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Subject: Work Plan Authorization; Fuel Leak Case No. RO0003170 and GeoTracker Global ID

T10000006756, Second Avenue UST, 1607 2nd Avenue, Oakland, CA 94606

Dear Responsible Parties:

Thank you for the recently submitted document entitled *Work Plan for Subsurface Investigation* (Work Plan), dated August 27, 2015, and prepared by Schutze & Associates' Inc. (Schutze) for the subject site. Alameda County Environmental Health (ACEH) staff has reviewed the case file including the Work Plan for the above-referenced site.

The Work Plan proposes advancing five soil bores, whose locations are depicted on Figure 1, for the collection of soil and grab groundwater samples. The locations are depicted in and around the former tank pit area.

Based on ACEH staff review of the referenced document and of the case file, we generally concur with the recently proposed scope of work, 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. The ACEH requests that you incorporate the following technical comments into your work scope, perform the proposed work, and send us the technical reports described below.

TECHNICAL COMMENTS

- 1. Section C.2 Item f The first sentence of this section of the Work Plan states one grab groundwater sample will be recovered from each boring. Based on the close proximity of the soil bores, ACEH is of the opinion that three water samples are sufficient at this stage of the investigation. ACEH requests grab groundwater samples be recovered from locations identified as B1, B4, and B5 depicted on Figure 1.
- 2. Section C.2 Item f Indicates grab groundwater samples for metals analysis will be filtered in the field and collected in 250-milliliter (ml) plastic bottles containing nitric acid.

ACEH notes that lead was an analyte in soil at the time of the tank removal. The reported lead concentration of 5.7 milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg) is consistent with its background concentration. Therefore, ACEH is of the opinion that metals analysis for both the soil and grab groundwater samples is not required at this time for this case.

3. Section C.2 Item g – The first bullet item states total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH) as diesel (TPHd), motor oil (TPHmo), and heating oil (TPHho) will have silica gel clean up performed prior to analysis in accordance with the LUFT Manual.

It is the policy of the San Francisco Bay Region, Regional Water Quality Control Board (SFBR-RWQCB) that samples be analyzed both with and without silica gel cleanup. In order to be consistent with the SFBR-RWQCB policy, ACEH requests that these samples be analyzed both with and without silica gel cleanup.

4. Section C.2 Item g – The third bullet item states EPA Test Method 8100 will be used for determining the concentrations of priority pollutant polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs). This test method cannot adequately resolve the following four pairs of compounds: anthracene and phenanthrene; chrysene and benzo(a)anthracene; benzo(b)flouranthene and benzo(k)fluoranthene; and dibenzo(a,h)anthracene and indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene. This may result in the inability to determine the benzo(a)pyrene toxicity equivalent (BaPe) concentration.

Therefore, ACEH requests the PAH analysis be performed using EPA Test Method 8270.

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 upload technical reports to the ACEH ftp site (Attention: Keith Nowell), and to the State Water Resources Control Board's Geotracker website, in accordance with the following specified file naming convention and schedule:

• **December 28, 2015** – **Soil and Water Investigation Report** (file name: RO0003170_SWI_R_yyyy-mm-dd)

If your email address does not appear on the cover page of this notification, ACEH is requesting you provide your email address so that we can correspond with you quickly and efficiently regarding your case.

Thank you for your cooperation. ACEH looks forward to working with you and your consultants to advance the case toward closure. Should you have any questions regarding this correspondence or your case, please call me at (510) 567-6764 or send an electronic mail message at keith.nowell@acgov.org

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Sincerely,

Keith Nowell, PG, CHG Hazardous Materials Specialist

Enclosures: Attachment 1 – Responsible Party (ies) Legal Requirements/Obligations and

Electronic Report Upload (ftp) Instructions

cc: Jan Schutze, Schutze & Associates, Inc., 44358 South Grimmer Boulevard, Fremont, CA 94538 (Sent via E-mail to: js@schutze-inc.com)

Dilan Roe, ACEH (Sent via E-mail to: <u>dilan.roe@acgov.org</u>)
Keith Nowell, ACEH, (Sent via electronic mail to <u>keith.nowell@acgov.org</u>)
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 **SWRCB** visit the website for more information on these requirements (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.

Alameda County Environmental Cleanup Oversight Programs (LOP and SLIC)

REVISION DATE: May 15, 2014

ISSUE DATE: July 5, 2005

PREVIOUS REVISIONS: October 31, 2005;

December 16, 2005; March 27, 2009; July 8, 2010,

July 25, 2010

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

- 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.
- <u>Do not</u> 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. <u>Documents</u>
 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
 - 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.
- Send E-mail Notifications to the Environmental Cleanup Oversight Programs
 - a) Send email to 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.