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November 20, 2009

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PO Box 2768
Danville, CA 94526

Subject: Fuel Leak Case No. RO0002999 and Geotracker Global ID T10000001067, 7 Eleven #32266, 1339 Vasco Road, Livermore, CA 94551

Dear Mr. Hilliard and Mr. Blau:

Alameda County Environmental Health (ACEH) staff has reviewed the fuel leak case file for the above referenced site. During fuel system upgrade activities in December 2008, four soil samples were collected beneath the dispensers at the 7-Eleven store at 1339 Vasco Road in Livermore. Total petroleum hydrocarbons as gasoline (TPHg) and benzene were detected in one of the soil samples at concentrations of 12 and 0.21 milligrams per kilogram, respectively. MTBE was detected in one of the dispenser soil samples at a concentration of 0.024 mg/kg. MTBE and TBA were also detected in UST excavation soil samples collected from the site in January 2005 at concentrations up to 2.4 and 2.6 mg/kg, respectively. The detections of fuel hydrocarbons and oxygenates in soil samples during the UST excavation and dispenser upgrade indicate that an unauthorized release occurred.

The site is within the Livermore-Amador Valley, which is an area where groundwater is actively used as a drinking water supply. Groundwater within the Livermore-Amador Groundwater Basin constitutes a valuable current and future resource. Due to the indication of a fuel release and the location of your site within a groundwater basin where groundwater is used for drinking water, we request that you complete a site investigation to evaluate whether groundwater has been affected by the release. We request that you submit a work plan detailing your proposal to investigate potential soil and groundwater contamination **by February 24, 2010**.

I have been assigned as the case worker for your fuel leak case. Please send future correspondence or questions to my attention.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

We request that you submit copies of any reports you have documenting additional investigation activities or other work that are relevant to the fuel release or other unauthorized releases and not currently in ACEH case files. This includes Phase I environmental site assessment reports and site investigations conducted for potential real estate transactions. ACEH case files may be reviewed online using the ACEH website (<http://www.acgov.org/aceh>).

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TECHNICAL REPORT REQUEST

Please submit technical reports to Alameda County Environmental Health (Attention: Jerry Wickham), according to the following schedule:

- **February 24, 2010** – Work Plan

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/cleanup/electronic_reporting).

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

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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.

LANDOWNER NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to California Health & Safety Code Section 25297.15, the active or primary responsible party for a fuel leak case must inform all current property owners of the site of cleanup actions or requests for closure. Furthermore, ACEH may not consider any cleanup proposals or requests for case closure without assurance that this notification requirement has been met. Additionally, the active or primary responsible party is required to forward to ACEH a complete mailing list of all record fee title holders to the site. We have received your letter dated April 15, 2006, which meets this requirement.

In the future, for you to meet these requirements when submitting cleanup proposals or requests for case closure, ACEH requires that you:

1. Notify all current record owners of fee title to the site of any cleanup proposals or requests for case closure;
2. Submit a letter to ACEH which certifies that the notification requirement in 25297.15(a) of the Health and Safety Code has been met;
3. Forward to ACEH a copy of your complete mailing list of all record fee title holders to the site; and
4. Update your mailing list of all record fee title holders, and repeat the process outlined above prior to submittal of any additional *Corrective Action Plan* or your *Request for Case Closure*.

Your written certification to ACEH (Item 2 above) must state, at a minimum, the following:

A. In accordance with Section 25297.15(a) of the Health & Safety Code, I, (name of primary responsible party), certify that I have notified all responsible landowners of the enclosed proposed action. (Check space for applicable proposed action(s)):

cleanup proposal (Corrective Action Plan)

request for case closure

local agency intention to make a determination that no further action is required

local agency intention to issue a closure letter

- OR -

B. In accordance with section 25297.15(a) of Chapter 6.7 of the Health & Safety Code, I, (name of primary responsible party), certify that I am the sole landowner for the above site.

(Note: Complete item A if there are multiple site landowners. If you are the sole site landowner, skip item A and complete item B.)

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.

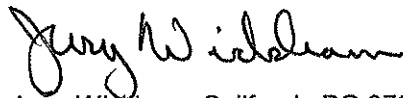
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If it appears as though significant delays are occurring or reports are not submitted as requested, we will consider referring your case to the Regional Board or other appropriate agency, including the County District Attorney, for possible enforcement 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) 567-6791 or send me an electronic mail message at jerry.wickham@acgov.org.

Sincerely,



Jerry Wickham, California PG 3766, CEG 1177, and CHG 297
Senior Hazardous Materials Specialist

Enclosure: ACEH Electronic Report Upload (ftp) Instructions

cc: Cheryl Dizon, QIC 80201, Zone 7 Water Agency, 100 North Canyons Parkway,
Livermore, CA 94551

Danielle Stefani, Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department, 3560 Nevada Street
Pleasanton, CA 94566

Donna Drogos, ACEH
Jerry Wickham, ACEH
Geotracker, 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
 - Or
 - 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 <ftp://alcoftp1.acgov.org>
 - (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.