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Subject: Fuel Leak Case No. RO0000156 and Geotracker Global ID T0600101224, Shell#13-6017, 1285 Bancroft Avenue, San Leandro, CA

Dear Mr. Brown:

Alameda County Environmental Health (ACEH) staff has reviewed the fuel leak case file for the above-referenced site including the work plan entitled, "*Well Destruction and Installation Work Plan, Soil Vapor Sampling Work Plan and Hydrographs*," dated June 13, 2008. The Work Plan, which was prepared on Shell's behalf by Conestoga-Rovers & Associates, proposes decommissioning four monitoring wells, installation of replacement wells, and soil vapor sampling at four locations.

The scope of work is conditionally approved and may be implemented provided that the technical comments below are addressed and incorporated during the proposed activities. Submittal of a revised Work Plan or Work Plan Addendum is not required unless an alternate scope of work outside that described in the Work Plan and technical comment below is proposed. We request that you address the following technical comments, perform the proposed work, and send us the reports described below.

**TECHNICAL COMMENTS**

- 1. Well Decommissioning and Replacement.** We concur with the proposed scope of work to decommission wells MW-1, MW-2, MW-3, and MW-4. We also concur with the proposed scope of work for replacement wells MW-1A, MW-2A, and MW-3A. The Work Plan proposed the installation of one well (MW-3B) within the coarse-grained layer encountered between approximately 50 to 60 feet bgs. We request that the proposed location for the deeper well be moved to a location that is more directly downgradient from the tank pit. Therefore, we request that a replacement well (MW-1B) be installed immediately south of the proposed location for replacement well MW-1A in lieu of installation of proposed well MW-3B. Well MW-1B is to be screened within the coarse-grained layer encountered between approximately 50 to 60 feet bgs in this area of the site. Please present the results from well decommissioning and well replacement in the Site Investigation Report requested below.
- 2. Soil Vapor Sampling.** The four proposed soil vapor survey sampling locations are acceptable. However, we request that you include one additional soil vapor sampling location adjacent to monitoring well MW-9. Please present the results of soil vapor sampling in the Site Investigation Report requested below.

3. **Hydrographs.** The two hydrographs presented were useful for interpretation of historical water level data and comparison of wells with different screened intervals. However, a third hydrograph referenced in the text for wells MW-4 and MW-7 was missing from the report. In addition, we request that you extend the time frame from July 1999 to the earlier date of well installation on all of the hydrographs in order to view historical water levels for at least one of the wells shown. Please present the revised hydrographs in the Site Investigation Report requested below.
4. **Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring.** Please continue quarterly groundwater monitoring for the site and present the results in the Quarterly Monitoring Reports requested below.

#### **TECHNICAL REPORT REQUEST**

Please submit technical reports to Alameda County Environmental Health (Attention: Jerry Wickham), according to the following schedule:

- **January 16, 2009** – Site Investigation Report
- **30 days following the end of each quarter** – Quarterly Monitoring Report

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 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 ([http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/ust/cleanup/electronic\\_reporting](http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/ust/cleanup/electronic_reporting)).

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#### 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.

If you have any questions, please call me at (510) 567-6791 or send me an electronic mail message at [jerry.wickham@acgov.org](mailto:jerry.wickham@acgov.org).

Sincerely,



Jerry Wickham, California PG 3766, CEG 1177, and CHG 297  
Senior Hazardous Materials Specialist

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Enclosure: ACEH Electronic Report Upload (ftp) Instructions

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<b>Alameda County Environmental Cleanup Oversight Programs (LOP and SLIC)</b>	<b>ISSUE DATE:</b> July 5, 2005
	<b>REVISION DATE:</b> December 16, 2005
	<b>PREVIOUS REVISIONS:</b> October 31, 2005
<b>SECTION:</b> Miscellaneous Administrative Topics & Procedures	<b>SUBJECT:</b> 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](mailto:dehloptoxic@acgov.org)
  - or
  - 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 <ftp://alcoftp1.acgov.org>
  - (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 [dehloptoxic@acgov.org](mailto:dehloptoxic@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 at acgov.org. (e.g., [firstname.lastname@acgov.org](mailto: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)