# ALAMEDA COUNTY HEALTH CARE SERVICES AGENCY



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**NOTICE TO COMPLY** 

July 21, 2011

Keith West General Motors Corporation 485 W. Milwaukee Avenue Detroit, MI 48202

Subject: Notice to Comply for Fuel Leak Case No. RO0001389 and GeoTracker Global ID

T0600101692, GMC Truck Center, 8099 S. Coliseum Way, Oakland, CA 94607

Dear Mr. West:

A review of the case file for the above-referenced site indicates that your case is currently not in compliance with Alameda County Environmental Health's (ACEH) April 18, 2000 Final Notice of Violation, which required submittal of reports by May 22, 2000. In addition, you are not in compliance with our November 18, 2010 e-mail correspondence, which required compliance with electronic reporting (Chapter 30, Division 3, Titles 23 & 27 of the California Code of Regulations) and our February 25, 2011 Notice of Violation, which also required electronic reporting compliance (which includes claiming your site) by March 28, 2011. Over 3 months have lapsed and electronic reporting has not been conducted, the site appears uncharacterized, and reports documenting groundwater sampling have not been received.

Implementation of groundwater sampling at this site is crucial to be protective of human health and the environment, as free-phase product was previously detected. Please note that as Responsible Parties, you are required by California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Division 3, Chapter 16, Article 11, §2720 through §2728 to characterize the site and implement corrective action.

Also, a review of State Water Resources Control Board's GeoTracker website the site has not been claimed and ACEH's FTP site indicate that submittals have not been electronically uploaded rendering the site to non-compliance status. Please note that in addition to GeoTracker, all reports, work plans, correspondences, etc. must be uploaded to ACEH's FTP site (see the enclosed "ACEH Electronic Report Upload (ftp) Instructions.").

In order to regain compliance, please implement groundwater sampling and electronically upload all documents to GeoTracker and ACEH's FTP server by the dates specified below. Failure to implement the groundwater sampling and submit reports by the due date specified below may result in referral to the Office of the District Attorney for possible enforcement action and penalties and/or ineligibility for reimbursement of corrective action costs incurred at the site from the Underground Storage Tank Clean-up Fund. Furthermore, ACEH may recommend removal of this 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

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be imposed. Once removed from the Clean-up Fund, the costs associated with site characterization/site cleanup work that is required will not be reimbursed. Please note that civil penalties for non-compliance are assessed from the original due date (May 22, 2000).

# **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.

# **TECHNICAL REPORT REQUEST**

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

- August 19, 2011 ACEH / GeoTracker Electronic Reporting Compliance (Claim Site in GeoTracker)
- November 15, 2011 Quarterly/Semi-annual Monitoring Report (3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2011)
- February 15, 2012 Quarterly/Semi-annual Monitoring Report (4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2011)
- May 15, 2012 Quarterly/Semi-annual Monitoring Report (1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2012)
- August 15, 2012 Quarterly/Semi-annual Monitoring Report (2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2012)

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

Charles Dittmar, ARCADIS (Sent via E-mail to: charles.dittmar@arcadis-us.com)
Leroy Griffin, Oakland Fire Department, 250 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Ste. 3341, Oakland,
CA 94612-2032 (Sent via E-mail to: lgriffin@oaklandnet.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

File

# 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 (<a href="http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/ust/electronic\_submittal/report\_rgmts.shtml">http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/ust/electronic\_submittal/report\_rgmts.shtml</a>.

## **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.
- <u>Do not</u> 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.
   <u>Documents with password protection will not be accepted.</u>
- 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 dehloptoxic@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 <a href="ftp://alcoftp1.acgov.org">ftp://alcoftp1.acgov.org</a>
    - (i) Note: Netscape, Safari, and Firefox browsers will not open the FTP site.
  - 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 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.