

ALAMEDA COUNTY  
**HEALTH CARE SERVICES**  
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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH  
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October 27, 2017

Mr. William Mathews Brooks  
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Fremont, CA 94536  
(Sent via electronic mail to: [REWMB@aol.com](mailto:REWMB@aol.com))

Subject: Modified Work Plan Approval; Site Cleanup Program (SCP) Case No. RO0003120 and GeoTracker Global ID T10000005063, Swiss Valley Cleaners, 1395 MacArthur Blvd, San Leandro, CA 94577

Dear Mr. Brooks:

Alameda County Department of Environmental Health (ACDEH) has reviewed the *Site Assessment Work Plan*, dated June 16, 2017 and the *Indoor Air & Sub-Slab Monitoring Report – Second Quarter 2017*, dated July 3, 2017, the *Remediation Status report – Second Quarter 2017*, dated August 2, 2017, and the *Remediation Status report – Third Quarter 2017*, dated October 10, 2017. The reports were prepared and submitted on your behalf by Advanced GeoEnvironmental, Inc, (AGE). Thank you for undertaking the work and submitting the reports.

The work plan proposed the installation of Cone Penetration Test (CPT) bores at two locations to the south of the subject site to define the lateral extent of contamination to the south, and the installation of four bores within the former dry cleaner unit and conversion of the bores to two shallow and two deep soil vapor wells for potential long-term vapor monitoring and to define the vertical extent of vapor contamination, respectively.

Based on ACDEH staff review of the work plan, the proposed scope of work is conditionally approved for implementation provided that the technical comments below are incorporated during the proposed work. Submittal of a revised work plan or a work plan addendum is not required unless an alternate scope of work outside that described in the work plan or these technical comments is proposed. We request that you address the following technical comments, perform the proposed work, and send us the report described below. Please provide 72-hour advance written notification to this office (e-mail preferred to: [mark.detterman@acgov.org](mailto:mark.detterman@acgov.org)) prior to the start of field activities.

### **TECHNICAL COMMENTS**

- 1. Work Plan Comments** – The referenced work plan proposes a series of actions with which ACDEH is in general agreement of undertaking. Please submit the results of the investigation in a report by the date identified below.
- 2. Rebound Testing** – ACDEH is in agreement that it is appropriate to extend the operation time period of the vapor extraction system an additional period of time, and to conduct additional rebound testing thereafter. At that time, this is requested to incorporate soil vapor, sub-slab, and indoor air sampling at four commercial suites (1395 to 1369 MacArthur Boulevard), using standard operation protocols. Elevated, but dated, results from 1377 MacArthur indicate the need to extend these sampling events further from the subject suite (please see the next Technical Comment). Please note that multiple rebound sampling events, at increasing periods of time extending from the point of system shutdown, are anticipated to be appropriate to document the lack of rebound.

Additionally, the collection of subsurface and indoor barometric pressures may be appropriate in an effort to determine vapor flow directionality between the subsurface and the indoor air.

- 3. Abandoned Infrastructure and Brief Work Plan** - ACDEH notes that the documented existence of an older dry cleaning facility towards MacArthur, and perceives that associated required infrastructure, such as a sanitary sewer line for sumps and bathrooms, indicates additional sample locations may be a necessity within each of the four suites referenced above. The presence of two sewer runs beneath 1369 MacArthur additionally suggests this approach. Therefore, ACDEH requests an effort to identify the presence of abandoned infrastructure beneath the property (older architectural drawings, geophysical methods, etc.) and the submittal of a brief work plan, referencing standard previously accepted procedures, to investigate the presence of contamination along that infrastructure. ACDEH requests that the locations of all active or abandoned infrastructure, supplying or within the suites, including water or gas lines be identified, and plotted on site figures. Please be aware that potential preferential pathways such as these are a primary concern at chlorinated solvent sites; especially at older facilities that may have employed older approaches to waste management. Please submit a report on site infrastructure locations, and an associated work plan, by the date identified below.

### **SUBMITTAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT**

Please note that ACDEH has updated Attachment 1 with regard to report submittals to ACDEH. ACDEH will now be requiring a Submittal Acknowledgement Statement, replacing the Perjury Statement, as a cover letter signed by the Responsible Party (RP). The language for the Submittal Acknowledgement Statement is as follows:

*I have read and acknowledge the content, recommendations and/or conclusions contained in the attached document or report submitted on my behalf to ACDEH's FTP server and the SWRCB's Geotracker Website.*

Please make this change to your submittals to ACDEH.

### **TECHNICAL REPORT REQUEST**

Please upload technical reports to the ACDEH ftp site (Attention: Mark Detterman), and to the State Water Resources Control Board's Geotracker website, in accordance with Attachment 1 and the specified file naming convention below, according to the following schedule:

- **December 22, 2017** – Site Investigation, Conduit Study, and Data Gap Work Plan  
File to be named: RO3120\_SWI\_WP\_R\_yyyy-mm-dd
- **December 22, 2017** – Remediation Progress Report  
File to be named: RO3120\_REM\_R\_yyyy-mm-dd

Online case files are available for review at the following website: <http://www.acgov.org/aceh/index.htm>.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (510) 567--6876 or send me an electronic mail message at [mark.detterman@acgov.org](mailto:mark.detterman@acgov.org).

Sincerely,



Mark E. Detterman, P.G., C.E.G.  
Senior Hazardous Materials Specialist

Enclosures: Attachment 1 – Responsible Party (ies) Legal Requirements / Obligations  
Electronic Report Upload (ftp) Instructions

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Mark Detterman, ACDEH, (Sent via electronic mail to: [mark.detterman@acgov.org](mailto:mark.detterman@acgov.org))

Electronic File; GeoTracker

## 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

Alameda County Department of Environmental Health's (ACDEH) Environmental Cleanup Oversight Programs, Local Oversight Program (LOP) and Site Cleanup Program (SCP) 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 File Transfer Protocol (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 SCP 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 ([http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/ust/electronic\\_submittal/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/electronic_submittal/)) for more information on these requirements.

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

All work plans, technical reports, or technical documents submitted to ACDEH must be accompanied by a cover letter from the responsible party that states, at a minimum, the following: "I have read and acknowledge the content, recommendations and/or conclusions contained in the attached document or report submitted on my behalf to ACDEH's FTP server and the SWRCB's GeoTracker website." 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 6731, 6735, and 7835) 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 licensed 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 case meet this requirement. Additional information is available on the Board of Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists website at: <http://www.bpelsg.ca.gov/laws/index.shtml>.

#### UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK CLEANUP FUND

Please note that delays in investigation, late 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.

<b>Alameda County Environmental Cleanup Oversight Programs (LOP and SCP)</b>	<b>REVISION DATE:</b> December 1, 2016
	<b>ISSUE DATE:</b> July 5, 2005
	<b>PREVIOUS REVISIONS:</b> October 31, 2005; December 16, 2005; March 27, 2009; July 8, 2010, July 25, 2010; May 15, 2014, November 29, 2016
<b>SECTION:</b> Miscellaneous Administrative Topics & Procedures	<b>SUBJECT:</b> Electronic Report Upload (ftp) Instructions


The Alameda County Environmental Cleanup Oversight Programs (LOP and SCP) 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.**
- **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)

## 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 [deh.loptoxic@acgov.org](mailto:deh.loptoxic@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) Open File Explorer using the Windows  key + E keyboard shortcut.
    - i) Note: Netscape, Safari, and Firefox browsers will not open the FTP site as they are NOT being supported at this time.
  - b) On the address bar, type in ftp://alcoftp1.acgov.org.
  - c) Enter your User Name and Password. (Note: Both are Case Sensitive)
  - d) Click Log On.
  - e) Open "My Computer" on your computer and navigate to the file(s) you wish to upload to the ftp site.
  - f) 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 [deh.loptoxic@acgov.org](mailto:deh.loptoxic@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.