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Paul Supple Atlantic Richfield Company (A BP Affiliated Company) P.O. Box 1257 San Ramon, CA 94583

Subject: Fuel Leak Case No. RO0000426 and Geotracker Global ID T0600100217, BP #11109, 4280 Foothill Boulevard, Oakland, CA 94601

Dear Mr. Supple:

Alameda County Environmental Health (ACEH) staff has reviewed the case file for the above-referenced site including the recently submitted document entitled, "First Quarter Semi-Annual Ground-Water Monitoring Report," dated April 22, 2008, which was prepared by Broadbent & Associated, Inc. (BAI) for the subject site. According to BAI, 0.49 feet of free product was detected in monitoring well MW-5 on January 14, 2008. Based on a review of the case file, free product has been detected persistently in MW-5 from approximately June 1992 to present. Although a groundwater extraction system was installed and operated at the site from approximately February 1994 through December 1995, it appears to have had limited success in remediating the site.

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

### **TECHNICAL COMMENTS**

- 1. Contaminant Source Area Characterization In September 1990, three underground storage tanks (USTs) were removed from the site. Total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH) as gasoline (g) and benzene were detected at concentrations of 910 milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg) and 6.0 mg/kg, respectively, in soil sample B3-14.5 collected at 14.5 feet below the ground surface (bgs) during the UST removals. Based on the analytical results available, it appears that the vertical and lateral extent of soil contamination is undefined. Please prepare a scope of work to address the above mentioned concerns and submit a work plan by the date specified below.
- 2. Monitoring Wells and Hydrogeologic Setting Eight groundwater monitoring wells currently exist at the site. However, based on a review of the case file, only monitoring well construction details for MW-1 through MW-4 could be found. Monitoring wells MW-1 and

MW-2 are installed to a depth of 31.5 feet below the ground surface (bgs) with screened intervals ranging from 20 to 30 feet bgs. MW-3 is installed to a depth of 33.5 feet bgs with a screened interval from 20 to 32 feet bgs and MW-4 is installed to a depth of 29.5 feet bgs with a screened interval from 20 to 27 feet bgs. Depth to groundwater at the site has been measured as shallow as 8 ft below top of casing. Since groundwater elevation at times is above the screened interval for site monitoring wells MW-1 through MW-4 and petroleum hydrocarbons have a specific gravity that is lower than water (therefore, float on water); concentrations of contaminants detected may not be representative of actual site conditions. Please note that monitoring well construction details for other site monitoring wells are unknown at this time. Therefore, monitoring wells MW-1 through MW-4 appear to be incorrectly constructed based on site conditions, which may affect the contaminant concentrations detected in groundwater. Please evaluate and discuss the effect that groundwater elevations rising above monitoring well screens have on hydrocarbon concentrations for each monitoring well at the site. Please address the above-mentioned concerns and include your analysis in the work plan due by the date requested below. Also, please submit monitoring well construction details for all wells at the site, including monitoring wells located at the Chevron site (i.e. C-10, C-2, and C-4) that are used to assess the downgradient extent of the groundwater contaminant plume that appears to be emanating from the subject site, and include the off-site wells in the hydrogeologic analysis.

- 3. <u>Site Conceptual Model</u> At this juncture, it may be advantageous to develop a site conceptual model (SCM), as previously requested in our April 6, 2005 e-mail correspondence, which synthesizes all the analytical data and evaluates all potential exposure pathways and potential receptors that may exist at the site, including identifying or developing site cleanup objectives and goals. At a minimum, the SCM should include:
  - Local and regional plan view maps that illustrate the location of sources (former facilities, piping, tanks, etc.) extent of contamination, direction and rate of groundwater flow, potential preferential pathways, and locations of receptors;
  - (2) Geologic cross section maps that illustrate subsurface features, man-made conduits, and lateral and vertical extent of contamination;
  - (3) Plots of chemical concentrations versus time;
  - (4) Plots of chemical concentrations versus distance from the source;
  - (5) Summary tables of chemical concentrations in different media (i.e. soil, groundwater, and soil vapor); and
  - (6) Well logs, boring logs, and well survey maps;
  - (7) Discussion of likely contaminant fate and transport.

If data gaps (i.e. potential contaminant volatilization to indoor air or contaminant migration along preferential pathways, etc.) are identified in the SCM, please include a proposed scope of work to address those data gaps in the work plan due by the date specified below. Please note that the work plan must address all technical comments presented in this correspondence in addition to all data gaps identified in the SCM.

4. Feasibility Study/Corrective Action Plan - Once the contaminant source areas are adequately characterized, a Feasibility Study/Corrective Action Plan (FS/CAP) prepared in accordance with Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 2725 appears appropriate since free product has been persistently detected in groundwater monitoring well MW-5. The FS/CAP must include a concise background of soil and groundwater investigations performed in connection with this case and an assessment of the residual impacts of the chemicals of concern (COCs) for the site and the surrounding area where the unauthorized release has migrated or may migrate. The FS/CAP should also include, but not limited to, a detailed description of site lithology, including soil permeability, and most importantly, contamination cleanup levels and cleanup goals, in accordance with the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board Basin Plan and appropriate ESL guidance for all COCs and for the appropriate groundwater designation. Please note that soil cleanup levels should ultimately (within a reasonable timeframe) achieve water quality objectives (cleanup goals) for groundwater in accordance with San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board Basin Plan. Please propose appropriate cleanup levels and cleanup goals in accordance with 23 CCR Section 2725, 2726, and 2727 in the FS/CAP.

The FS/CAP must evaluate at least three viable alternatives for remedying or mitigating the actual or potential adverse effects of the unauthorized release(s) in addition to the "no action" and "monitored natural attenuation" remedial alternatives. Each alternative shall be evaluated for cost-effectiveness and the Responsible Party must propose the most cost-effective corrective action.

#### TECHNICAL REPORT REQUEST

Please submit technical reports and work plans to Alameda County Environmental Health (Attention: Paresh Khatri), according to the following schedule:

- September 26, 2008 Site Conceptual Model & Soil and Water Investigation Work Plan
- October 30, 2008 Quarterly Monitoring Report (3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2008)
- April 30, 2009 Quarterly Monitoring Report (1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2009)

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

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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 (<a href="http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/ust/electronic submittal/report rights.shtml">http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/ust/electronic submittal/report rights.shtml</a>.

#### 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.

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If you have any questions, please call me at (510) 777-2478 or send me an electronic mail message at paresh.khatri@acgov.org.

Sincerely,

Paresh C. Khatri

Hazardous Materials Specialist

Donna L. Drogos, PE

Supervising Hazardous Materials Specialist

Enclosure: ACEH Electronic Report Upload (ftp) Instructions

cc: Tom Venus, Broadbent & Associates, 1324 Mangrove Avenue, Suite 212, Chico, CA 95926 Leroy Griffin, Oakland Fire Department, 250 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Ste. 3341, Oakland, CA 94612-2032

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# Alameda County Environmental Cleanup Oversight Programs (LOP and SLIC)

ISSUE DATE: July 5, 2005

REVISION DATE: December 16, 2005

PREVIOUS REVISIONS: October 31, 2005

SECTION: Miscellaneous Administrative Topics & Procedures .

SUBJECT: 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

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- 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.
- Send E-mail Notifications to the Environmental Cleanup Oversight Programs
  - Send email to <u>dehloptoxic@acqov.org</u> 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)
  - c) The subject line of the e-mail must start with the RO# followed by Report Upload. (e.g., Subject: RO1234 Report Upload)