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August 6, 2013

Alice Ng Lim and May Lee Lim C/o Russell Lim (Sent via E-mail to: rulim@comcast.net) 3111 Diablo Road Lafayette, CA 94549

Subject: Case File Review for Fuel Leak Case No. RO0000479 and GeoTracker Global ID T0600100535, Lim Family Property, 250 8th Street, Oakland, CA 94607

Dear Mr. Lim:

Alameda County Environmental Health (ACEH) staff has reviewed the fuel leak case file for the above-referenced site including the most recently submitted document entitled, "Semi-Annual Groundwater Monitoring Report, June 2013 Groundwater Sampling," dated July 29, 2013. The Report, which was prepared by Aqua Science Engineers, discusses groundwater sampling results from a sampling event conducted on June 18, 2013.

In correspondence dated March 25, 2013 (attached), ACEH requested that you submit a Remediation Systems Operations and Monitoring Report no later than July 30. 2013. ACEH also requested that the cost-effectiveness of continued operation of the remedial systems be evaluated. The Report does not meet the requirements established in our March 25, 2013 directive letter for the following reasons:

- No information is presented on remedial system operation. The most recent reporting on remedial system operation was presented in the "Ozone Sparging and Vapor Extraction Remediation Systems Semi-Annual Operation Report and Groundwater Monitoring Report," dated February 11, 2013 and discussed operations up to November 2012.
- An evaluation of the cost-effectiveness of continued remedial systems operation is not presented.
- The analytical results table presented in the Report does not include the June 2013 results. The table appears to be the same table presented in the previous February 11, 2013 report.

Based on the above reporting deficiencies of the "Semi-Annual Groundwater Monitoring Report, June 2013 Groundwater Sampling," dated July 29, 2013, this fuel leak case is out of compliance with directives from this agency. We request that you submit a revised and expanded report that addresses the technical comments below in order to return the case to compliance.

TECHNICAL COMMENTS

 Remedial System Operation. Remedial system operation, maintenance, and monitoring activities since November 2012 must be fully reported in the Remediation System Operations and Monitoring Report requested below. This reporting is to include both text that summarizes remediation systems operation and monitoring as well as tables presenting operation parameters, system monitoring results, influent vapor sampling measurements, laboratory analytical results, and estimated extraction rates. Alice Ng Lim and May Lee Lim RO0000479 August 6, 2013 Page 2

- 2. **Evaluation of Cost-Effectiveness of Continued Remedial System Operation.** Please include an evaluation of the cost-effectiveness of continued remedial systems operation in the Remediation System Operations and Monitoring Report requested below.
- 3. Presentation of Analytical Results. The June 2013 analytical results appear only as laboratory reports in an appendix to the Report. Table Two entitled, "Summary of Chemical Analysis of Groundwater Samples," only includes results up to December 13, 2012 and appears to be the same table presented in the previous February 11, 2013 report. The most recent groundwater sampling results must be included in a table presented in the Remediation System Operations and Monitoring Report requested below. We request that the most recent analytical results also be presented on a map of the site.
- 4. **Comparison to Low-Threat Closure Policy Criteria.** In the Remediation System Operations and Monitoring Report requested below, please include a comparison of site conditions to the State Water Resources Control Board Low-Threat Closure Policy criteria.

TECHNICAL REPORT REQUEST

Please upload technical reports to ACEH ftp site (Attention: Jerry Wickham), and to the State Water Resources Control Board's GeoTracker website, in accordance with the specified naming convention below, according to the following schedule:

• **September 23, 2013** – Remediation System Operations and Monitoring Report File to be named: REM_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.

If you have any questions, please call me at 510-567-6791 or send me an electronic mail message at jerry.wickham@acgov.org. Online case files are available for review at the following website: http://www.acgov.org/aceh/index.htm.

Sincerely,

Jerry Wickham, California PG 3766, CEG 1177, and CHG 297 Senior Hazardous Materials Specialist Alice Ng Lim and May Lee Lim RO0000479 August 6, 2013 Page 3

Attachments: ACEH Correspondence dated March 25, 2013

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Between June 2012 and January 2013, operation of the remedial system has removed an estimated 10.15 gallons of gasoline in vapor phase. Influent vapor concentrations have decreased significantly since December 2011. The July 23, 2012 Report recommends continued operation of the remediation system for a minimum period of 12 months. Continued operation of the remediation system is acceptable at this time. We request that you submit a Remediation System Operations and Monitoring Report no later than July 30, 2013. At that time, the cost effectiveness of continued operation of the remedial system is to be evaluated and the site will be reviewed under the State Water Resources Control Board Low-Threat Closure Policy.

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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. (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/electronic_submittal/)

PERJURY STATEMENT

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PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION & CONCLUSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

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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 SCP)

REVISION DATE: July 25, 2012

ISSUE DATE: July 5, 2005

PREVIOUS REVISIONS: October 31, 2005; December 16, 2005; March 27, 2009; July 8, 2010

SECTION: Miscellaneous Administrative Topics & Procedures

SUBJECT: 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.
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- Signature pages and perjury statements must be included and have either original or electronic signature.
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 document will be secured in compliance with the County's current security standards and a password.
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- Each page in the PDF document should be rotated in the direction that will make it easiest to read on a computer monitor.
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