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THIRD NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Fire Chief Edward Tubbs
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1000 San Pablo Ave.
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Ms. Beth Pollard
Office of the City Manager
1000 San Pablo Avenue
Albany, CA 94706

Ray Barker
City of Albany Fire Dept
1000 San Pablo Ave.
Albany, CA 94706

Subject: Third Notice of Violation and Request for Work Plan; Fuel Leak Case No. RO0000297 and GeoTracker Global ID T0600102152; City of Albany Fire Dept, 1001 Marin Ave, Albany, CA 94706

Dear Fire Chief Tubbs and City Manager Pollard:

Two USTs were removed from the site in April 1998 (1,000-gallon diesel and 10,000-gallon gasoline tanks). UST removal confirmation samples contained moderate or low concentrations of TPHg, BTEX, and MTBE compounds (however TPHd was not analyzed for). Groundwater contained concentrations of TPHg, BTEX, and MTBE compounds at levels of concern (4,000 µg/l TPHg, 70 µg/l benzene, and 380 µg/l MTBE, while TPHd was again not analyzed for). Two hand augered soil bores were installed in January 1999 in the presumed downgradient direction of groundwater flow. Limited concentrations were encountered in soil (1.8 mg/kg TPHg and 0.0099 mg/kg ethylbenzene); however, concentrations up to 760 µg/l TPHg and 320 µg/l MTBE were detected in a grab groundwater sample. Again TPHd was not analyzed for. In March 1999 a work plan proposed an additional bore for installation further downgradient, in the presumed downgradient direction, to investigate the extent of MTBE contamination; the work was approved by ACEH in a March 1999 directive letter. This work is not reported to have been conducted and the report remains late.

On July 3, 2008 Alameda County Environmental Health (ACEH) staff issued a letter requesting that the site be claimed in the State Water Resource Control Board's (SWRCBs) Geotracker database. On July 24, 2009, a Notice of Violation was issued by ACEH because the site had not been claimed in the SWRCBs Geotracker database. On January 26, 2011, a (Second) Notice of Violation was issued because the site had not been claimed in the SWRCBs Geotracker database. Each letter contained deadlines that have not been met.

A recent review of the case file and the State's GeoTracker database indicates that the work has not been undertaken, and that the site still has not been claimed. Your site is out of compliance with directives from this agency. This letter is an additional attempt to preclude further enforcement actions. Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Division 3, Chapter 30, Articles 1 and 2, Sections 3893, 3894, and 3895, you are required to claim your site and subsequently transmit electronic reports and other site data. **Compliance is required by the State and is tied to reimbursement funding by the UST Cleanup Fund.**

In order to regain compliance, please claim the site at the following State Water Resource Control Board website (http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/electronic_submittal/), submit existing documents to GeoTracker and ACEH's FTP server, and submit an updated work plan, by the dates specified below. Failure to submit the documents may additionally result in referral and possible enforcement action by the District Attorney, and/or ineligibility for reimbursement of corrective action costs incurred at the site from the Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund. Pursuant to Chapter 6.7, California Health and Safety Code, civil penalties up to \$10,000 for each UST for each day of violation may be imposed. Please note that civil penalties for non-compliance are assessed from the original due date (August 15, 2008).

TECHNICAL REPORT REQUEST

Please submit technical reports to Alameda County Environmental Health (Attention: Mr. Mark Detterman), according to the following schedule:

- **July 27, 2012** – GeoTracker Compliance (Claim Site)
- **August 31, 2012** – Updated and Revised Work Plan

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 E. Detterman, PG, CEG
Senior Hazardous Materials Specialist

Enclosures: Attachment 1 – Responsible Party (ies) Legal Requirements / Obligations
Electronic Report Upload (ftp) Instructions

cc: James Gribi, Gribi Associates, 1090 Adams Street, Suite K, Benicia, CA 94510, (sent via electronic mail to: JGribi@gribiassociates.com)

Donna Drogos, ACEH, (sent via electronic mail to donna.drogos@acgov.org)
Mark Detterman, ACEH, (sent via electronic mail to mark.detterman@acgov.org)
Geotracker, Electronic File

Attachment 1

Responsible Party(ies) Legal Requirements/Obligations

REPORT REQUESTS

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.

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.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, 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)	REVISION DATE: July 20, 2010
	ISSUE DATE: July 5, 2005
	PREVIOUS REVISIONS: 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 (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

- **Please do not 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.**
- **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)

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 deh.loptoxic@acgov.org
 - 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, 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 deh.loptoxic@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.