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January 3, 2011

Mr. Denis Brown Shell Oil Products US 20945 S. Wilmington Ave. Carson, CA 90810-1039

Mr. Frank Salel Salel Enterprises P.O. Box 5099 Oakland, CA 94605

Subject: Review of Soil Gas Investigation Report for Fuel Leak Case No. RO0000372 and Geotracker Global ID T0600101226, Shell#129460, 15275 Washington Avenue, San Leandro, CA 94579

Dear Mr. Brown and Mr. Salel:

Alameda County Environmental Health (ACEH) staff has reviewed the case file for the above-referenced site, including the recent reports entitled, "Updated Site Conceptual Model," dated December 22, 2010 and "Third Quarter 2010 Soil Gas Investigation Report," dated November 17, 2010. Both reports were prepared on Shell's behalf by Delta Consultants, Inc. The Third Quarter 2010 Soil Gas Investigation Report presents results from soil gas sampling conducted using both on-site and off-site soil gas probes. Total petroleum hydrocarbons as gasoline and benzene were detected in soil gas at concentrations up to 160,000,000 and 46,000 micrograms per cubic meter, respectively. Benzene concentrations in soil gas exceed residential and commercial screening levels for potential vapor intrusion in six samples. The highest soil gas concentrations were detected at SVG-6, which is located in a mobile home park west of the site. It appears that petroleum hydrocarbons from the UST system have migrated off-site to the west in shallow soils.

The Updated Site Conceptual Model summarized site conditions and presented a working hypothesis regarding the current future distribution of petroleum hydrocarbons at the site. Risk-based assessments conducted to date indicate that the currently primary potential risk pathway is vapor intrusion. The Updated Site Conceptual Model recommends performing a detailed evaluation of site-specific risk factors and pathways using the most recent analytical data and site conditions. We concur with this recommendation to evaluate site-specific risk for the site and adjacent affected property. The risk evaluation is to include an assessment of potential human health risks for residents of the off-site mobile home park. Please include a description of the site-specific conditions such as whether all of the mobile homes are located above pavement and isolated from the ground surface, whether any structures other than mobile homes are located on the adjacent property, and whether there may be any preferential pathways from the subsurface to the mobile homes or other structures. Please present the results of the human health risk evaluation and recommendations to address any remaining potential risk pathways in the Report requested below.

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#### **TECHNICAL REPORT REQUEST**

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

- February 12, 2011 Semi-Annual Groundwater Monitoring Report First Quarter 2011
- March 30, 2011 Evaluation of Potential Human Health Risks
- October 8, 2011 Semi-Annual Groundwater Monitoring Report Third Quarter 2011

Thank you for your cooperation. 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

Attachment: Responsible Party(ies) Legal Requirements/Obligations

Enclosure: ACEH Electronic Report Upload (ftp) Instructions

cc: Peter Schaefer, Conestoga-Rovers & Associates, 5900 Hollis Street, Suite A, Emeryville, CA 94608 2032 (Sent via E-mail to: pschaefer@craworld.com)

Donna Drogos, ACEH (Sent via E-mail to: <a href="mailto:donna.drogos@acgov.org">donna.drogos@acgov.org</a>)
Jerry Wickham, ACEH (Sent via E-mail to: <a href="mailto:jerry.wickham@acgov.org">jerry.wickham@acgov.org</a>)

Geotracker, 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.swrcb.ca.gov/ust/electronic\_submittal/report\_rgmts.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.