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Subject: Fuel Leak Case No. RO0000346 and GeoTracker Global ID T0600100920, BP #11105 / Shell 17-1445, 3519 Castro Valley Boulevard, Castro Valley, CA 94546

Dear Mr. Supple, Mr. and Mrs. Shakoori, and Mr. Brown:

Thank you for the recently submitted document entitled, "Workplan for Well Reconstruction and Shallow Well Installation," dated March 2, 2010, which was prepared by SOMA Environmental Engineering, Inc. for the subject site. Alameda County Environmental Health (ACEH) staff has reviewed the case file including the above-mentioned work plan for the above-referenced site. In response to ACEH's concerns and recommendations identified in our February 10, 2010 correspondence, SOMA proposes to replace wells that are screened across the shallow and deeper confined water-bearing zones with well clusters, which includes wells pairs with one well screened in the shallow and the other in the deeper confined water-bearing zone.

ACEH generally concurs with the proposed scope of work and the proposed scope of work may be implemented provided that the modifications requested in the technical comments below are addressed and incorporated during the field implementation. Submittal of a revised Work Plan is not required unless an alternate scope of work outside that described in the Work Plan and technical comments below is proposed.

# **TECHNICAL COMMENTS**

Monitoring Well Replacement – As mentioned above, SOMA proposes to decommission
the wells with excessively long screened intervals that intersect both shallow and confined
water-bearing zones and re-install shorter screened wells within the confined water-bearing
zone in the same borings and install new wells screened within the shallow water-bearing

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zone. SOMA proposes to decommission the well by over-drilling the well and removing all casing and annular materials. SOMA then proposes to backfill up to five feet in select borings to reduce their total depths. The monitoring wells may be re-installed in the same borings provided that a larger diameter auger is used when re-installing the wells so that potential cross-contamination from the shallow water-bearing zone to the deeper water-bearing zone is minimized. Also, the backfill material was not specified in the work plan. ACEH recommends that the borings are backfilled with bentonite to reach the target well depths.

#### **TECHNICAL REPORT REQUEST**

Please submit technical reports to ACEH (Attention: Paresh Khatri), according to the following schedule:

- September 27, 2010 Soil and Water Investigation Report
- **Due within 30 Days of Sampling** Semi-annual Monitoring Report (3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2010)

# NOTIFICATION OF FIELDWORK ACTIVITIES

Please schedule and complete the fieldwork activities by the date specified below and provide ACEH with at least three (3) business days notification prior to conducting the fieldwork.

Thank you for your cooperation. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this correspondence or your case, please call me at (510) 777-2478 or send me an electronic mail message at paresh.khatri@acgov.org.

Sincerely,

Paresh C. Khatri Hazardous Materials Specialist

Enclosure: Responsible Party(ies) Legal Requirements/Obligations
ACEH Electronic Report Upload (ftp) Instructions

cc: Mansour Sepehr, SOMA Environmental Engineering, Inc., 6620 Owens Drive, Suite A, Pleasanton, CA 94588 (Sent via E-mail to: <a href="mailto:msepehr@somaenv.com">msepehr@somaenv.com</a>)

Matthew Herrick, Broadbent & Associates, Inc., 2000 Kirman Avenue, Reno, NV 89502 (Sent via E-mail to: mherrick@broadbentinc.com)

Donna Drogos, ACEH (Sent via E-mail to: donna.drogos@acgov.org)
Paresh Khatri, ACEH (Sent via E-mail to: paresh.khatri@acgov.org)
GeoTracker

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# 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.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:** March 27, 2009

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 <a href="mailto:dehloptoxic@acgov.org">dehloptoxic@acgov.org</a>

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- ii) Send a fax on company letterhead to (510) 337-9335, to the attention of My Le Huynh.
- 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="ftp://alcoftp1.acgov.org">ftp://alcoftp1.acgov.org</a>
    - (i) Note: Netscape and Firefox browsers will not open the FTP site.
  - b) Click on File, then on Login As.
  - 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.