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HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 525 98TH AVENUE OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

General:

This Health and Safety Plan (HSP) contains the minimum requirements for the subject site field work. The field activities include drilling, soil sampling and water sampling. All personnel and contractors will be required to strictly adhere with this HSP requirements.

The objective of the HSP plan is to describe procedures and actions to protect the worker, as well as unauthorized person, from inhalation and ingestion of, and direct skin contact with potentially hazardous materials that may be encountered at the site. The plan describes (1) personnel responsibilities and (2) protective equipment to be used as deemed when working on the site. At a minimum, all personnel working at the site must read and understand the requirements of this HSP. A copy of this HSP will be on-site, easily accessible to all staff and government field representative.

Hazard Assessment:

The major contaminants expected to be encountered on the project are gasoline and its hydrocarbon constituents. The

anticipated contaminants and their exposure standards are listed in Table 1. It is not anticipated that the potential levels of exposure will reach the permissible exposure limits (PEL) or threshold limit values (TLV). Inhalation and dermal contact are the potential exposure pathways. Protective clothing will be mandatory for field personnel specified in this Plan. In addition, respiratory protective devices are required to be worn by each person on-site or to be within easy reach should irritating odors be detected or irritation of the respiratory tract occur.

TABLE 1
EXPOSURE LIMITS OF ANTICIPATED CHEMICAL CONTAMINANTS
IN PARTS PER MILLION (ppm)

Contaminant	PEL	EL	ED	CL	TWA	STEL
Benzene*[skin] & [carc]	1	-		-	10	5
Ethylbenzene	100				100	125
Toluene [skin]	100	200	10 min per 8 hours	500	100	150
<pre>Xylene (o, m, & p isomers) [skin]</pre>	100	200	30 min per 8 hours	300	100	150

PEL - permissible exposure limit: 8 hours, time-weighted average, California Occupational Safety and Health Administration Standard (CAL-OSHA).

- excursion limit: maximum concentration of an airborne contaminant to which an employee may be exposed without regard to duration provided the 8 hours time-weighted average for PEL is not exceeded (CAL-OSHA).
- excursion duration: maximum time period permitted for an exposure above the excursion limit but not exceeding the ceiling limit (CAL-OSHA).
- CL Ceiling limit: maximum concentration of airborne contaminant which employees may be exposed permitted (CAL-OSHA).
- TWA time-weighted average: 8 hours, [same as threshold limit value (TLV)], American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH).
- STEL short-term exposure limit: 15 minutes time-weighted average (ACGIH).
- [carc] substance identified as a suspected or confirmed carcinogen.
- [skin] substance may be absorbed into the bloodstream through the skin, mucous membranes or eyes.
- * Federal OSHA benzene limits given for PEL and STEL; STEL has a 50 minutes duration limit.

A brief description of the physical characteristics, incompatibilities, toxic effects, routes of entry and target organs has been summarized from the NIOSH Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards for the contaminants anticipated to be encountered. This information is used in on-site safety meetings to alert personnel to the hazards associated with the expected contaminants.

Benzene:

Benzene is a colorless, aromatic liquid. Benzene may create an explosion hazard. Benzene is incompatible with strong oxidizers, chlorine, and bromine with iron. Benzene is irritating to the eyes, nose and respiratory system. Prolonged exposure may result in giddiness, headache, nausea, staggering gait, fatigue, bone marrow depression or abdominal pain. Routes of entry include inhalation, absorption, ingestion and skin or eye contact. The target organs are blood, the central nervous system (CNS), skin, bone marrow, eyes and respiratory system. Benzene is carcinogenic.

Ethylbenzene:

Ethylbenzene is a colorless, aromatic liquid. Ethylbenzene may create an explosion hazard. Ethylbenzene is incompatible with strong oxidizers. Ethylbenzene is irritating to the eyes and mucous membranes. Prolonged exposure may result in headache, dermatitis, narcosis or coma. Routes of entry include inhalation, ingestion and skin or eye contact. The target organs are the eyes, upper respiratory system, skin and the CNS.

Toluene:

Toluene is a colorless, aromatic liquid. Toluene may create an explosion hazard. Toluene is incompatible with strong oxidizers. Prolonged exposure may result in fatigue, confusion, euphoria, dizziness, headache, dilation of pupils, lacrimation, insomnia,

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dermatitis or photophobia. Routes of entry are inhalation, absorption, ingestion and skin or eye contact. The target organs are the CNS, liver, kidneys and skin.

Xylene Isomers:

Xylene is a colorless, aromatic liquid. Xylene may create an explosion hazard. Xylene is incompatible with strong oxidizers. Xylene is irritating to the eyes, nose and throat. Prolonged exposure may result in dizziness, excitement, drowsiness, staggering gait, corneal vacuolization, vomiting, abdominal pain or dermatitis. Routes of entry are inhalation, absorption, ingestion and skin or eye contact. The target organs are the CNS, eyes, gastrointestinal tract, blood, liver, kidneys and skin.

General Project Safety Responsibilities:

Key personnel directly involved in the investigation will be responsible for monitoring the implementation of safe work practices and the provisions of this plan are (1) the drilling project supervisor and (2) Soil Tech Engineering, Inc. (STE) project field engineer. These personnel are responsible for knowing the provisions of the plan, communicating plan requirements to workers under their supervision and regulatory agencies inspectors and for enforcing the plan.

The personnel-protective equipment will be selected to prevent field personnel from exposure to fuel hydrocarbons that may be present at the site. To prevent direct skin contact, the following protective clothing will be worn as appropriate while working at the site:

- 1. Tyvek coveralls.
- 2. Butyl rubber or disposable vinyl gloves.
- 3. Hard hat with optional face shield.
- 4. Steel toe boots.
- 5. Goggles or safety glasses.

The type of gloves used will be determined by the type of work being performed. Drilling personnel will be required to wear butyl rubber gloves because they may have long duration contact with the subsurface materials. STE sampling staff will wear disposable gloves when handling any sample. These gloves will be charged between each sample.

Personnel protective equipment shall be put on before entering the immediate work area. The sleeves of the overalls shall be outside of the cuffs of the gloves to facilitate removal of clothing with the least potential contamination of personnel. If at any time protective clothing (coveralls, boots or gloves) become torn, wet or excessively soiled, it will be replaced immediately.

Total organic vapors will be monitored at the site with a portable PID. Should the total organic vapor content approach that of the threshold limit value (TLV) for any of the substances listed in Table 1, appropriate safety measures will be implemented under the supervision of the site project engineer. These precautions include, but are not limited to, the following: (1) Donning of respirators (with appropriate cartridges) by site personnel, (2) forced ventilation of the site, (3) shutdown of work until such time as appropriate safety measures sufficient to insure the health and safety of site personnel can be implemented.

No eating, drinking or smoking will be allowed in the vicinity of the drilling operations. STE will designate a separate area on site for eating and drinking. Smoking will not allowed at the vicinity of the site except in designated areas. No contact lenses will be worn by field personnel.

WORK ZONES AND SECURITY MEASURES:

The Project Engineer will call Underground Service Alert (USA) and the utilities will be marked before any drilling is conducted on-site, and the borings will be drilled at safe distances from the utilities. The client will also be advised to have a representative on-site to advise us in selecting locations of borings with respect to utilities or underground structures. Soil Tech Engineering, Inc. assumes no responsibility to utilities not so located. The first 5 feet will be hand augered before any drilling equipment is operated.

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Each of the areas where the borings will be drilled will be designated as Exclusion Zones. Only essential personnel will be allowed into an Exclusion Zone. When it is practical and local topography allows, approximately 25 to 75 feet of space surrounding those Exclusion Zones will be designated as Contamination Reduction Zones.

Cones, wooden barricades or a suitable alternative will be used to deny public access to these Contamination Reduction Zones. The general public will not be allowed close to the work area under any conditions. If for any reason the safety of a member of the public (e.g. motorist or pedestrian) may be endangered, work will cease until the situation is remedied. Cones and warning signs will be used when necessary to redirect motorists or pedestrians.

Location and Phone Numbers of Emergency Facilities:

For emergency reasons, the closest facilities addresses and phone numbers are listed below:

City of Oakland Fire Department

911

Highland General Hospital 1411 East 31st Street, Oakland, CA

(510) 634-8055

Additional Contingency Telephone Numbers:

Soil Tech	Engineering	Administrative	Office	•	•	•	•	(408) 496-0265
CHEMTREC								(800) 424-9300

Note: Only call CHEMTREC stands for Chemical Transportation Emergency Center, a public service of the Chemical Manufacturer's Association. CHEMTREC can usually provide hazard information, warnings and guidance when given the identification number or the name of the product and the nature of the problem. CHEMTREC can also contact the appropriate experts.

This Site Safety Plan has been reviewed by the project engineer, STE field personnel and all subcontractors.

Amendments or modifications to this Plan may be written on a separate page and attached to this Plan. Any amendments or modifications must be reviewed and approved by the personnel name above.