



WZI INC.

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**Re: Review of Draft Site Assessment Workplan, January 1999
Schropp Farms-East Property
3880 Mountain House Road, Byron, California**

Dear Mr. Garrison:

WZI has reviewed the Draft Site Assessment Workplan for the Schropp Farms-East Property located at 3880 Mountain House Road, Byron, California dated January 1999, prepared by Brown and Caldwell Consulting Engineers for Shell Oil Company. WZI reviewed the proposed workplan that discusses site background, previous site assessments, proposed field investigation and laboratory QA/QC procedures.

In summary, the workplan is a well written and well documented outline for conducting the next step in the hydrogeologic site characterization of the Schropp Farms-East Property. Significant issues that should be included in the workplan and may be modified to be included while in the field are as follows:

- 1) During groundwater monitoring well sampling of existing and future wells, the five groundwater monitoring wells included in the WZI investigation of the Schropp Farms-West Property should also be sampled. This will allow for collection of additional near field hydrogeological data.

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- 2) Groundwater samples should be analyzed for constituents outlined in the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (RWQCB) underground storage tank investigation guidelines. Analyses should include methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE) and/or other oxygenated compounds that are currently being required to be tested by the RWQCB.
- 3) WZI should be extended the opportunity to review any future groundwater monitoring well construction and/or development. This shall also extend to any sampling events such as quarterly monitoring.

Preparation of the final groundwater site characterization report should include groundwater surface elevation information that can be obtained from the groundwater monitoring wells located on the Schropp Farms-West Property. This will allow for development of a complete gradient of the local groundwater table.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (209) 369-9421 or Allen Waggoner in our Bakersfield at (805) 326-1112.

Very truly yours,



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