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**PLEASE READ THIS LETTER –
THIS LETTER CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION THAT AFFECTS YOU**

October 30, 2013

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Subject: **Monitoring Well Destruction and *List of Landowners Form Required***; Fuel Leak Case No. RO0000036 and GeoTracker Global ID T0600101646, Vend Mart Property, 1035 7th Street, Oakland, CA 94607

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

Alameda County Environmental Health (ACEH) has been requesting the destruction of the groundwater monitoring well at this site for at least three and one-half years (copies of previous letters are attached). This site is listed as a Leaking Underground Fuel Tank (LUFT) site as the result of a leak from a former underground storage tank (UST) which was previously located at the property. This site has been cleaned to the extent required by the State of California. However, without the destruction of the well, ACEH cannot close the case. Therefore we need your assistance.

Why Is This Important to You?

Well destruction and case closure is important for you for the following reasons:

- Generalized stigmas are commonly associated with known contaminated sites.
- Until the case is closed, the property will remain listed in a state database of contaminated sites. This generally affects property refinancing to obtain lower rates as lenders are hesitant to loan on a contaminated site.
- Until the case is closed, the property value is generally reduced due to concerns about the extent of residual contamination that may remain at the site. With closure, the extent of contamination is understood to be acceptable and protective of human health and the environment.
- Closed sites generally have higher property values, are sold more quickly, and fewer questions are asked about former contamination with the passage of time.

There are standard procedures that need to be met in order to obtain closure, and well destruction is one of them. Please contact me for assistance during this process. The requirements are well understood and are not time consuming.

Additionally, in order to close this case, ACEH is required by the state to verify that all landowners have been informed of the potential case closure in order that these property owners are not surprised by these

actions. To that end, ACEH has also attached a *List of Landowners Form* that needs to be filled out by the property owner.

So that you understand that there are legal and financial implications, please be aware that under Chapter 6.7 of the California Health and Safety Code, civil penalties up to \$10,000 for each UST for each day of violation may be imposed. **ACEH would prefer your monies be used for site closure rather than payment of penalty fees.** Please note that civil penalties for non-compliance are assessed from the original due date for a well destruction report (June 22, 2010).

TECHNICAL REPORT REQUEST

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

- **November 29, 2013** – Landowner Form submittal
File to be named: RO36_LNDOWNR_F_yyyy-mm-dd
- **December 30, 2013** – Monitoring Well Decommissioning Report
File to be named: RO36_WELL_DCM_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/index.htm>. 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.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (510) 567- 6876 or send me an electronic mail message at mark.detterman@acgov.org.

Sincerely,

Mark Detterman, PG, CEG
Senior Hazardous Materials Specialist

Enclosures: January 3, 2013 ACEH Correspondence

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

List of Landowners Form

cc: James Yoo, Alameda County Public Works Agency, (sent via electronic mail to jamesy@acpwa.org)

Leroy Griffin, Oakland Fire Department, 250 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Suite 3341, Oakland, CA 94612-2032 (sent via electronic mail to lgriffin@oaklandnet.com)

Dilan Roe (sent via electronic mail to dilan.roe@acgov.org)
Mark Detterman (sent via electronic mail to mark.detterman@acgov.org)
Geotracker, Electronic Files

LIST OF LANDOWNERS FORM

County of Alameda
Environmental Health Services
Environmental Protection
1131 Harbor Bay Parkway, Suite 250
Alameda, CA 94502-6577

CERTIFIED LIST OF RECORD FEE TITLE OWNERS FOR:

Site Name: Vend Mart Property
Address: 1035 7th Street
City, State, Zip: Oakland, CA 94707
Record ID #: RO0000036

Please fill out item 1 if there are multiple site landowners (attach an extra sheet if necessary). If you are the sole site landowner, skip item 1 and fill out item 2.

1. In accordance with Section 25297.15(a) of Chapter 6.7 of the California Health & Safety Code, I, _____ (name of primary responsible party), certify that the following is a complete list of current record fee title owners and their mailing addresses for the above site:

Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
E-mail Address: _____

Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
E-mail Address: _____

Name: _____
Address: _____

Name: _____
Address: _____

2. In accordance with Section 25297.15(a) of Chapter 6.7 of the California Health & Safety Code, I _____, certify that I am the sole landowner for the above site.

Sincerely,

Signature of Primary Responsible Party Printed Name Date E-mail Address

Attachment 1

Responsible Party(ies) Legal Requirements/Obligations

REPORT/DATA REQUESTS

These reports/data are being requested pursuant to Division 7 of the California Water Code (Water Quality), Chapter 6.7 of Division 20 of the California Health and Safety Code (Underground Storage of Hazardous Substances), and Chapter 16 of Division 3 of Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations (Underground Storage Tank Regulations).

ELECTRONIC SUBMITTAL OF REPORTS

ACEH's Environmental Cleanup Oversight Programs (Local Oversight Program [LOP] for unauthorized releases from petroleum Underground Storage Tanks [USTs], and Site Cleanup Program [SCP] for unauthorized releases of non-petroleum hazardous substances) require submission of reports in electronic format pursuant to Chapter 3 of Division 7, Sections 13195 and 13197.5 of the California Water Code, and Chapter 30, Articles 1 and 2, Sections 3890 to 3895 of Division 3 of Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations (23 CCR). Instructions for submission of electronic documents to the ACEH FTP site are provided on the attached "Electronic Report Upload Instructions."

Submission of reports to the ACEH FTP site is in addition to requirements for electronic submittal of information (ESI) to the State Water Resources Control Board's (SWRCB) Geotracker website. In April 2001, the SWRCB adopted 23 CCR, Division 3, Chapter 16, Article 12, Sections 2729 and 2729.1 (Electronic Submission of Laboratory Data for UST Reports). Article 12 required electronic submittal of analytical laboratory data submitted in a report to a regulatory agency (effective September 1, 2001), and surveyed locations (latitude, longitude and elevation) of groundwater monitoring wells (effective January 1, 2002) in Electronic Deliverable Format (EDF) to Geotracker. Article 12 was subsequently repealed in 2004 and replaced with Article 30 (Electronic Submittal of Information) which expanded the ESI requirements to include electronic submittal of any report or data required by a regulatory agency from a cleanup site. The expanded ESI submittal requirements for petroleum UST sites subject to the requirements of 23 CCR, Division, 3, Chapter 16, Article 11, became effective December 16, 2004. All other electronic submittals required pursuant to Chapter 30 became effective January 1, 2005. Please visit the SWRCB 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, 7835, 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, late 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 SCP)	REVISION DATE: July 25, 2012
	ISSUE DATE: July 5, 2005
	PREVIOUS REVISIONS: October 31, 2005; December 16, 2005; March 27, 2009; July 8, 2010
SECTION: Miscellaneous Administrative Topics & Procedures	SUBJECT: Electronic Report Upload (ftp) Instructions

The Alameda County Environmental Cleanup Oversight Programs (petroleum UST and SCP) 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
 - 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 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.