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Subject: Review of Technical Report for Fuel Leak Case No. RO0000436 and Geotracker Global ID T0600101777, Unocal #4186, 1771 First Street, Livermore, CA 94550

Dear Mr. Borgh and Mr. and Ms. Vadakkekunnel:

Alameda County Environmental Health (ACEH) staff has reviewed the fuel leak case file for the above-referenced site including the recently submitted document entitled, "*Magnesium Sulfate Pilot Test Report*," dated September 15, 2010 (Report). The Report, which was prepared on your behalf by Delta Consultants, presents results from a pilot test of magnesium sulfate injection using existing monitoring well U-11.

We request that you address the following technical comment, perform the proposed work, and send us the reports described below.

TECHNICAL COMMENTS

1. **Laboratory Analyses.** In our conditional work plan approval letter dated May 4, 2010, we requested that you include analysis for TBA using EPA Method 8260B in addition to the proposed laboratory analyses of groundwater samples collected prior to and following the introduction of magnesium sulfate in well U-11. Our request was based on a review of historical groundwater monitoring data, which indicates that although some decreases in concentrations have been observed over time for TPHg, BTEX, and MTBE, TBA concentrations have remained elevated. The recalcitrance of TBA is a concern for this site. Unfortunately, TBA was not included as an analyte for the groundwater samples collected prior to and following the introduction of magnesium sulfate. Therefore, potential effects of the magnesium sulfate injection upon TBA concentrations during the pilot test are not known. This represents a data gap for the pilot test.

2. **Conclusions and Recommendations.** The Report concludes that the applied sulfate is being adequately utilized as opposed to dispersed based on decreases in sulfate concentrations in the injection well and the lack of significant sulfate concentrations in the observation wells. Although sulfate is likely being used as a terminal electron acceptor to some extent, it is not clear whether the observed decreases in sulfate concentrations are due primarily to utilization or dispersion. MTBE and TPHg concentrations have increased in the application well and most observation wells. The Report recommends continued monitoring of biodegradation parameters on a semi-annual basis. We generally have no objection to this recommendation. However, in order to address the issue of whether TBA is degrading under current conditions in the aquifer, we request that you supplement the proposed groundwater monitoring with more specific and precise analyses such as compound-specific isotope analysis (CSIA). CSIA can be used to definitively demonstrate whether TBA or other fuel hydrocarbons or oxygenates are undergoing biodegradation. Please submit a brief work plan to supplement groundwater monitoring to more definitively demonstrate biodegradation.

TECHNICAL REPORT REQUEST

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

- **December 10, 2010** – Work Plan to Supplement Groundwater Monitoring
- **February 10, 2011** – Semi-Annual Monitoring Report – Fourth Quarter 2010
- **August 10, 2011** – Semi-Annual Monitoring Report – Second Quarter 2011

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

Sincerely,

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

Attachment: Responsible Party(ies) Legal Requirements/Obligations

Enclosure: ACEH Electronic Report Upload (ftp) Instructions

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cc: Danielle Stefani, Livermore Pleasanton Fire Department, 3560 Nevada St, Pleasanton, CA 94566
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James Barnard, Delta Environmental, 11050 White Rock Road, Suite 110, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 (Sent via E-mail to: JBarnard@deltaenv.com)

Donna Drogos, ACEH (Sent via E-mail to: donna.drogos@acgov.org)
Jerry Wickham, ACEH (Sent via E-mail to: jerry.wickham@acgov.org)

GeoTracker, File

Attachment 1
Responsible Party(ies) Legal Requirements/Obligations

REPORT REQUESTS

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/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.

Alameda County Environmental Cleanup Oversight Programs (LOP and SLIC)	ISSUE DATE: July 5, 2005
	REVISION DATE: July 8, 2010
	PREVIOUS REVISIONS: December 16, 2005, October 31, 2005
SECTION: Miscellaneous Administrative Topics & Procedures	SUBJECT: Electronic Report Upload (ftp) Instructions

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
Or
 - ii) Send a fax on company letterhead to (510) 337-9335, to the attention of Teena Le Khan.
 - 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 Page on upper right side of browser, 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 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 @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.