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Albany, CA 94706

Subject: Request for Work Plan and Request for Rebound Testing; Fuel Leak Case No. RO0000262 and Geotracker Global ID T0600102131, Albany Hill Mini Mart, 800 San Pablo Avenue, Albany, CA 94706

Dear Dr. Sikand and Mr. Rahman:

Alameda County Environmental Health (ACEH) staff has reviewed the case file including the *Soil, Groundwater, and Soil Vapor Assessment Report*, dated September 20, 2012, and the *Semi-Annual Groundwater Monitoring Report*, dated October 15, 2012. The reports were prepared and submitted on your behalf by Aqua Science Engineers, Inc. (ASE). Thank you for submitting the reports.

The *Soil, Groundwater, and Soil Vapor Assessment Report* documents the installation of two soil bores, the collection of soil and grab groundwater analytical data, the installation of two offsite soil vapor points in the site vicinity, and the resampling of two subslab soil vapor points onsite. The subslab vapor points yielded vapor concentrations below all associated ESLs; however, the soil vapor samples, which were collected at a depth of 5 feet below surface grade (bgs), yielded vapor concentrations up to 1,100,000  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  TPHg and 440  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}$  benzene; both over associated commercial ESLs at an offsite location proximal to a commercial establishment.

The site has additionally been reviewed in respect to the recently enacted Low-Threat Closure Policy (LTCP), and it appears that a number of LTCP required elements are missing such the LTCP analysis cannot be completed. As a consequence, and based on the review of the case file ACEH requests that you address the following technical comments and send us the documents requested below.

## **TECHNICAL COMMENTS**

1. **Request for a Work Plan** – The *Soil, Groundwater, and Soil Vapor Assessment Report* identified several data gaps and contained several recommendations based on the data gaps. The first recommendation was for the collection of an eight-hour indoor air sample from the commercial establishment across the street to determine if is vapor intrusion to the building, while the second was the collection of shallow soil samples immediately adjacent to the vapor point with the highest vapor concentrations to determine if the site qualifies for the LTCP.

- a. **Additional Vapor Sampling** - In general ACEH is not in agreement with the immediate collection of indoor air samples and generally prefers to collect soil or sub-slab vapor samples beneath buildings with the potential for vapor intrusion. This eliminates significant difficulties associated with chemicals contained in commonly used cleaning products or with cigarette smoking associated with, or proximal to, commercial establishments. As a consequence ACEH requests a refocused effort associated with the proposed vapor sampling.

In part due to the unusual vapor concentrations detected to the north of the site across Washington Avenue, ACEH remains concerned with the potential for vapor intrusion at the residential building to the west of the subject site. As a consequence ACEH requests a renewed effort to obtain offsite

access at the adjacent site, or an effort to find alternative means to explore the potential for vapor intrusion at this residential building. ACEH specifically notes that the extent of vapor concentrations above ESLs is not defined towards the west of SVS-2.

- b. Collection of Shallow Soil Samples** – ACEH is in agreement with the collection of shallow soil samples not only as proposed at an offsite location, but also onsite. A review of existing soil data for the site indicates that very limited soil analytical data has been collected in the upper ten feet bgs onsite, and no soil samples within the upper 5 feet bgs at the site (only one sample was collected at 4.5 feet bgs, but at an offsite location). As a consequence ACEH requests the installation of sufficient number of bores onsite in order to collect this data.
- c. Foundation Construction Details** – Technical literature indicates that the type of building construction affects the potential for vapor intrusion associated with buildings. As a consequence, ACEH requests these details be investigated and reported for both buildings in question.

### 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:

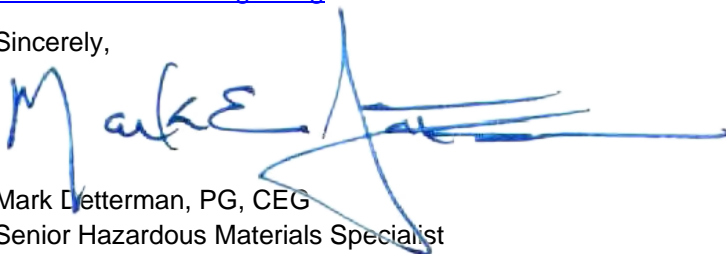
- **February 22, 2013** – Data Gap Work Plan  
File to be named: RO262\_WP\_R\_YYYY-mm-dd
- **February 22, 2013** – Annual Groundwater Monitoring Report  
File to be named: RO262\_GWM\_R\_YYYY-mm-dd

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 is not listed on the first page of this letter, or in the list of cc's listed below, ACEH is requesting your email address to help expedite communications and to help lower overall costs.

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

Sincerely,



Mark Detterman, PG, CEG  
Senior Hazardous Materials Specialist

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

cc: Robert Kitay, Aqua Science Engineers, Inc, 55 Oak Court, Suite 220, Danville, CA 94526,  
(sent via electronic mail to [rkitay@aquascienceengineers.com](mailto:rkitay@aquascienceengineers.com))

Donna Drogos, (sent via electronic mail to [donna.drogos@acgov.org](mailto:donna.drogos@acgov.org))  
Mark Detterman (sent via electronic mail to [mark.detterman@acgov.org](mailto:mark.detterman@acgov.org))  
Geotracker, Electronic Files

## 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/](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.

<b>Alameda County Environmental Cleanup Oversight Programs (LOP and SCP)</b>	<b>REVISION DATE:</b> July 25, 2012
	<b>ISSUE DATE:</b> July 5, 2005
	<b>PREVIOUS REVISIONS:</b> October 31, 2005; December 16, 2005; March 27, 2009; July 8, 2010
<b>SECTION:</b> Miscellaneous Administrative Topics & Procedures	<b>SUBJECT:</b> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.