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Subject: Work Plan Request for Fuel Leak Case No. RO0000445 and Geotracker Global ID T0600101855, Mobil#99-105 / Cars Rent A Car, 6301 San Pablo Avenue, Oakland, CA 94608

Dear Ms. Sedlachek and Messrs. Lam:

Thank you for the recently submitted reports entitled, *Soil Vapor Survey Report* and *Subsurface Investigation Report* both dated March 28, 2011 and prepared by ETIC Engineering, Inc. for the subject site. Alameda County Environmental Health (ACEH) staff has reviewed the case file including the above-mentioned report/work plan for the above-referenced site. The reports present the results of an investigation of off-site soil and groundwater and on-site soil vapor sampling. Although significant levels of contaminants were detected in soil vapor, no conclusions or recommendations were included with the report.

We request that you address the following technical comments, perform the proposed work, and send us the technical reports requested below.

#### **TECHNICAL COMMENTS**

1. **Conclusions and Recommendations** – The reports do not present conclusions or recommendations but state that “recommendations will be submitted under separate cover”. All reports are to include conclusions and recommendations.
2. **Soil, Groundwater and Vapor Characterization** – The Subsurface Investigation Report presents the results of soil and groundwater sampling located 110 feet downgradient of the site. While these results are below the detection limit for all constituents besides 1,2-Dichloroethane, groundwater concentrations in the downgradient wells contain values of up to 6,600 micrograms per liter ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ) total petroleum hydrocarbons as gasoline and 19  $\mu\text{g/L}$  benzene. The Soil Vapor Survey Report presents soil vapor concentrations for the subject site and indicates that concentrations immediately adjacent to the site border were up to 190,000 micrograms per cubic meter ( $\mu\text{g/m}^3$ ) TPHg and 10  $\mu\text{g/m}^3$  benzene. The residential and church properties between the site and those locations remain unevaluated for possible vapor intrusion or groundwater contamination. Please present a proposal to collect soil vapor and groundwater samples at the residential and church properties adjacent to the site by the due date below.

3. **Corrective Action Plan** – The maximum on-site soil vapor concentrations were 250,000,000  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  total petroleum hydrocarbons as gasoline (TPHg) and 16,000  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  benzene. These values exceed the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board (SFRWQCB) environmental screening levels (ESLs) by multiple orders of magnitude for both residential and commercial land use. In addition, a church and residential properties are located downgradient and possibly over the contamination. At this time, a Feasibility Study/Corrective Action Plan (FS/CAP) prepared in accordance with Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 2725 appears warranted. The FS/CAP must include a concise background of soil and groundwater investigations performed in connection with this case and an assessment of the residual impacts of the chemicals of concern (COCs) for the site and the surrounding area where the unauthorized release has migrated or may migrate. The FS/CAP should also include, but is not limited to, a detailed description of site lithology, including soil permeability, and most importantly, contamination cleanup levels and cleanup goals, in accordance with the SFRWQCB Basin Plan and for the appropriate groundwater designation. Please note that soil cleanup levels should ultimately (within a reasonable timeframe) achieve water quality objectives (cleanup goals) for groundwater in accordance with the SFRWQCB Basin Plan. Please specify appropriate cleanup levels and cleanup goals in accordance with 23 CCR Section 2725, 2726, and 2727 in the FS/CAP.

The FS/CAP must evaluate at least three viable alternatives for remedying or mitigating the actual or potential adverse affects of the unauthorized release(s) besides the 'no action' and 'monitored natural attenuation' remedial alternatives. Each alternative shall be evaluated not only for cost-effectiveness but also its timeframe to reach cleanup levels and cleanup goals, and ultimately the Responsible Party must propose the most cost-effective corrective action.

### **TECHNICAL REPORT REQUEST**

Please submit technical reports to ACEH (Attention: Barbara Jakub), according to the following schedule:

- **September 30, 2011** – Groundwater Monitoring Report (2<sup>nd</sup> Half- 2011)
- **September 30, 2011** – Work Plan
- **60 Days after Work Plan Approval** – Soil and Water Investigation Report
- **60 Days after SWI Submittal** – FS/CAP
- **March 30, 2012** – Groundwater Monitoring Report (1st Half- 2012)

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Thank you for your cooperation. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this correspondence or your case, please call me at (510) 639-1287 or send me an electronic mail message at [barbara.jakub@acgov.org](mailto:barbara.jakub@acgov.org).

Sincerely,

Barbara J. Jakub, P.G.  
Hazardous Materials Specialist

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

cc: Hamidou Barry, ETIC Engineering Inc., 2285 Morello Avenue, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523 (*Sent via e-mail to: [hbarry@eticeng.com](mailto:hbarry@eticeng.com)*)  
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GeoTracker  
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# 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/](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.

<b>Alameda County Environmental Cleanup Oversight Programs (LOP and SLIC)</b>	<b>REVISION DATE:</b> July 20, 2010
	<b>ISSUE DATE:</b> July 5, 2005
	<b>PREVIOUS REVISIONS:</b> October 31, 2005; December 16, 2005; March 27, 2009; July 8, 2010
<b>SECTION:</b> Miscellaneous Administrative Topics & Procedures	<b>SUBJECT:</b> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.