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Mr. Jerry Wickham Alameda County Environmental Health (ACEH) 1131 Harbor Bay Parkway Alameda, CA 94502

Reference: Golden Gate Sign Company

711 Independent Road

Oakland, Alameda County, California

**Subject:** Environmental Summary

### Dear Mr. Wickham:

SCHUTZE & Associates, Inc. is pleased to submit this Environmental Summary for the Golden Gate Sign Company property at 711 Independent Road, Oakland (subject site). The purpose of the Summary is to discuss potential sources of MTBE<sup>1</sup> detected in groundwater beneath the subject site and to decide if further action is required. The subject property was occupied by the ACME Fixture Company Store for approximately 40 years and by Golden Gate Sign Company since 2000.<sup>2</sup> A former leaking underground storage tank (LUST) site exists at 700 Independent Road, approximately 200 ft southeast and up-gradient from the subject site. A 1,100-gallon underground storage tank (UST) was removed from the up-gradient site, the former SPK Industrial Property, in 2005. ACEH approved case closure in 2010 (#RO0002900).

A site map depicting both properties and the calculated groundwater flow direction for the SPK Industrial Property is provided as Figure 1.

# Golden Gate Sign Company (711 Independent Road; Subject Site)

- ADR Environmental Group, Inc. (ADR) conducted a Phase II Subsurface Investigation at the subject site to investigate possible chlorinated solvent impacts at the property from an on-site paint shop (ADR, 2012). The investigation did not detect chlorinated solvents, but did detect MTBE.
- Twelve borings were advanced at the subject site in the course of ADR's Phase II investigation. ADR's Site Plan/Boring Location Plan, with notations giving the

<sup>1</sup> Methyl-tertiary butyl ether

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> ADR Environmental Group, Inc., Subsurface Investigation Report, Golden Gate Sign Company, 711 Independent Road, Oakland, California, December 26, 2012

concentrations of MTBE detected, is attached as Figure 2. The highest MTBE concentration detected in groundwater was 150 µg/L in Boring B-9.

- Xylenes were detected in groundwater in Boring B-1 (2.5 µg/L) and Boring B-11 (1.5 µg/L). Ethylbenzene was detected in Boring B-1 at 0.75 µg/L. No other volatile organic compounds (VOCs) were detected in the samples (ADR did not analyze for TPH-g or other hydrocarbons).
- The only soil sample analyzed contained no VOCs.

### Former SPK Industrial Property (700 Independent Road; up-gradient site)

- The date of installation for the UST and the associated product piping is not known. The tank was described at the time of removal as "rusty and stained with many holes." The length of time that the tank was leaking is not known. Therefore, the tank may already have been leaking when MTBE was introduced into gasoline in 1979. The tank was removed in 2005, allowing a significant amount of time for gasoline constituents to migrate in the subsurface.
- Groundwater monitoring reports for the former UST site<sup>4</sup> report a variable groundwater flow direction; however, calculations using the triangulation of monitoring wells MW-2, MW-3 and MW-5 indicate that the flow direction appears to be to the northwest, towards the subject site and the San Francisco Bay (Appendix A).
- The groundwater in the area of the subject site and the former UST site is subject to tidal influences.
- Kleinfelder, Inc.'s 2006 Site Field Investigation report<sup>5</sup> stated "On the western side of the study area about 20 to 23 feet bgs a sandy layer was encountered." This layer could act as a migration pathway.
- The up-gradient site was closed with elevated concentrations. The following are the concentrations from the last groundwater samples reported analyzed from monitoring well MW-2 (collected on March 4, 2010<sup>6</sup>):

 $TPH-d^7 = 1.300 \, \mu g/L^8$  $TPH-q^9 = 32,000 \mu g/L$ Benzene =  $11,000 \mu g/L$ Toluene = 96 µg/L Ethylbenzene = 760 µg/L  $Xylenes = 540 \mu g/L$ 

ACEH Case Closure/No Further Action Letter, February 17, 2011

<sup>4</sup> http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile\_report.asp?global\_id=T0600165110

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Kleinfelder, Inc., Site Field Investigation, 700 Independent Road, Oakland, California, September 27, 2006

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Kleinfelder West, Inc., First Quarter 2010 Groundwater Monitoring Report, 700 Independent Road, Oakland, California, May 12, 2010

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Total petroleum hydrocarbons as diesel

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Micrograms per liter

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Total petroleum hydrocarbons as gasoline

A table giving historic groundwater data for the site is attached (Table 1).

- MTBE was not detected at the former UST site and was removed from the sampling program in June of 2009.
- MTBE is nearly 29 times more soluble/mobile in water than benzene. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) states "BTEX<sup>10</sup> plumes stabilize and recede less than 260 feet from the release source" (EPA Regulatory Determinations Support Document for CCL2, June 2008). The American Petroleum Institute states "If BTEX attenuation rates are relatively high, then a single release of oxygenated fuel may ultimately produce two distinct dissolved-phase plumes: a BTEX plume near the source and an ether oxygenate plume further down-gradient." (API Strategies for Characterizing Subsurface Releases of Gasoline Containing MTBE, February 2000).
- Tert-butyl alcohol (TBA), a degradation product of MTBE, does not appear to have been analyzed for in groundwater testing at the up-gradient site.

### **Conclusions**

- If MTBE has been released at the subject site in the area of Boring B-9, other fuel additives should also have been detected at that location. Therefore, it is unlikely that the release occurred at the Boring B-9 location.
- There is a possibility that a small, unreported surface fuel spill occurred a certain distance away from Boring B-9 and only MTBE migrated to the boring location.
- There is a possibility that MTBE was insufficiently studied at the up-gradient LUST site and has migrated from that site to the boring location on the Golden Gate Sign property.

Based on the low concentrations of MTBE detected beneath the Golden Gate Sign Company and the likely off-site source, SCHUTZE & Associates, Inc. recommends no further investigations at the site. However, in order for the current owner to obtain approval for re-financing of the property, an agency opinion would be required. Please let us know if you concur with our "no further action" conclusion and if you can provide an agency opinion letter.

Cordially,

**SCHUTZE & ASSOCIATES, INC.** 

Andrew Renshaw Project Geologist

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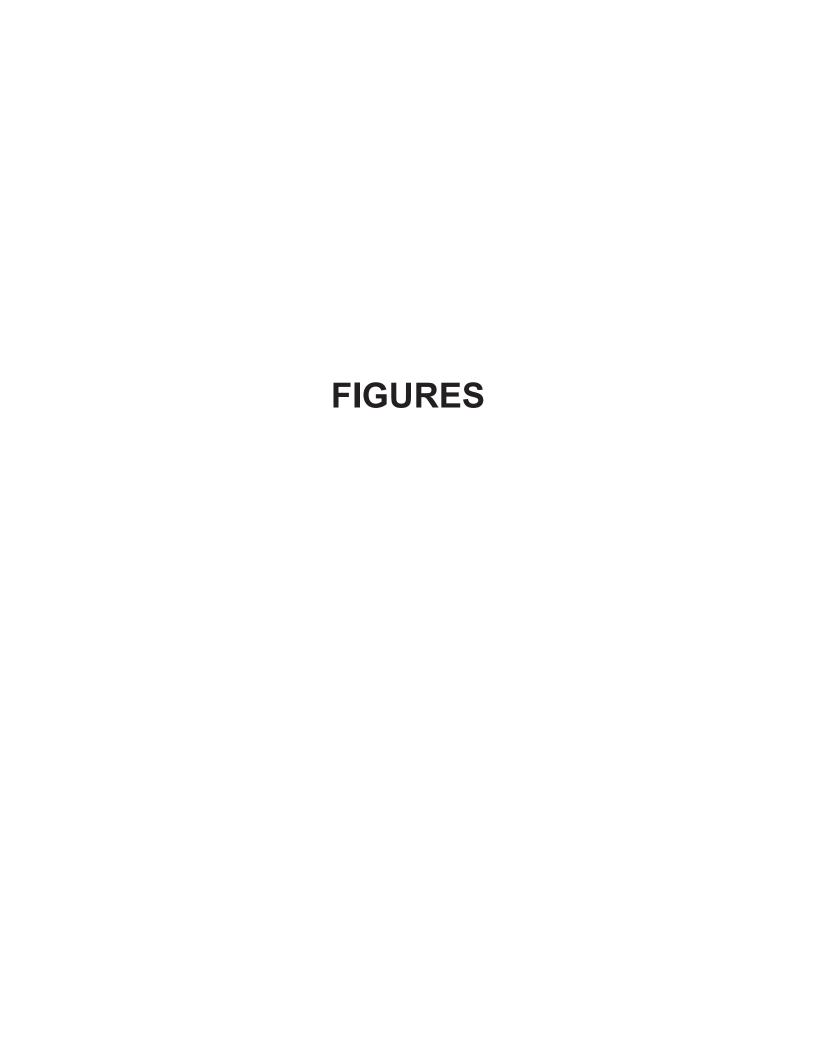
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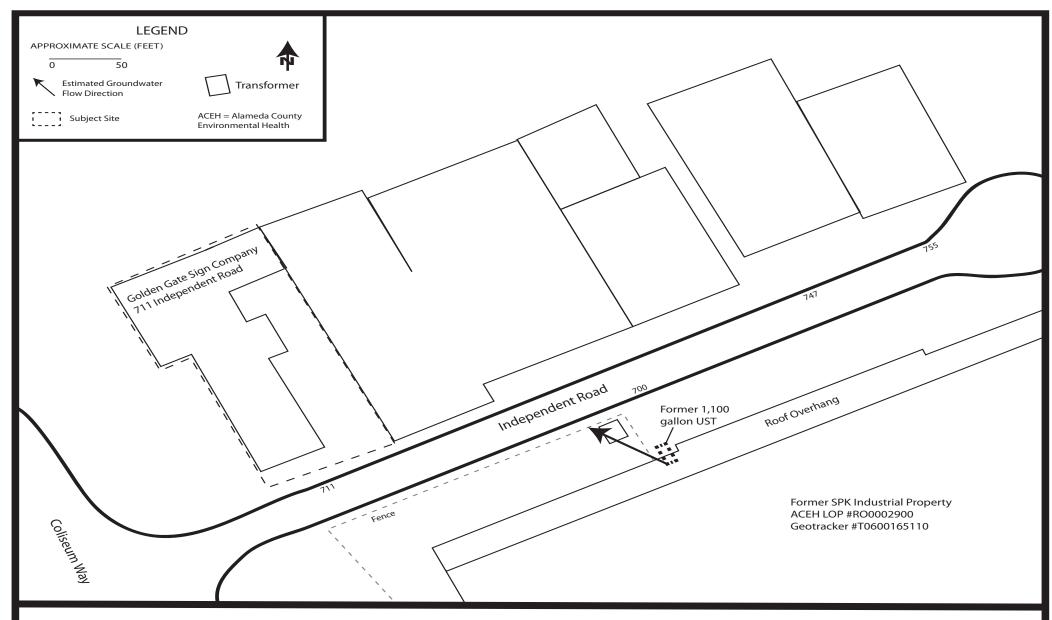
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and xylenes

## **Attachments**

- Figure 1: Site Map with Calculated Groundwater Flow Direction from SPK Industrial Property, 700 Independent Road
- Figure 2: MTBE Concentrations in Groundwater (shown on ADR Environmental Group, Inc. Site Plan / Boring Location Plan dated December 2012)
- Table 1: Historic Groundwater Data (Kleinfelder, Inc., Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons, Volatile Organics and total Dissolved Solids in Groundwater (Table 4), First Quarter 2010)
- Appendix A: Calculated Groundwater Flow Direction (based on Kleinfelder, Inc. Groundwater Surface Elevation Contours and Estimated Groundwater Flow (Plate 3) dated March 28, 2008, June 11, 2008, December 1, 2008, March 12, 2009, June 30, 2009, December 23, 2009 and March 4, 2010)

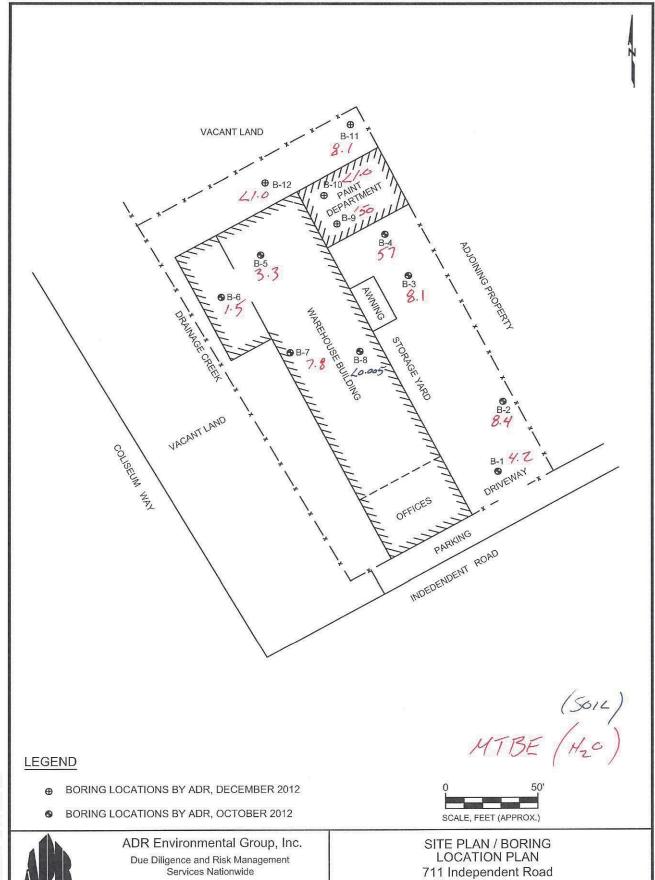




SITE MAP WITH GROUNDWATER FLOW DIRECTION FROM FORMER SPK INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY 700 INDEPENDENT ROAD, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

SCHUTZE & ASSOCIATES, INC. PROJECT SCS476

FIGURE 1
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Date:

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FIGURE:

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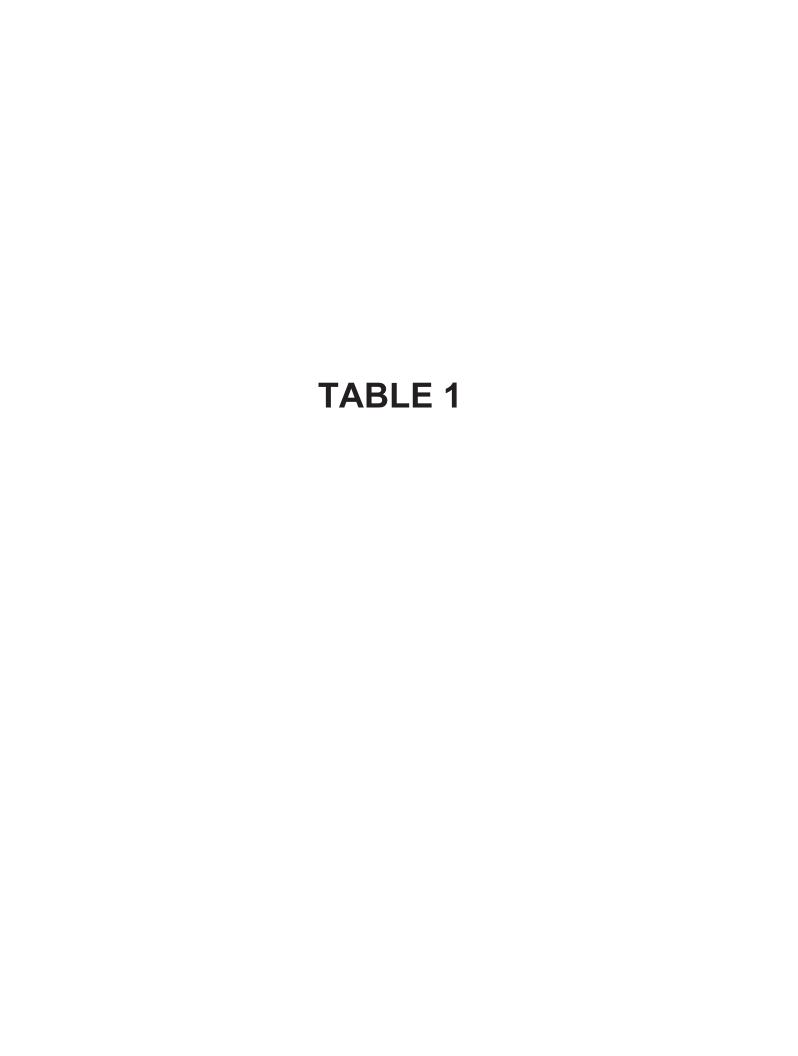


Table 4
Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons, Volatile Organics and Total Dissolved Solids In Groundwater
700 Independent Road, Oakland, California

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Methyl tert butyl ether	<1.1	<0.500	<0.500	<1.10	<4.40	<4.40	<4.40	Y S	Z A	X Y	<13.2	<22	< 22	< 22	< 44	< 44 44	^ 4	, 44	ΝΑ	ΑĀ	¥.	ΑΝ	ΑΝ	Ą	NA	ΑN	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	NA	NA	¥:	AA
Xylenes, total	351	197	26.7	0.09	126	218	455	34	× 13	× 8.8	2.880	5,420	2,330	1,040	1,410	1,180	980	995	330	300	510	460	950	1,100	520	540	<1.5	<1.5	<1.5	<1.50	<1.50	<1.50	<1.50	<1.50	<1.50	<1.50	< 1.0
(-3,5,1) ənəznədlydəminT	ΑN	17.1	6.12	NA	11.0	35.1	¥:	¥ ×	Z Z	N A	ΑN	650	352	NA	731	66.9	ΑN	Ϋ́	NA	NA	NA.	NA	NA	NA	NA	ΝΑ	NA	<0.5	<0.5	NA	<0.5	<0.5	NA	NA	NA	A :	NA
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Propylbenzene (n-)	ΑN	20.8	19	NA	<4.40	88.4	¥:	¥ Ş	Z Z	¥	ΑN	143	118	NA	<44.0	125	ΑĀ	ΑΝ	NA	ΑΝ	¥	ΑN	AA	AN.	NA	ΝΑ	NA	<0.5	<0.5	NA	<0.5	<0.5	NA	NA	NA	¥:	ΝΑ
Maphthalene	ΑN	7.69	4.35	NA	<52.8	298	V N	NA V	Z Z	NA N	ΑN	231	227	NA	<528	196	NA	ΝΑ	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	ΑN	NA	ΝΑ	NA	<0.5	<0.5	NA	<6.0	<1.0	NA	NA	NA	A :	NA
lsopropyltoluene (4-)	ΑN	2.42	1.69	NA	NA	NA	¥:	Y S	Z AZ	NA N	ΑN	<22	<22	NA	NA	NA	NA	ΝΑ	NA	ΝΑ	NA NA	AA	AA	AN	NA	NA	NA	<0.5	<0.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	¥:	NA
lsopropylbenzene	AA	11.6	9.96	NA	18.9	36.7	NA	NA	Y A	NA	AN	69.1	73	NA	<88.0	<88.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	W	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	<1.0	<1.0	NA	<1.00	<1.00	NA	NA	NA	¥:	NA
Eţµλ peuzeue	60.2	72.2	78.6	161	160	137	235	33	17	4.1	588	1,120	1,350	619	1,090	1,240	1,050	1,030	400	370	780	710	2,000	2,300	710	760	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
1,2 Dichloroethane	<1.1	<0.500	<0.500	NA	<4.40	<4.40	V :	A N	Z Z	NA	226	611	268	NA	542	468	ΑN	ΑN	NA	ΑN	NA	AN	NA	ΝΑ	NA	ΑN	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	NA	<0.5	<0.5	NA	NA	NA	NA:	NA
Butylbenzene (sec-)	ΑN	6.0	2.41	NA	<4.40	<4.40	¥:	¥ S	Ç A	N A	ΨN	<22	<22	NA	<44	<44	Ϋ́	Ϋ́	ΝΑ	ΝΑ	NA.	ΝΑ	NA	ΝΑ	NA	ΝΑ	NA	<0.5	<0.5	NA	<0.5	<0.5	NA	NA	NA	Y :	NA
Benzene	162	145	204	1,020	721	295	488	99	96	3 4	11.600	15,800	13,300	12,600	19,700	20,500	10,300	10,900	7,300	7,600	13,000E	11,000	12,000	14,000	9,900	11,000	<0.500	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	0.79
6-НЧТ	3,300	1,700b	1,510b	12,000	4,700	2,900	7,700	8/0	770	< 440 **	38.000	52,100b	30,900b	47000b	31,000	53,000	40,000	42,000	20,000	20,000	26,000	26,000	24,000	22,000	32,000	32,000	<20	<50	<50	<50	<50	<20	<20	<20	<50	<50	<0.5
b-HqT	390a	315a	186a	<100	235a	484a	504	2,100	× 100 × 100	110	940a	1690a	3,770a	300a	1,030a	965a	862	Ϋ́	657a	624a	680a	730a	<100	<100	1,000	1,300	<100	<100	<100	<100	<100	<100	<100	< 100	< 100	<100	< 100
Date Sampled	3/19/2007	9/10/2007	12/17/2007	3/28/2008	6/11/2008	12/1&2/2008	3/12/2009	6/30/2009	12/23/2009	3/4/2010	3/19/2007	9/10/2007	12/17/2007	3/28/2008	6/11/2008	12/1&2/2008	3/12/2009	3/12/09 Dup	6/30/2009	6/30/2009Dup	9/1/2009	9/1/2009 Dup	12/23/2009	12/23/2009 Dup	3/4/2010	3/4/2010 Dup	3/19/2007	9/10/2007	12/17/2007	3/28/2008	6/11/2008	12/1&2/2008	3/12/2009	6/30/2009	9/1/2009	12/23/2009	3/4/2010
Sample Location MW-1												MW-3											•														

Table 4

Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons, Volatile Organics and Total Dissolved Solids In Groundwater
700 Independent Road, Oakland, California

	1/31/2008	< 100	56.0b	< 0.5	NA	NA	< 0.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	< 0.5	NA	NA	<1.50	< 0.5	NA
	3/28/2008	< 100	61d	<0.5	NA	NA	<0.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	<0.5	NA	NA	<1.50	<0.5	NA
	6/11/2008	< 100	<50	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<1.00	NA	<6.00	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<1.50	<0.5	NA
	12/1&2/2008	< 100	<50	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<1.00	NA	<1.00	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<1.50	<0.5	NA
MW-4	3/12/2009	< 100	<50	<0.5	NA	NA	<0.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	<0.5	NA	NA	<1.50	<0.5	NA
	6/30/2009	< 100	<50	<0.5	NA	NA	<0.5	NA	NA	NA NA NA <0.5 NA NA <1.50 NA	NA						
	9/1/2009	< 100	<50	<0.5	NA	NA	<0.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	<0.5	NA	NA	<1.50	NA	NA
	12/23/2009	< 100	<50	<0.5	NA	NA	<0.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	<0.5	NA	NA	<1.50	NA	NA
	3/4/2010	< 100	<50	0.90	NA	NA	<0.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	<0.5	NA	NA	<1.0	NA	NA
	1/31/2008	544a	55 b	<0.5	NA	NA	<0.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	<0.5	NA	NA	< 1.50	<0.5	NA
	3/28/2008	< 100	57d	<0.5	NA	NA	<0.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	<0.5	NA	NA	<1.50	<0.5	NA
	6/11/2008	< 100	< 50	<0.5	< 0.50	<0.5	<0.5	<1.00	NA	<6.00	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<1.50	<0.5	NA
	12/1&2/2008	< 100	< 50	<0.5	< 0.50	<0.5	<0.5	<1.00	NA	<1.00	<0.5	< 0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<1.50	<0.5	NA
MW-5	3/12/2009	< 100	< 50	<0.5	NA	NA	< 0.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	<0.5	NA	NA	<1.50	<0.5	NA
	6/30/2009	< 100	< 50	<0.5	NA	NA	<0.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	<0.5	NA	NA	<1.50	NA	NA
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	12/23/2009	< 100	< 50	<0.5	NA	NA	<0.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	<0.5	NA	NA	<1.50	NA	NA
	3/4/2010	< 100	< 50	0.84	NA	NA	<0.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	<0.5	NA	NA	< 1.0	NA	NA
ESL*		210	210	46	NE	200	43	NE	NE	24	NE	130	NE	NE	100	1800	NE

### Notes:

All results in micrograms per liter (µg/l). Values in bold exceed corresponding ESLs.

- a Chromatogram does not resemble typical diesel pattern (possibly fuel lighter than diesel). Lighter end hydrocarbons and hydrocarbon peaks within the diesel range quantified as diesel.
- b Although TPH-g is present, result is elevated due to the presence of non-target compounds within the gasoline quantitative range.
- E Estimated value. The amount exceeds the calibration range but within the linear range of instrument.
- \* ESL Environmental Screening Levels from San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board, Interim Final November 2007 (revised May 2008). Lowest level reported from:
- Table B. Environmental Screening Levels. Groundwater IS NOT a current or potential drinking water source.
- \*\* Laboratory reporting limit exceeds ESL (210 µg/L)

### Acronyms, abreviations:

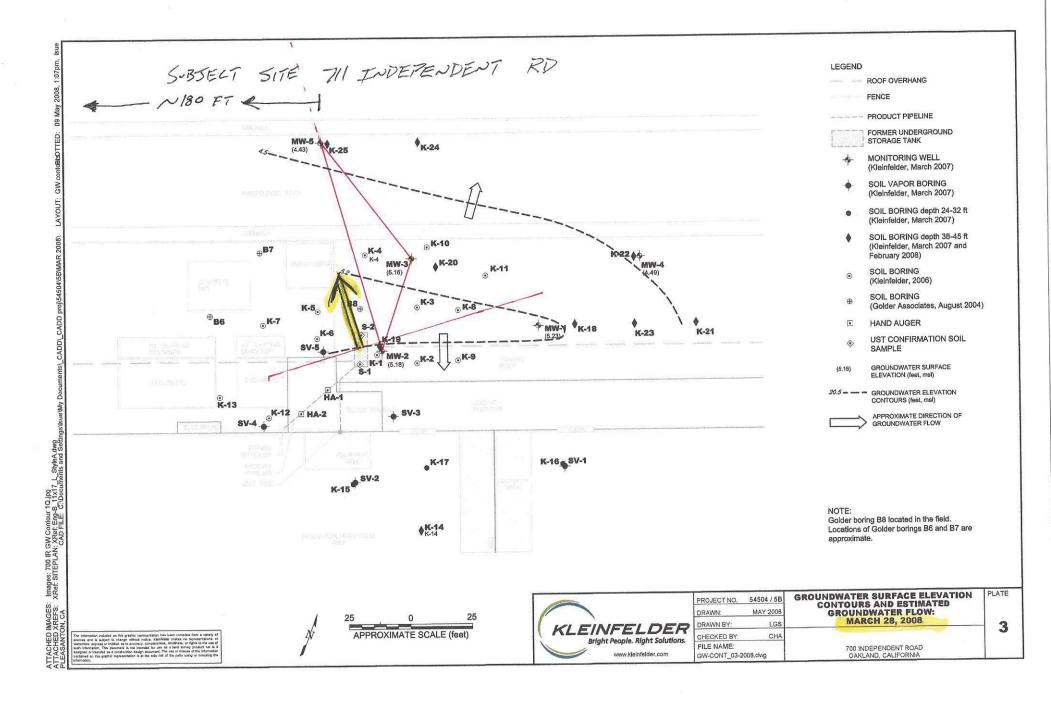
TPH-d - Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons - diesel

TPH-g - Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons - gasoline

Dup - duplicate sample

NE - Not established NA - Not analyzed

# APPENDIX A GROUNDWATER CALCULATIONS



ROOF OVERHANG

PRODUCT PIPELINE

FORMER UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK

MONITORING WELL (Kleinfelder, March 2007)

SOIL VAPOR BORING (Kleinfelder, March 2007)

SOIL BORING depth 24-32 ft (Kleinfelder, March 2007)

SOIL BORING depth 38-45 ft (Kleinfelder, March 2007 and February 2008)

SOIL BORING (Kleinfelder, 2006)

SOIL BORING (Golder Associates, August 2004)

HAND AUGER

UST CONFIRMATION SOIL SAMPLE

GROUNDWATER ELEVATION

4.7 - - GROUNDWATER ELEVATION CONTOURS (feet, msl)

APPROXIMATE DIRECTION OF GROUNDWATER FLOW with

Golder boring B8 located in the field. Locations of Golder borings B6 and B7 are

PLATE

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APPROXIMATE SCALE (feet)

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GROUNDWATER SURFACE ELEVATION CONTOURS AND ESTIMATED GROUNDWATER FLOW:
JUNE 11, 2008

700 INDEPENDENCE ROAD OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

