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Subject: Technical Report Request for Fuel Leak Case No. RO0003144 and GeoTracker Global  
D T10000006142, Alameda Mound Street UST, 1380 Mound Street, Alameda, CA 94501

Gentlemen:

The homeowner at a private residence at 1380 Mound Street, Alameda, California, observed seepage of an oily product along and through cracks in the public sidewalk. On August 26, 2014, Alameda County Environmental Health (ACEH) oversaw the closure-in-place of a 2,500 gallon former underground storage tank (UST) in the sidewalk in front of the private residence at 1380 Mound Street. The release was referred to the ACEH Local Oversight Program (LOP), the lead agency for oversight of investigation and cleanup of petroleum hydrocarbon releases in Alameda County. ACEH-LOP subsequently listed the subject case on our data base of fuel leak sites.

The UST was located beneath a public sidewalk in the location of the former Lincoln School, formerly part of the Alameda Unified School District's (AUSD) elementary school system. The school was constructed in 1917 and was used as a school from 1917 to 1977, when the school was demolished. The UST was found in silty sand, contained Bunker C oil, and was observed to be in good condition. No soil discoloration or petroleum hydrocarbon odors were observed in the stockpiled overburden or soil surrounding the tank. The soil was stockpiled, sampled, and was found to contain concentrations up to 410 milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg) Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons as Diesel (TPHd) and a grab groundwater sample detected concentrations up to 1,200 micrograms per liter (ug/L) TPHd. These data indicate that an unauthorized release from the UST had occurred at the site and a soil and groundwater investigation is necessary to progress the site to case closure.

ACEH has evaluated the data in conjunction with the case files, and the State Water Resources Control Board's (SWRCBs) Low Threat Underground Storage Tank Case Closure Policy (LTCP). Based on ACEH staff review, we have determined that the site fails to meet the LTCP Media-Specific Criteria for Groundwater, Media-Specific Criteria for Vapor Intrusion to Indoor Air, and the Media-Specific Criteria for Direct Contact (see Attachment A for a copy of the LTCP checklist). Therefore, ACEH requests that you submit a work plan by the date specified below to define the horizontal and vertical extent of soil and groundwater contamination and determine if contamination is present beneath the site. This type of investigation usually involves drilling several soil borings surrounding the UST and collection of soil and grab groundwater samples for chemical analyses. The work plan should be prepared by an environmental consultant qualified to undertake the work.

As described in the attached Responsible Party(ies) Legal Requirements/Obligations, all technical reports must be submitted to both the ACEH ftp website and the State Water Resource Control Board (SWRCB) GeoTracker website. To upload to the Geotracker website you will need to claim your site on GeoTracker and then upload the Work Plan and all future reports to the GeoTracker website. Pursuant to CCR Sections 2729 and 2729.1, all analytical data submitted in a report to a regulatory agency as part of the LUFT program, must be transmitted electronically to the SWRCB Geotracker website via the internet. Additionally, should groundwater wells be required, all permanent monitoring points utilized to collect groundwater samples (i.e. monitoring wells) and submitted in a report to a regulatory agency, must be surveyed (top of casing) to mean sea level and latitude and longitude accurate to within 1-meter accuracy, using NAD 83, and transmitted electronically to the SWRCB Geotracker website. Beginning July 1, 2005, electronic submittal of a complete copy of all reports (LUFT or SLIC) is required in GeoTracker (in PDF format). Please upload all reports prepared after July 1, 2005 to the SWRCB's Geotracker database website in accordance with the above-cited regulation. Please additionally upload the reports to the ACEH ftp website.

### **UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK CLEANUP FUND**

Please be aware that site investigation/site cleanup costs may be reimbursable from the California Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund. The application and additional information is available at the State Water Resources Control Board's website at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/ustcf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ustcf). Please be aware that reimbursement monies are contingent upon maintaining compliance with directives from ACEH. Additional information about the USTCF can be found below in the attachments to this letter.

### **TECHNICAL REPORT REQUEST**

Please upload technical reports to the ACEH ftp site (Attention: Karel Detterman), and to the State Water Resources Control Board's GeoTracker website according to the following schedule and file-naming convention:

- **March 31, 2015** – Claim site in Geotracker
- **April 29, 2015** – Soil and Groundwater Investigation Work Plan  
File to be named: RO3144\_WP\_R\_yyyy-mm-dd

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

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Thank you for your cooperation. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this correspondence or your case, please call me at (510) 567-6708 or send me an e-mail message at [karel.detterman@acgov.org](mailto:karel.detterman@acgov.org)

Sincerely,

Karel Detterman, PG  
Hazardous Materials Specialist

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

cc: Dilan Roe, ACEH (Sent via E-mail to: [dilan.roe@acgov.org](mailto:dilan.roe@acgov.org))  
Karel Detterman, ACEH (Sent via E-mail to: [karel.detterman@acgov.org](mailto:karel.detterman@acgov.org))  
GeoTracker, Electronic Case File

## Attachment 1

### Responsible Party(ies) Legal Requirements / Obligations

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#### 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.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/ust/electronic\\_submittal/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/electronic_submittal/)).

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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 SLIC)</b>	<b>REVISION DATE:</b> May 15, 2014
	<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
<b>SECTION:</b> Miscellaneous Administrative Topics & Procedures	<b>SUBJECT:</b> 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

- **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) Using Internet Explorer (IE4+), go to <ftp://alcoftp1.acgov.org>
    - (i) Note: Netscape, Safari, and Firefox browsers will not open the FTP site as they are NOT being supported at this time.
  - b) Click on Page located on the Command bar on upper right side of window, and then scroll down to Open FTP Site in Windows Explorer.
  - 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 [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.