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December 23, 2009

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(sent via electronic mail to irobb@chevron.com)

Mr. Rene Boisvert **Boulevard Equity Group** 484 Lake Park Ave #246 Oakland, CA 94610-2730 Terrilla Sadler 618 Brooklyn Avenue Oakland, CA 94606-1004

Subject:

Approval of Low Flow Air Sparge Work Plan Addendum and Approval of Modified Surficial Soil Sampling Work Plan - Fuel Leak Case No. RO0000454 (Global ID # T0600102230), Chevron #20-6145/Signal SS, 800 Center Street, Oakland CA 94607

Dear Mr. Robb, Mr. Boisvert, and Ms. Sadler:

Alameda County Environmental Health (ACEH) staff has reviewed the Low Flow Air Sparge Work Plan Addendum (addendum), dated December 1, 2009, and the Work Plan for Surficial Soil Sampling (work plan), dated December 15, 2009; both prepared by Conestoga-Rovers & Associates (CRA). Thank you for submitting the two documents.

ACEH generally concurs with the proposed scope of work in the addendum, requests that you implement the proposed work, and send us the technical reports requested below. ACEH is also in general agreement with the approach outlined in the work plan, but requests several modifications, as detailed in the following technical comments. Provided the technical comments are incorporated into the work, it may be implemented. Please provide advance written notification to this office by e-mail (mark.detterman@acgov.org) 72 hours prior to the start of field activities.

## **TECHNICAL COMMENTS**

- 1. Surficial Soil Sampling Sixteen soil samples (shallow and deeper) are proposed to be collected at eight soil locations to characterize shallow lead, termiticides, and polychlorinated biphenyls from electrical transformers. Provided the following technical comments are incorporated into the work, it may be implemented.
  - a. In conformance with the Department of Toxics Substances Control (DTSC) Guidance cited in the Work Plan, shallower soil samples are typically collected between the depth of 0 to 6 inches; however, based on a telephone conversation with Mr. Ian Robb of Chevron on December 1, 2009, it is understood that the top 6-inches of soil is likely to be removed from the site prior to development to accommodate base rock and road bed paving, or concrete slab construction, and that the intent is to characterize soil remaining onsite after construction. As such the collection of the shallower set of soil samples at a depth of 6 to 12 inches appears reasonable; however, it is also appropriate to characterize the 0 to 6 inch interval for future disposal purposes or for use as potential landscaping soils, as is very typical. Please additionally collect soil samples from the 0 to 6 inch interval to characterize these soils.
  - b. The work plan proposed a grid network to evenly distribute the proposed sample locations across the site. ACEH additionally requests that the grid network sample locations be positively biased toward proposed future landscape areas in order to better identify potential risks associated with exposed residual soils at the site (e.g. samples near MW-14 and VP-1).

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c. Table 3 of the cited DTSC guidance also indicates that four samples are to be additionally collected for out buildings (shed or similar small structures). The former restrooms along the northern property line can be considered an out building. Please collect an additional eight samples at four sample locations at the site, and submit a revised Figure 2 with planned (and revised) soil sample locations.

# **TECHNICAL REPORT REQUEST**

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

- February 15, 2010 Soil Sampling Report Report on Surficial Soil Sampling & Well Survey
- July 2, 2010 Interim Remedial Action Plan (Pilot Test Results) Report summarizing pilot test results, field procedures, laboratory results, boring logs, confirmation vapor point sampling, analysis of surficial lead to future residents, and recommendations.
- October 2, 2010 Revised Draft CAP

These reports are 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

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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.

If you have any questions, please call me at (510) 567-6876 or send me an electronic mail message at mark.detterman@acgov.org.

Sincerely,

Mark E. Detterman, PG, CEG Hazardous Materials Specialist

cc: Charlotte Evans, Conestoga-Rovers & Associates, 5900 Hollis Street, Suite A, Emeryville, CA 94608 (sent via electronic mail to cevens@craworld.com)

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Donna Drogos (sent via electronic mail to <a href="mailto:donna.drogos@acgov.org">donna.drogos@acgov.org</a>)

Mark Detterman (sent via electronic mail to mark.detterman@acgov.org), File

# 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 dehloptoxic@acgov.org

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