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Work Plan
Oil-Filled Manhole and Additional Investigation
Ninth Avenue Terminal Study Area
Port of Oakland
Oakland, California

Dear Mr. Redding:

Subsurface Consultants, Inc. (SCI) is pleased to present this work plan to conduct additional investigation at the Ninth Avenue Terminal Project for the Port of Oakland (Port). Based on findings presented in SCI's Third Interim Report of the subject site dated August 15, 1997, several areas have been identified that require additional investigation. This work plan presents SCI's recommended scope of work for several investigation tasks that are necessary to support current and future mediation and/or litigation goals of the Port and to comply with Alameda County Health Care Services Agency (ACHCSA) requirements presented in their letters dated August 2, 1996, December 2, 1996, January 14, 1997, and April 25, 1997. Based on our understanding, this work plan is required by ACHCSA pursuant to Water Code Section 13267(b) and Health and Safety Code Sections 25299.37 and 25299.78. Failure to submit this document may subject the Port to civil liability.

#### SCOPE OF SERVICES

SCI's scope of services will comprise the following activities:

• Perform an evaluation of the oil-filled manhole and its associated in- and outflow pipes (i.e., Cannery Line),

 Additional subsurface investigation at Marine Terminals Corporation (MTC) Buildings H-317 (forklift repair shop) and H-309 (Ninth Avenue Terminal Transit Shed),

 Additional investigation of an area near former Building H-215 where chlorinated solvents and pesticides have been found in soil and groundwater,



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These tasks are described below.

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In addition, a *permanent* sealing-off or capping activity is proposed for appropriate utility pipes that discharge to the bay. This sealing operation for the oil-filled manhole will be performed only after investigation activities described herein have been completed. However, the inflatable devices positioned to seal off bay water to the manhole will be left in place to facilitate this effort, if performed at a later date.

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Building H-317 is used by MTC to repair forklifts and other vehicles relevant to their business. In May 1997, SCI excavated test pits within a former UST area just west of the building (test pits SCITP-33A through SCITP-33E). A gasoline release from the UST reportedly leaked into San Francisco Bay in 1975. Soil and groundwater within the test pits were impacted with gasoline, diesel, and motor oil range petroleum hydrocarbons, polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), and lead.

SCI will install two 2-inch diameter monitoring wells approximately 20 feet below the ground surface (bgs) down-gradient and/or cross-gradient of the former tank area to assess potential groundwater contamination and lateral extent of contamination. SCI will collect soil samples from the well borings, and we will develop and sample groundwater from the wells in accordance with the field procedures used for previous phases of investigation at the subject site.

SCI will also drill a total of four test borings up to 15 feet deep in the locations shown on the attached map using a cuttingless soil sampling technique known as Envirocore. A site reconnaissance conducted by SCI on September 11, 1997, provided information to locate the four borings. Two of the test borings will be located within and adjacent to Building H-317 near a discharge pipe for a suspected parts cleaning sink, and in the low-lying center of the building. The two other borings will be located adjacent to Building H-309 in an area of observed surface staining and in an unpaved location at the west end of the building where surface water runoff from the surrounding areas collects at a drain inlet.

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## Solvent Area Adjacent to Former Building H-215

Elevated concentrations of chlorinated and nonchlorinated solvents and pesticides were discovered in soil and groundwater samples from this area over the past year. To evaluate the scope and costs of potential remediation activities in this area, additional investigation activities are necessary. To assess the vertical extent of solvents in the source area, SCI will drill 3 test borings to approximately 25 feet bgs. To evaluate the lateral and vertical extent of solvents in groundwater, SCI will install three 2-inch diameter monitoring wells, approximately 20 feet deep and one double-cased 2-inch diameter well, approximately 60 feet deep to assess whether solvents have impacted groundwater in the underlying aquifer. SCI will collect soil and groundwater samples in accordance with the field procedures used in previous phases of the investigation.

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## Preparation of Report

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Attachments: Site Plan

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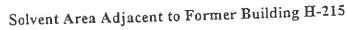
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