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Subject: Fuel Leak Case No. RO0000318 and GeoTracker Global ID T0600100207, BP #11266,  
1541 Park Street, Alameda, CA 94501

Dear Messrs. Supple, Grayson, and Yeung:

Alameda County Environmental Health (ACEH) staff has reviewed the case file for the above-referenced site including the document entitled, "Third Quarter 2006 Ground-Water Monitoring Report," dated October 26, 2006 and the recently submitted "Second Quarter 2008 Status Report," dated July 18, 2008, which were prepared by Broadbent & Associates, Inc. (BAI) for the subject site. Based on a review of the case file, it appears that four underground storage tanks (USTs) were excavated and removed from the site in September 1987. Soil sample analytical results detected total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH) as gasoline (g) and benzene at concentrations of 3,200 mg/kg and 81 mg/kg, respectively in soil sample C1 collected at approximately 11.5 feet below the ground surface (bgs). A "grab" groundwater sample collected from the UST pit detected TPH-g and benzene at concentrations of 530,000 µg/L and 6,300 µg/L, respectively. In February 1988, Kaprealian Engineering installed three groundwater monitoring wells at the site. Groundwater sample analytical results detected TPH-g and benzene at concentrations of 95,000 µg/L and 2,000 µg/L, respectively, in a groundwater sample collected from monitoring well MW-1. From 1992 to 1995, Hydro Environmental Technologies installed and operated a groundwater extraction and treatment system at the site.

According to BAI, case closure was requested by BP on February 21, 2003. ACEH responded in our July 7, 2006 correspondence requesting more recent groundwater monitoring data with additional sampling parameters for fuel oxygenates, ethanol, and lead scavengers. According to BAI, concentrations of contaminants detected in groundwater are similar to those previously detected and requests case closure. Although groundwater sample analytical data is consistent with historical sampling results, confirmation soil samples do not appear to have been collected to verify remediation system effectiveness. Since data gaps have been identified, ACEH cannot consider case closure at this time. This decision to deny closure is subject to appeal to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), pursuant to Section 25299.39.2(b) of the Health and Safety Code (Thompson-Richter Underground Storage Tank Reform Act - Senate Bill 562). Please contact the SWRCB Underground Storage Tank Program at (916) 341-5851 for information regarding the appeal process.

ACEH requests that you address the following technical comments and send us the technical reports requested below.

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### **TECHNICAL COMMENTS**

1. **Confirmation Soil Sampling & Contaminant Source Area Characterization** – As mentioned above, significantly elevated concentrations of TPH-g and benzene were detected in soil following the UST removals in 1987. Although a groundwater extraction system operated at the site, depth and screened interval of extraction well, estimated contaminant mass in the subsurface, and total contaminant mass removed were not available in our case file, and confirmation soil sampling to evaluate system effectiveness does not appear to have been conducted since Hydro Environmental Technologies stated "[n]o soil remediation has been undertaken." Also VOCs were previously detected in groundwater samples collected on August 1, 1991 from site groundwater monitoring wells. Therefore, VOC analysis to confirm or refute the presence of VOCs also appears warranted. Please propose a scope of work to address the above-mentioned concerns and submit a work plan by the date specified below.

### **REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

ACEH's case file for the subject site contains the following electronic reports as listed on our website (<http://www.acgov.org/aceh/lop/ust.htm>). You are requested to submit copies of all other reports related to environmental investigations for this property (including Remediation System Installation Reports, etc.) by **November 14, 2008**.

### **TECHNICAL REPORT REQUEST**

Please submit technical reports to ACEH (Attention: Paresh Khatri), according to the following schedule:

- **December 15, 2008** – Soil and Water Investigation Work Plan

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,

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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/electronic\\_submittal/report\\_rqmts.shtml](http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/ust/electronic_submittal/report_rqmts.shtml)).

#### **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) 777-2478 or send me an electronic mail message at [paresh.khatri@acgov.org](mailto:paresh.khatri@acgov.org).

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Sincerely,



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Hazardous Materials Specialist



Donna L. Drogos, PE  
Supervising Hazardous Materials Specialist

Enclosure: ACEH Electronic Report Upload (ftp) Instructions

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Donna Drogos, ACEH  
Paresh Khatri, ACEH  
File

<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)