAD CERTIFICATION

Each report submittal is to include a GeoTracker Upload Summary Table with GeoTracker valid values<sup>1</sup> as illustrated in the example below to facilitate ACDEH review and verify compliance with GeoTracker requirements.

## GeoTracker Upload Table Example

Report Title	Sampl e Period	PDF Report	GEO_ MAPS	Sample ID	Matrix	GEO _Z	GEO _XY	GEO_ BORE	GEO_WEL L	EDF
2016 Subsurface Investigation Report	2016 S1	~	•	Effluent	SO					✓
2012 Site Assessment Work Plan	2012	~	~							
2010 GW Investigation	2008 Q4	✓	✓	SB-10	W	~				✓
Report				SB-10-6	SO					✓
				MW-1	WG	~	✓	✓	✓	✓
				SW-1	W	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> GeoTracker Survey XYZ, Well Data, and Site Map Guidelines & Restrictions, CA State Water Resources Control Board, April 2005

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#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

All work plans, technical reports, or technical documents submitted to ACDEH must be accompanied by a cover letter from the responsible party that states, at a minimum, the following: "I have read and acknowledge the content, recommendations and/or conclusions contained in the attached document or report submitted on my behalf to the State Water Board's GeoTracker website." This letter must be signed by the Responsible Party, or legally authorized representative of the Responsible Party.

#### PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION & CONCLUSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

The California Business and Professions Code (Sections 6731, 6735, and 7835) 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 licensed or certified professional and include the professional registration stamp, signature, and statement of professional certification. Additional information is available on the Board of Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists website at: <a href="http://www.bpelsg.ca.gov/laws/index.shtml">http://www.bpelsg.ca.gov/laws/index.shtml</a>.

#### UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK CLEANUP FUND

For LUFT cases, RP's non-compliance with these regulations may result in ineligibility to receive grant money from the state's Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund (Senate Bill 2004) to reimburse the cost of cleanup. Additional information is available on the internet at: <a href="https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\_issues/programs/ustcf/">https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\_issues/programs/ustcf/</a>

#### AGENCY OVERSIGHT

Significant delays in conducting site assessment/cleanup or report submittals may result in referral of the case to the Regional Water 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.