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April 16, 2010

Ms. Susan Rosenberg (sent via e-mail: Rosenberg.4@comcast.net) Willbett Company 109 Hartford Road Danville, CA 94526

Subject: WORK PLAN APPROVAL Fuel Leak Case No. RO00002983 and Geotracker Global ID T10000000420, Willbett Company, 925 Stanford Avenue, Oakland, CA 94608

Dear Ms. Rosenberg:

Thank you for the recently submitted document entitled, *Preferential Pathway Survey and Site Assessment Work Plan*, dated July 20, 2009, which was prepared by Ninyo and Moore Consultants 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 work plan proposes advancing seven borings to determine the extent of contamination in the areas of the two underground storage tanks (USTs).

The proposed scope of work may be implemented provided that the modifications requested in the technical comments below are addressed and incorporated during the field implementation. Submittal of a revised Work Plan is not required unless an alternate scope of work outside that described in the Work Plan and technical comments below is proposed.

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

# **TECHNICAL COMMENTS**

1. Soil Sampling and Soil and Groundwater Analysis — The proposal to transfer soil samples from the acetate liner to glass jars for analysis of volatile organic compounds is not acceptable. Please use the original acetate liners to collect your samples to minimize volatilization. The standard procedure is to cut the acetate liners, place Teflon tape over each end, place end caps over the Teflon tape before labeling, placing into plastic bags and placing the samples on ice. In addition to sampling at the proposed areas of impact, please submit samples at lithologic changes and at a minimum of every five-feet. Also, please analyze for BTEX, methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE), ethyl tertiary butyl ether (ETBE), diisopropyl ether (DIPE), tertiary amyl methyl ether (TAME), tert butyl alcohol (TBA), ethylene dibromide (EDB) and ethylene dichloride (EDC) by EPA Method 8260 in soil and groundwater.

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- 2. Preferential Pathway Study The preferential pathway survey indicates a sanitary sewer line is located almost immediately on the north side of the former 1,300 gallon UST and could intercept groundwater from this site. The depth of the line is indicated as 4.25 to 5 feet deep along that section. Borings have been proposed to the north of the sewer line (B-2) and to the west of the UST (B-3). Please relocate B-3 closer to the former UST to determine if contamination may be intercepted by the trench backfill of the sanitary sewer line.
- 3. <u>Above-ground Tank</u> The initial UST removal report also identified that an above-ground tank was identified and removed from the site. If you have additional samples that were collected during the AST removal please submit them with the report requested below. However, if no results are available, additional sampling should be performed during this investigation to determine if any impact exists in the AST area.

# **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: Barbara Jakub), according to the following schedule:

• July 1, 2010 - Soil and Water Investigation Report

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.

Sincerely,

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

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

cc: Cem Atabek, Ninyo and Moore, 1956 Webster St., Oakland, CA 94612 (Sent via email to catabek@ninyoandmoore.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)

Barbara Jakub, ACEH

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 rqmts.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.

## <u>UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK CLEANUP FUND</u>

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.