# ALAMEDA COUNTY HEALTH CARE SERVICES AGENCY



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October 1, 2008

Paul Supple Atlantic Richfield Company (A BP Affiliated Company) P.O. Box 1257 San Ramon, CA 94583

Subject: Fuel Leak Case No. RO0000190 and Geotracker Global ID T0600100084, ARCO #2162, 15135 Hesperian Boulevard, San Leandro, CA 94578

Dear Mr. Supple:

Alameda County Environmental Health (ACEH) staff has reviewed the case file for the above-referenced site including the recently submitted document entitled, "Soil and Water Investigation Report," dated September 14, 2007, which was prepared by Broadbent & Associates (BAI) for the subject site. Five borings were installed at the site to assess soil and groundwater conditions down-gradient of the UST pit and waste oil UST pit, and along the southern portion of the site between groundwater monitoring wells MW-3 and MW-4. Diesel and/or gasoline range hydrocarbons were detected in soil and groundwater samples collected from soil borings CB-2, CB-3, and CB-5. Based on the analytical data, BAI proposes to install an additional groundwater monitoring well in the vicinity of CB-5.

ACEH generally concurs with the proposed scope of work and requests that you address the following technical comments, and send us the technical work plan and reports described below.

# TECHNICAL COMMENTS

1. Contaminant Source Area Characterization - As mentioned above, three of the five soil borings installed at the site detected elevated diesel and/or gasoline range petroleum hydrocarbons in soil and groundwater samples. Soil boring CB-2 was located down-gradient of the USTs and north of the waste oil UST pit, CB-3 was located south of the waste oil UST pit and down-gradient of the dispenser islands, and CB-5 was located just south of soil vapor extraction well VW-1. Concentrations of TPH-d were detected at 1,300 mg/kg in a soil sample collected from CB-2. A "grab" groundwater sample collected from CB-2 detected TPH-d and TPH-g at concentrations of 2,000 µg/L and 1,900 µg/L, respectively. Concentrations of TPH-g were detected at 1,100 mg/kg in a soil sample collected from boring CB-5. A "grab" groundwater sample collected from CB-5 detected TPH-d and TPH-g at concentrations of 360 µg/L and 490 µg/L, respectively. BAI proposes to install a groundwater monitoring well in the vicinity of CB-5 as this location "would serve as a sentinel well to determine the repeatable presence or absence of elevated concentrations of petroleum hydrocarbons at the down-gradient boundary of the site." ACEH is concerned that currently there is no permanent groundwater monitoring point in the source area, which is in the vicinity of CB-2 where elevated concentrations of petroleum hydrocarbons have been verified in soil and groundwater. A permanent monitoring point in the source area would

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case" concentrations of contaminants at the site as well as assist in evaluating plume stability. Please propose a scope of work to address the above-mentioned concerns and submit a work plan due by the date specified below.

Groundwater Contaminant Plume Monitoring – Several years of groundwater monitoring
has been conducted at the site. You may propose to revise the groundwater sampling
frequency at the site. You may include your proposal in the work plan due by the date
specified below.

# REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

ACEH's case file for the subject site contains the following electronic reports as listed on our website (<a href="http://www.acgov.org/aceh/lop/ust.htm">http://www.acgov.org/aceh/lop/ust.htm</a>). You are requested to submit copies of all other reports related to environmental investigations for this property (including the May 3, 2005 Soil Gas Investigation Report) by October 31, 2008.

# **TECHNICAL REPORT REQUEST**

Please submit technical reports to ACEH (Attention: Paresh Khatri), according to the following schedule:

- October 30, 2008 Quarterly Monitoring Report (3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2008)
- December 1, 2008 Soil and Water Investigation Work Plan
- January 30, 2009 Quarterly Monitoring Report (4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2008)
- April 30, 2009 Quarterly Monitoring Report (1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2009)
- July 30, 2009 Quarterly Monitoring Report (2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2009)

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

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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 (<a href="http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/ust/electronic\_submittal/report\_rqmts.shtml">http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/ust/electronic\_submittal/report\_rqmts.shtml</a>.

# 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.

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if you have any questions, please call me at (510) 777-2478 or send me an electronic mail message at paresh.khatri@acgov.org.

Sincerely,

Paresh Č. Khatri

Hazardous Materials Specialist

Jerry Wiekham, PG, CHG, CEG

Acting Supervising Hazardous Material Specialist

Enclosure: ACEH Electronic Report Upload (ftp) Instructions

cc: Tom Venus, Broadbent & Associates, Inc., 1324 Mangrove Ave., Suite. 212, Chico, CA 95926

Donna Drogos, ACEH

Paresh Khatri, ACEH

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# Alameda County Environmental Cleanup Oversight Programs (LOP and SLIC)

**ISSUE DATE:** July 5, 2005

REVISION DATE: December 16, 2005

PREVIOUS REVISIONS: October 31, 2005

SECTION: Miscellaneous Administrative Topics & Procedures

SUBJECT: Electronic Report Upload (ftp) Instructions

Effective January 31, 2006, 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

- Entire report including cover letter must be submitted to the ftp site as a single portable document format (PDF)
   with no password protection. (Please do not submit reports as attachments to electronic mail.)
- 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)

### **Additional Recommendations**

A separate copy of the tables in the document should be submitted by e-mail to your Caseworker in Excel format.
 These are for use by assigned Caseworker only.

#### **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 dehloptoxic@acgov.org

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- ii) Send a fax on company letterhead to (510) 337-9335, to the attention of Alicia Lam-Finneke.
- 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 <a href="ftp://alcoftp1.acgov.org">ftp://alcoftp1.acgov.org</a>
    - (i) Note: Netscape and Firefox browsers will not open the FTP site.
  - b) Click on File, then on Login As.
  - 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 <a href="mailto:dehloptoxic@acgov.org">dehloptoxic@acgov.org</a> 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 at 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)