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## Division of Financial Assistance

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Xtra Oil Company  
Keith Or Ted Simas  
2307 Pacific Ave  
Alameda, CA 94501

**REQUEST FOR PRE-APPROVAL OF CORRECTIVE ACTION COSTS,  
CLAIM NO. 001068, PA # 5  
SITE ADDRESS: 3495 CASTRO VALLEY BLVD, CASTRO VALLEY, CA 94546**

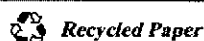
The Fund technical review staff has reviewed your request, received on June 29, 2007, for pre-approval of corrective action costs; these documents will be placed in your file for future reference.

Pursuant to Section 2811.4, subdivision (c), of the Cleanup Fund regulations and based upon the materials submitted, the Cleanup Fund must deny your request for pre-approval. You have failed to submit the required three bids for the tasks covered by your pre-approval request. Also, the proposal you provided for the task covered by your pre-approval request appears to be unreasonable for the scope of work. Based on the Cleanup Fund's experience with similar sites in your area, we have determined that **\$ 30,151** is reasonable for the tasks included in your pre-approval request. The breakdown of costs associated with each task is shown in Table 1 below.

There are two options available to you. You must secure the requisite bids for the tasks covered by the pre-approval request, and the Cleanup Fund will evaluate the reasonableness of the costs in light of the additional bids.

Or, you may resubmit the existing bid and request pre-approval for the amounts specified in Table 1. Since the Cleanup Fund has determined that the amount specified in Table 1 is reasonable for this scope of work, the three-bid requirement is unnecessary if you concur with the Cleanup Fund's determination. The Cleanup Fund has the authority to waive the three-bid requirement as unnecessary upon your request to do so. Therefore, if your resubmitted pre-approval request only seeks pre-approval for the amount the Cleanup Fund has determined reasonable (the amount specified in Table 1) and you request waiver of the three-bid requirement as unnecessary, the Cleanup Fund will grant your request for pre-approval and waive the three bid requirement, with respect to this scope of work, as unnecessary.

*California Environmental Protection Agency*



A waiver does not waive the three-bid requirement for the claim, but only for the tasks covered by the pre-approval request. Again, if you decide to seek waiver of the three-bid requirement because it is unnecessary, then you must provide a written request for waiver of the three-bid requirement and resubmit your pre-approval request seeking only the amounts specified in Table 1. In an effort to assist you in expediting the pre-approval process we have prepared the attached *Acceptance of Reasonable Cost/Request for Bid Waiver* form letter. If you concur/accept our reasonable cost determination and would like to request a bid waiver, then just sign and date the attached letter and return to us for further processing your Pre-Approval.

**Table 1**  
**REASONABLE COST BREAKDOWN**

#	Task*	Reasonable Cost, \$	Comments/Changes
1	Permits	\$3,421	Copies of all permits must be submitted to the Fund at the time of reimbursement.
2	Field Equipment	\$1,705	Note: The requested cost of \$1,840 was reduced by \$135. Vehicle Charges are reimbursed at a rate of \$60 per day or \$0.50 per mile which ever is less.
3	Monitoring Well Installation	\$4,100	This cost includes all time and material for this task. Coordination and oversight hours were reduced from 48 hours to 38 hours @ \$90 per hour.
4	Monitoring Well Sampling (8 new & 6 existing wells)	\$2,100	This cost includes all time and material for this task. Coordination and oversight hours were reduced from 36 hours to 30 hours @ \$70 per hour.
5	Waste Disposal and Report	\$3,790	This cost includes all time and material for this task. Copies of all reports must be submitted to the Fund at the time of reimbursement. Note: The requested cost of \$6,510 for reporting appears to be excessive and unreasonable. \$3,510 is approved for the reporting task and \$280 for soil disposal coordination

#	Task*	Reasonable Cost, \$	Comments/Changes
6	Direct Cost - Driller, Permits, Analytical, Waste Disposal, Survey	\$15,035	This cost includes all time and material for this task. Well Bond cost \$6,000 not approved. Up-front monies, bonds, deposits, retainers, are not eligible for funding. The requested surveyor cost \$2,200 appears to be excessive. Typical cost for this task ranges from \$1,500 to \$1,700, thus \$500 is not approved for this task. Waste Disposal cost is pre-approved at a rate of \$155 per drum not \$225 per drums as requested. Copies of all sub-invoices and disposal manifests must be submitted at the time of reimbursement.
	<b>TOTAL Reasonable Cost</b>	<b>\$ 30,151</b>	

\* Task descriptions are the same as those identified in P&D Environmental, Inc.'s April 12, 2007 Cost Estimate

Should you decide to obtain the additional bids for satisfying the three-bid requirement, and if you need assistance in procuring contractor and consultant services for corrective action don't hesitate to call me at (916) 341-5757.

Sincerely,

Sunil Ramdass, Water Resources Control Engineer  
 Technical Review Unit  
 Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund

Enclosure

cc: Steven Plunkett  
 Alameda County EHD  
 1131 Harbor Bay Pkway, 2nd Fl.  
 Alameda, CA 94502-6577

**ACCEPTANCE OF/CONCUR WITH  
REASONABLE COSTS DETERMINATION  
CALIFORNIA UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK CLEANUP FUND  
COST PRE-APPROVAL REQUEST  
(Sign, date and return)**

TO: UST Cleanup Fund  
Technical Review Unit  
P.O. Box 944212  
Sacramento, CA 94244-2120

**I. CLAIM INFORMATION**

CLAIM NO.: 001068 CLAIMANT NAME: Xtra Oil Company  
SITE ADDRESS: 3495 CASTRO VALLEY BLVD, CASTRO VALLEY, CA 94546

**II. PRE-APPROVAL INFORMATION**

PRE-APPROVAL NO. 05 PRE-APPROVAL LETTER DATE: August 7, 2007  
TOTAL AMOUNT PRE-APPROVED AS REASONABLE COSTS: **\$ 30,151**  
(See Table 1 of the August 7, 2007 letter for a breakdown of costs)

**III. ACCEPTANCE OF REASONABLE COSTS**

I hereby accept the costs contained in the Funds pre-approval letter dated August 7, 2007 as reasonable to complete the scope of corrective action work. I understand that reimbursement of costs for this scope of work will be limited to the amounts listed in Table 1 of the aforementioned pre-approval letter. If a different or expanded scope of work is conducted, I understand that these costs may no longer apply and costs for the revised scope of work will be subject to the Fund's determination of reasonable and necessary costs. **Must be signed by the claimant or person designated on the Authorized Representative Designation form.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I hereby request a waiver of the three-bid requirement for the scope of work specified in the August 7, 2007 pre-approval letter because obtaining three bids for this scope of work is unnecessary. I understand that three bids are required for all subsequent scopes of corrective action work unless waived by the Division.

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Signature

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Print Name

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Date

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**By dehloptoxic at 8:45 am, Oct 05, 2006**

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Alameda, CA 94552  
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E-Mail: xtraoil@sbcglobal.net

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**Xtra Oil Company**

September 22, 2006

Mr. Steven Plunkett  
Alameda County Health Agency  
Dept. of Environmental Health  
1131 Harbor Bay Pkwy.  
Alameda, CA 94502

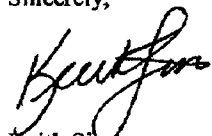
SUBJECT: CHANGE IN CONSULTANT OF RECORD  
County Case # RO 191  
Xtra Oil Company  
1701 Park Street  
Alameda, CA

Dear Mr. Plunkett:

Effective immediately, Alisto Engineering Group of Lafayette, California is no longer the consultant for the Xtra Oil site located at 1701 Park Street in Alameda, California. P&D Environmental, Inc. (P&D) of Oakland California is now the consultant of record for this site. All future reporting required by the Alameda County Environmental Health Department will be provided by P&D.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (510) 865-9503.

Sincerely,



Keith Simas  
Operations Supervisor

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