Alameda County Environmental Health Meeting Sign-In Sheet

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AGENDA

Meeting with Sybase, Inc., Griffin Properties, and ACEH

Former USTs at 6601/6603 Shellmound Street and 1650 65th Street, Emeryville, California

2 June 2011

- 1. Introductions and Opening Remarks
- 2. 1 April 2011 Letters
 - 6601/6603 Shellmound

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- o Geotracker—complete
- O Vapor Intrusion Work Plan
- o Groundwater Monitoring
- 1650 65th Street

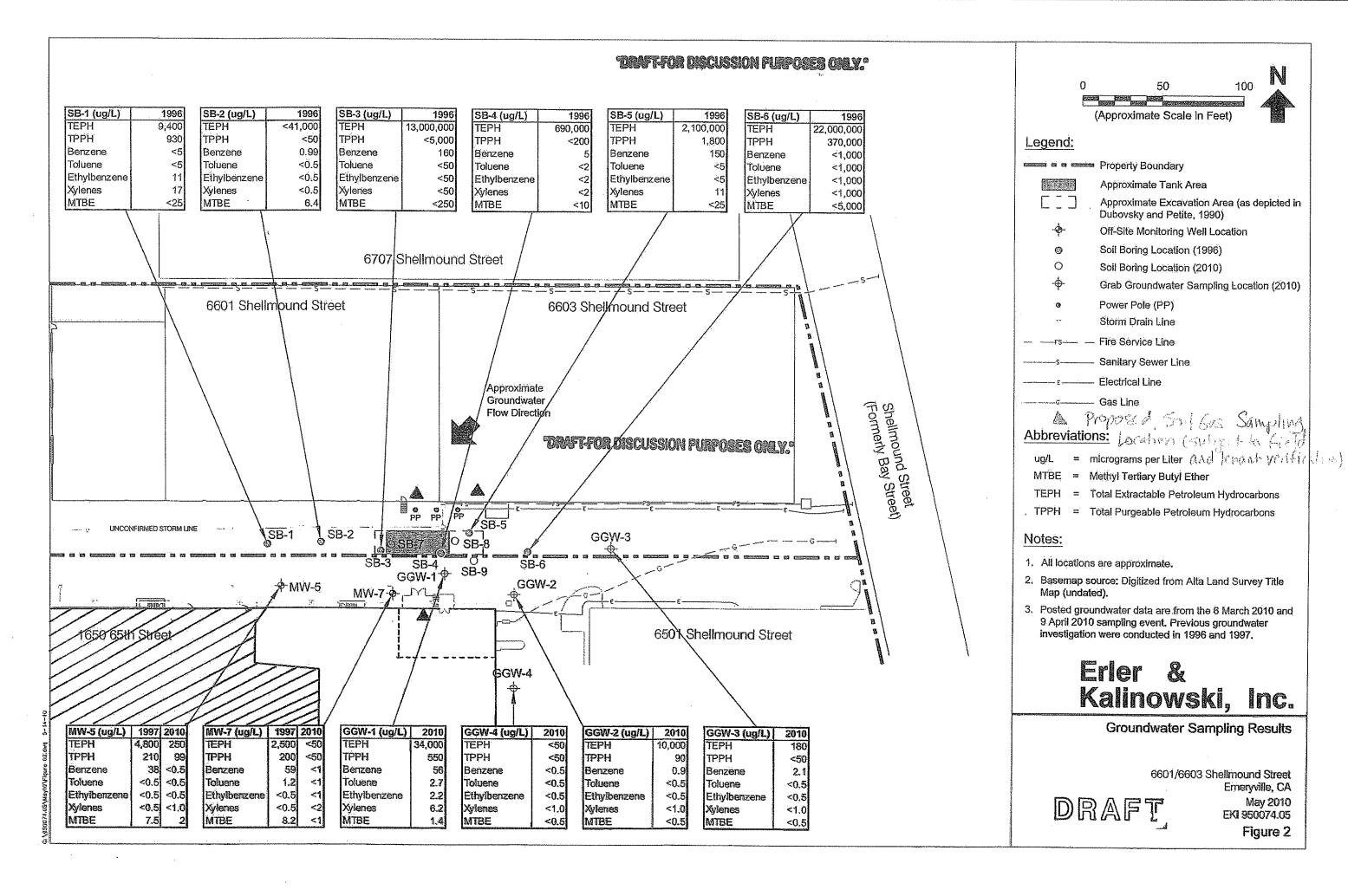
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- o Geotracker—complete
- Data Table Updates
- Work Plan for Further Assessment
 - i. Downgradient groundwater
 - ii. Sub-slab soil vapor
 - iii. Subsurface investigation
- o Update on Upgradient Source to Well MW-8
- o Preferential Pathway Study Addendum
- Groundwater Monitoring
- 3. Requirements for Closure
- 4. Next Steps

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Meeting June 2, 2011; 3:00 – 5:15

Meet with Chris Baldassari & Robert Creps (PES Environmental); Julie Treinen (Griffin Capital), Vince Herington & Brad McInroy (Sybase); Michelle King (Erler & Kalinowski); Donna Drogos Notes by Mark Detterman

As background Griffin Capital bought in 1995 for The Atrium parcel, subsequently approached to purchase the two Shellmound parcels in 2005 time range; both underwent due diligence; seemed to be on track towards closure. With respect to The Atrium, had been working with Susan Hugo and had received letter that closure was imminent, but needed to go to RWQCB, which is where trail ended. They have searched RWQCB records, but RWQCB does not appear to have received closure package / request for concurrence. ACEH's only thought is that it might have been rejected at that level, but do not know. Explained during meeting that while I might be comfortable with the data, I've got to convince two levels over me (Supervisor and RWQCB) who are not as familiar with the data, that my interpretation of data is correct and that I've not overlooked or missed something.

As further background Rob Creps briefly discussed bio-augmentation in 1998 – 200 time range, which he reports was successful in reducing concentrations an order of magnitude, both Rob and Michelle King report that vapor intrusion was evaluated back before closure was requested. Michelle reports using the Farmer Model and RBCA modeling approaches.

Both report Geotracker issues are now complete and fulfilled.

Discussed the reasons behind our request – methane is reported to "occlude" oxygen infiltration beneath buildings, thereby preventing biodegradation of petroleum hydrocarbons, and due to report that oxygen infiltration beneath large building can become a problem when buildings approach or exceed 60 ft in width, and this building is well in excess of this (500 ft??). Thereafter, discuss and review new data (previously conducted study not previously considered necessary) that shows oxygen in the subsurface beneath The Atrium at 1 ft bgs; 4 ft bgs sampling oxygen drops to <1 for the majority of the building. This study was conducted before passive methane vent wells were installed, (and before active indoor methane monitoring and alarm system installation; reports to Emeryville Fire Dept). It will be uploaded shortly to both websites (Geotracker & ACEH). Work was done for large scale building improvements in preparation for a sale and new tenants in 2003 / 2004. Reports mention permanent vapor wells intended to be left, but Rob Creps believes they were destroyed during vent well installations; will look for further. Problem with western portion of The Atrium is a tenant that cannot allow easy access to that portion of the building; to repair a toilet can take a significant period of time to approve. And for Expressions College, the students practically live there, so there is no down time to sample in.

Also discussed an April 5, 2010 Bay Center Site sampling of ambient air, wherein outdoor concentrations exceeded ESLs by 10x.

A point was alluded to that in a large building, certain areas might have "vapors", but mixing would be expected to reduce the concentrations over the whole.

I ask the question was asked why methane was studied in the first place. I've been speaking with Markus Niebanck of City of Emeryville and he is not aware of a standardized process, at least in Building & Planning. Rob Creps reported that consultants and contractors who generally work in Emeryville are aware of the potential methane issues from a former bay margin landfill (native grasses, bay mud, and landfill generation), and with an abundance of concern evaluate buildings as they undergo renovation. It is an informal process, not coordinated by a governmental entity.

Review plan of work for all three sites; Michelle King proposes only a BTEX sub-slab investigation, not wanting to get into landfill VOC issues. Discussion includes ACEH regulatory authority to do so. We respond that while we are tasked with LOP issues, once other heath concerns are discovered we do have the ability to expand the scope of work, including having landfill oversight authority. Rob Crepes reports that Chris has found VOC analytical data for The Atrium site, Michelle follows up to determine if it may be useful for The Shellmound sites; is old EPA 610 data buried in a recent report. Both want to limit vapor points to perimeter locations, and limit the number. This would need ACEH evaluation, but might be a problem.

Sybase and Griffin Capital both attempt to get a clearer picture of how long this might go as both thought they had closure in 1998. Sybase's contract is only for USTs; we respond that they might need to talk with property owners as how to handle extra requested work outside just the UST closure issue. Both want closure if numbers are acceptable in vapor intrusion investigation. We respond that it is difficult to say in advance, that unfortunately it is not always a "if this, then that" scenario. I believe we are close to closure, that the cases are very mature, but unexpected findings can side track an investigation, even if results appear decent on the surface.

Work Plans will be started shortly and submitted for review. PES has just sampled groundwater and will be generating a report. Michelle King suggests sampling quarterly on "her" site, I respond that I put sampling on an annual schedule, in the hopes that only a couple (or less) might be needed before closure.