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# SUBSURFACE INVESIGATION WORK PLAN

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SITE HISTORY

#### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Conestoga-Rovers & Associates (CRA) prepared this work plan on behalf of Equilon Enterprises LLC dba Shell Oil Products US (Shell) to assess potential for soil vapor intrusion in the southwestern portion of the site as requested in Alameda County Environmental Health's (ACEH's) June 16, 2011 letter.

The site is an active Shell-branded Service Station located on the western corner of Fifth Street and Oak Street in Oakland, California (Figure 1). Currently, the site layout consists of a kiosk, four underground storage tanks, and two dispenser islands (Figure 2). The area surrounding the site is of mixed commercial and residential use.

A summary of previous work performed at the site and additional background information is contained in Appendix A.

#### 2.0 WORK TASKS

CRA proposes to install three nested soil vapor probes in the southwestern portion of the site to assess soil vapor concentrations at the locations shown on Figure 2. Specific tasks are described below.

#### 2.1 PERMITS

CRA will obtain the appropriate permit to install the soil vapor probes from Alameda County Public Works Agency (ACPWA).

### 2.2 HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN (HASP)

CRA will prepare a HASP to protect site workers. The plan will be kept on site during field activities and will be reviewed and signed by each site worker.

#### 2.3 UTILITY CLEARANCE

CRA will mark the proposed probe locations, and the locations will be cleared by Underground Service Alert and a private utility locator service prior to drilling.

#### 2.4 SOIL VAPOR PROBE INSTALLATION

CRA proposes to install three nested soil vapor probes (SVP-8 through SVP-10) into the subsurface at the locations shown on Figure 2. The probes are proposed in the southwestern portion of the subject site.

Assuming the absence of subsurface obstructions, CRA will drill the soil borings to 5 feet below grade (fbg) using an air-knife. The nested soil vapor probes will be installed with two screen intervals (3 fbg and 5 fbg) at each location to assess the vertical attenuation of soil vapors.

A CRA geologist will supervise the drilling and describe the encountered soils using the Unified Soil Classification System and Munsell Soil Color Charts. CRA will prepare a boring log for each soil vapor probe boring.

After the borings are advanced, fixed vapor-sampling points will be installed in each boring using 1/4-inch diameter Teflon® tubing. Each point will use a 1-inch screen interval attached to the Teflon® tubing. To ensure the tubing does not curl or kink during installation, CRA will first straighten out each length of tubing prior to installation, and then use a small-diameter PVC guide pipe to hold the tubing in place within the boring while packing the annulus with sand. A clean, fine-grained silica sand filter pack will be installed approximately 6 inches below and above the deepest sampling point (5 fbg), and the guide pipe will be lifted as the sand pack is installed to ensure the pack stabilizes the tubing within each boring. The annulus will then be sealed to 6 inches below the 3 fbg sample point, using hydrated granular bentonite, set atop a 1-foot base of dry granular bentonite. A clean, fine-grained silica sand filter pack will be installed approximately 6 inches below and above the 3 fbg sample point, and the guide pipe will be lifted as the sand pack is installed in the same process as described for the deepest sample point. The annulus will then be sealed to the surface using hydrated granular bentonite, set atop a 1-foot base of dry granular bentonite. Each soil vapor probe will be completed at the surface using a traffic-rated well box at grade.

CRA will perform this work under the supervision of a professional geologist or engineer.

## 2.5 <u>SOIL VAPOR PROBE SAMP</u>LING

At least 2 weeks following probe installation, CRA will collect soil vapor samples from each sampling point. Sampling is affected by rain. CRA's standard procedure is to allow 2 days or more after a heavy rain event prior to collecting soil vapor samples.

CRA will sample the new soil vapor probes (SVP-8 through SVP-10) using a vacuum pump and Tedlar® bags. Soil vapor samples will be collected from both screened intervals in soil vapor probes SVP-8 through SVP-10. Prior to sampling, CRA will purge at least three tubing volumes of air from the probes using a vacuum pump. Then CRA will attach a sealed "lung sampler" containing a 1-liter Tedlar® bag to the probe and attach the vacuum pump to the box. The vacuum pump will lower the pressure in the "lung sampler" and draw air from the probe into the Tedlar® bag. To avoid breakage, CRA will fill the bags no more than two-thirds full. Each sample will be labeled, entered onto a chain-of-custody, and placed into a protective box at room temperature for transport to a State of California-certified laboratory for analysis within 72 hours.

#### 2.6 LEAK TESTING

To check the system for leaks, CRA will cover the soil gas probe surface casing and sampling equipment with a containment unit (or shroud). Prior to soil gas probe purging, CRA will introduce helium into the containment unit to obtain a minimum 50 percent helium content level. CRA will confirm the helium content within the containment unit using a helium meter and will record the helium meter readings our field notes. Helium will continue to be introduced to the containment unit during soil gas probe purging and sampling.

All samples will be analyzed in a laboratory for helium. In the event that a soil vapor sample contains a helium content of greater than 10 percent of the source concentration (i.e., 10 percent of the helium content measured within the containment unit), the soil gas sample will be considered invalid.

### 2.7 CHEMICAL ANALYSES

The vapor samples will be analyzed for total petroleum hydrocarbons as gasoline by EPA Method TO-03, for benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, total xylenes, and naphthalene by EPA Method 8260B, and for oxygen and argon, carbon dioxide, methane, and helium by ASTM D Method 1946 (M).

## 2.8 REPORT PREPARATION

Following receipt of analytical results from the laboratory, CRA will prepare a written report, which will include field procedures, tabulated analytical data, boring logs, and analytical laboratory reports.

## 3.0 SCHEDULE

CRA will implement the soil vapor probe installations upon receiving ACEH's written approval of this work plan and the drilling permit from ACPWA.

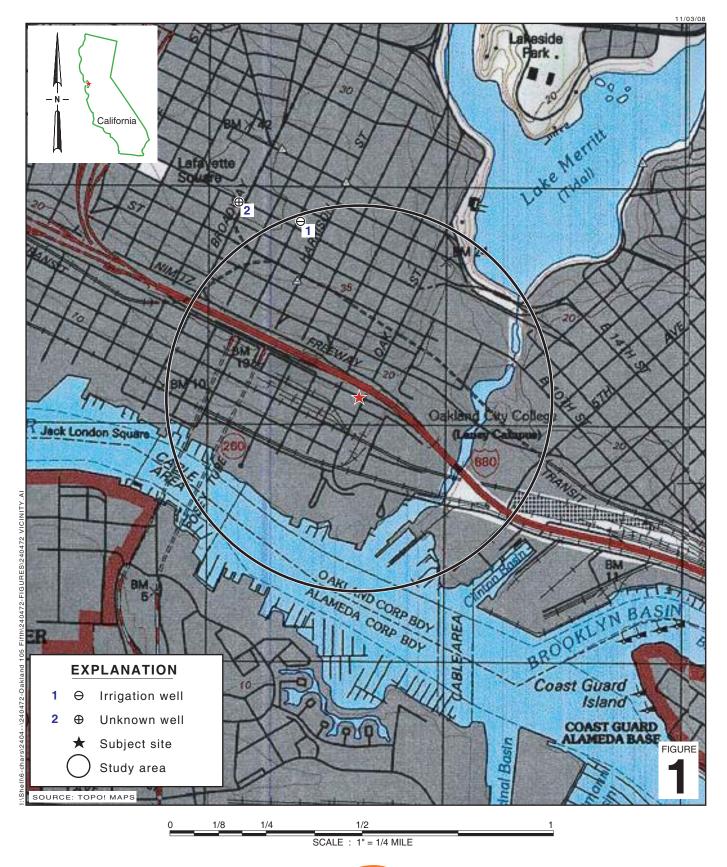
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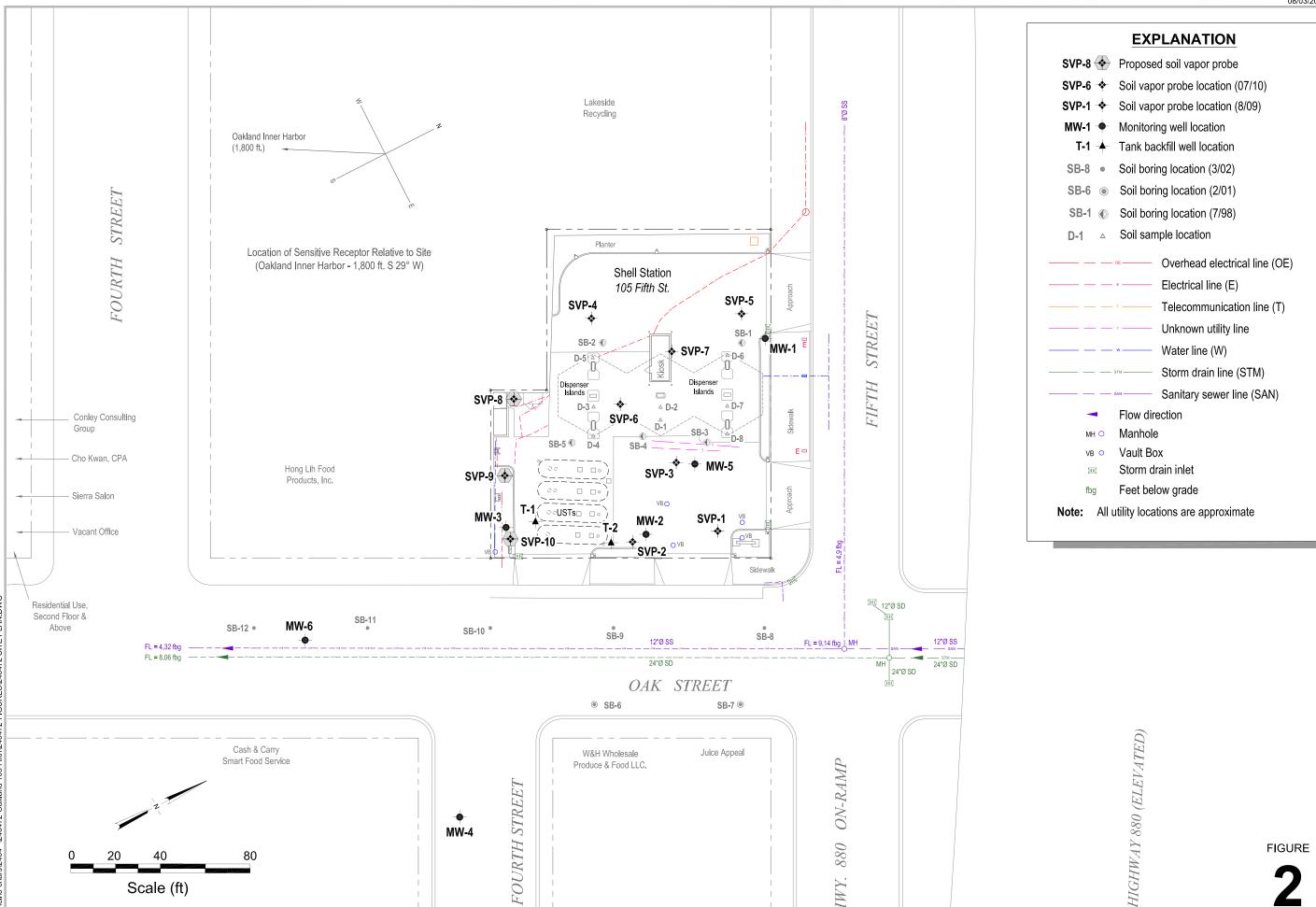
**Shell-branded Service Station** 

105 Fifth Street Oakland, California



**Vicinity Map** 

Shell-branded Service Station
105 Fifth Street
Oakland, California



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APPENDIX A

SITE HISTORY

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1996 Dispenser Soil Sampling: During November and December 1996, Armer/Norman & Associates (Armer/Norman) of Walnut Creek, California removed five gasoline dispensers, two diesel dispensers, associated active piping, and inactive piping to a former diesel fuel dispenser. All dispensers and associated active piping were replaced with additional secondary containment. On November 27, 1996, Cambria Environmental Technology, Inc. (Cambria) collected eight soil samples. Total petroleum hydrocarbons as gasoline (TPHg) were detected in all eight soil samples at a maximum concentration of 3,500 milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg) in sample D-8 at 5 feet below grade (fbg). Total petroleum hydrocarbons as diesel (TPHd) were detected in three soil samples at up to 14,000 mg/kg in sample D-7 at 5 fbg. Benzene was detected in four soil samples at a maximum of 21 mg/kg in sample D-1 at 5 fbg. Methyl tertiary-butyl ether (MTBE) was detected in two soil samples at maximum concentrations of 26 mg/kg in sample D-1 at 5 fbg. Detailed results are presented in Cambria's August 7, 1997 Dispenser Soil Sampling and Stockpile Disposal Report. Based on the dispenser soil sampling results, Cambria submitted an Underground Storage Tank Unauthorized Release (Leak)/Site Contamination Report (Unauthorized Release Report) to Alameda County Environmental Health (ACEH) on December 5, 1996, on Shell Oil Products US's behalf.

1998 Upgrades: In February 1998, Paradiso Mechanical of San Leandro, California installed secondary containment around the underground storage tank (UST) turbine sumps. Since the dispensers had previously been upgraded with secondary containment, no additional dispenser upgrades were performed. Cambria inspected the UST excavation on February 26, 1998 and did not observe any field indications of hydrocarbon impact (such as staining or odors). No soil samples were collected. This information was presented in the site summary section of Cambria's May 26, 1998 Subsurface Investigation Workplan.

1998 Subsurface Investigation: On July 23, 1998, Cambria advanced two soil borings (SB-1 and SB-2) northwest of the existing dispensers and three borings (SB-3 through SB-5) southeast of the dispensers to depths of between 11 and 12 fbg. TPHg was detected in two soil samples at a maximum concentration of 2.8 mg/kg in sample SB-3-5.0 at 5 fbg. TPHd was detected in soil samples from all five borings at a maximum concentration of 15 mg/kg in SB-3-5.0 at 5 fbg. No benzene was detected in any of the soil samples collected from borings SB-1 through SB-5. MTBE was detected in two soil samples at a maximum concentration of 0.48 mg/kg in SB-5-5.0 at 5 fbg.

Groundwater was first encountered at depths between 6 and 9 fbg. TPHg was detected in grab groundwater samples collected from four of the soil borings at a maximum concentration of 90,000 micrograms per liter ( $\mu$ g/L) in sample SB-3. TPHd was detected in all of the grab groundwater samples at a maximum concentration of 27,000  $\mu$ g/L in SB-4. Benzene was detected in all of the grab groundwater samples at a maximum concentration of 1,300  $\mu$ g/L in SB-3. MTBE was detected in three of the grab groundwater samples at a maximum concentration of 4,100  $\mu$ g/L in SB-4. Complete investigation results are presented in Cambria's November 18, 1998 *Subsurface Investigation Report*.

1999 Monitoring Well Installations: In May 1999, Cambria installed groundwater monitoring wells MW-1, MW-2, and MW-3 to depths of between 24 and 25 fbg. Soil samples from the well borings contained MTBE at a maximum concentration of 20.4 mg/kg, TPHg up to 1,700 mg/kg, and benzene up to 0.0369 mg/kg. Site investigation results are presented in Cambria's October 7, 1999 Monitoring Well Installation Report.

2000-2001 Periodic Dual-phase Vacuum Extraction (DVE): Periodic DVE was performed at the site from April to October 2000 and once in March 2001. Mobile DVE is the process of applying a high vacuum through an airtight well seal to simultaneously extract soil vapors from the vadose zone and enhance groundwater extraction (GWE) from the saturated zone. Between April 2000 and March 2001, the DVE process removed an estimated 14.59 pounds of TPHg, 0.048 pounds of benzene, and 14.50 pounds of MTBE from monitoring wells MW-2 and MW-3. DVE events were discontinued due to limited chemical recovery.

2001 Off-Site Investigation: In February 2001, Cambria advanced three soil borings (SB-6, SB-7, and MW-4) to 25 fbg and converted MW-4 to a monitoring well. Soil and grab groundwater samples were analyzed for TPHg, benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and total xylenes (BTEX), and MTBE, and grab groundwater samples were additionally analyzed for TPHd. No analytes were detected in soil samples collected from borings SB-6, SB-7 or MW-4. No TPHg, BTEX, or MTBE was detected in grab groundwater samples collected from SB-6, SB-7, or MW-4. 1,400 μg/L TPHd was detected in grab groundwater collected from SB-7 at approximately 10 fbg. Cambria's June 7, 2001 Offsite Subsurface Investigation report presents the results of this investigation.

2001 DVE Test: In March 2001, Cambria performed individual short-term DVE testing on MW-2 and MW-3. Groundwater was also extracted from tank backfill well T-1, using a vacuum truck, on March 21, 2001. DVE was performed for approximately 3 hours on each well, at two different extraction rates. The total estimated

groundwater-phase mass removed from MW-2, MW-3, and T-1 was 0.132 pounds TPHg, 0.001 pounds benzene, and 4.84 pounds MTBE. The total estimated vapor-phase mass removed from MW-2 and MW-3 was 3.24 pounds TPHg, 0.006 pounds benzene, and 0.476 pounds MTBE. Vacuum influence and groundwater influence were monitored, but not detected, in surrounding wells during DVE testing. The groundwater yield during DVE testing was approximately 769 gallons, which equates to an average flow rate of 2.14 gallons per minute. Based on the DVE test results, Cambria concluded that vapor-phase petroleum hydrocarbon recovery would be possible, but not cost-effective. Cambria also concluded that liquid-phase petroleum hydrocarbon recovery was feasible, and recommended semi-monthly GWE from T-1 using a vacuum truck. Cambria's July 17, 2001 *Dual-phase Vacuum Extraction Test Report* documents the test procedures and results.

2001 Area Well Survey: Cambria identified two potential receptor wells through California Department of Water Resources (DWR) records. One well is of unknown use and is located approximately 2,400 feet north (up-gradient) of the site. Although no proposed use was indicated on the well driller's log, the well is labeled "MW-6" by the driller, and it is located next to an automobile dealership. It appears likely that this well is used for groundwater monitoring. The other well is used for irrigation and is located approximately 3,000 feet northwest (up-gradient) of the site. Given the observed groundwater flow direction and the distance to potential receptor wells, they are highly unlikely to be impacted by the relatively minor petroleum hydrocarbon constituents remaining in soil and groundwater at the site. Cambria's June 7, 2001 report entitled Offsite Subsurface Investigation presents the results of the well survey, including the DWR reports.

2001 Conduit Study: Cambria performed a site reconnaissance and reviewed City of Oakland engineering maps to identify utility conduits down-gradient of the site. A 12-inch diameter sanitary sewer main is located beneath Oak Street at approximately 6 fbg and slopes to the southwest. An 8-inch diameter sanitary sewer main is located beneath Fifth Street, is sloped to the southeast, and joins the 12-inch sanitary sewer main at the intersection of Oak Street and Fifth Street. A 24-inch diameter storm drain conduit is also located beneath Oak Street, at approximately 6 fbg, and is sloped to the southwest. Since static groundwater levels at the site are shallow, permeable backfill material in sewer and storm drain trenches may be acting as preferential pathways for groundwater flow. Cambria's June 7, 2001 report entitled Offsite Subsurface Investigation presents the results of the conduit study.

2001 - 2006 Periodic GWE: Beginning in November 2001, Phillips Services Corporation of Benicia, California conducted semi-monthly mobile GWE events from tank backfill

well T-1. Mobile GWE vacuum operations consist of lowering dedicated stingers into selected monitoring wells and extracting fluids using a vacuum truck. The volume of extracted fluid is recorded and used to calculate the quantity of aqueous-phase hydrocarbon removed from the subsurface. These events were temporarily discontinued in April 2002 in anticipation of installing a fixed GWE system, and then resumed in May 2002 using vacuum trucks provided by Onyx Industrial Services of Benicia, California. Well MW-3 was added to the extraction program in June 2003, and well MW-2 was added in July 2003. Cambria obtained an encroachment permit from the City of Oakland and began including off-site well MW-6 in the extraction program Extraction from well MW-6 was discontinued after the on August 21, 2003. October 2, 2003 event due to low groundwater production. Due to minimal remaining MTBE concentrations, well T-1 was removed from the extraction program after the September 18, 2003 event, and well MW-2 was removed after the November 20, 2003 event. Based on the low MTBE concentration in MW-3 during the second quarter 2005 (180 µg/L on April 15, 2005), Cambria reduced periodic GWE frequency from semi-monthly to monthly in July 2005. T-1 was added to the program again as of October 17, 2005. Periodic GWE was discontinued in June 2006, with concurrence from the ACEH. As of June 6, 2006, a total of 197,294 gallons of water was extracted by periodic GWE, resulting in the removal of an estimated 8.57 pounds of TPHg, 0.23 pounds of benzene, and 66.23 pounds of MTBE.

2002 Subsurface Investigation: In March 2002, Cambria advanced off-site Geoprobe® borings SB-8 through SB-12 to depths ranging from 14 to 22 fbg. On March 8, 2002, Cambria installed on-site groundwater monitoring well MW-5 to a total depth of 24 fbg. No analytes were detected in soil samples from off-site borings SB-8, SB-10, SB-11, and SB-12. TPHg and MTBE were detected in soil samples at concentrations of up to 300 and 5.4 mg/kg, respectively. Grab groundwater samples were collected from all off-site soil borings. TPHg was detected in two samples at a maximum concentration of 170 μg/L in SB-8. Benzene was not detected in any of the grab groundwater samples. MTBE was detected in four samples at a maximum concentration of 7,900 μg/L in the sample from SB-10. Cambria's May 6, 2002 Subsurface Investigation Report/Second Quarter 2002 Monitoring Report/Groundwater Extraction Evaluation Report presents the results of this investigation and the mass transport estimate discussion.

2002 Well Installation: In August 2002, Cambria installed groundwater monitoring well MW-6 to a depth of 24 fbg. Soil samples collected from MW-6 did not contain any TPHg, BTEX, or MTBE. Site investigation results are presented in Miller Brooks Environmental, Inc.'s September 16, 2002 Well Installation Report.

2005 Sensitive Receptor Survey Update: Delta Environmental Consultants, Inc. (Delta) conducted a sensitive receptor survey in 2005. They did not identify any additional potential receptor wells within a one-half mile radius of the site. Delta's study area was larger, however, and they identified a drinking water well and an industrial well approximately 4,488 and 5,546 feet north of the site, respectively. Based on the distance and location relative to the site, these wells are extremely unlikely to be impacted by petroleum hydrocarbon constituents in soil and groundwater originating at the site.

1999 - 2008 Groundwater Monitoring: Quarterly groundwater monitoring was conducted at the site between July 1999 and October 2008. Maximum historical groundwater concentrations were 13,800  $\mu$ g/L TPHg (well MW-2, July 23, 1999), 3,700  $\mu$ g/L TPHd (T-1, July 10, 2002), 1,790  $\mu$ g/L benzene (MW-2, July 23, 1999), 324,000  $\mu$ g/L MTBE (MW-3, July 23, 1999), and 24,000  $\mu$ g/L tertiary-butyl alcohol (TBA) (MW-3, April 30, 2003). In the fourth quarter 2008 groundwater monitoring event (October 2, 2008), maximum groundwater concentrations were 1,200  $\mu$ g/L TPHg in MW-6, 380  $\mu$ g/L TPHd in T-1, 36  $\mu$ g/L benzene in T-1, 740  $\mu$ g/L MTBE in MW-6, and 200  $\mu$ g/L TBA in MW-2.

2009 Soil Vapor Investigation: In August 2009, Conestoga-Rovers & Associates (CRA) installed five soil vapor probes (SVP-1 through SVP-5). Benzene and ethylbenzene concentrations in soil vapor samples from probes SVP-1 and SVP-3 exceeded San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board¹ (RWQCB) environmental screening levels (ESLs) for commercial land use. All soil vapor sample detections for toluene and xylenes are below the commercial land use ESLs, and no soil vapor detections from soil vapor probes SVP-2, SVP-4, and SVP-5 exceed ESLs. Results of this investigation are presented in CRA's September 29, 2009 Soil Vapor Probe Installation and Sampling Report. In October 2009, CRA re-sampled soil vapor probes SVP-1 and SVP-3 and confirmed the initial results. Re-sampling results are presented in CRA's February 11, 2010 Soil Vapor Sampling Report.

2010 Soil Vapor Investigation: In July 2010, CRA installed one soil vapor probe (SVP-6) and in August 2010 CRA sampled soil vapor from 3 and 5 fbg in SVP-6 and at 5 fbg in SVP-1 and SVP-3. The soil vapor samples contained up to 49,000,000 micrograms per cubic meter ( $\mu g/m^3$ ) TPHg (SVP-1), 13,000  $\mu g/m^3$  benzene (SVP-3), and 44,000  $\mu g/m^3$  ethylbenzene (SVP-3). TPHg concentrations exceeded ESLs in SVP-1, SVP-3, and SVP-6; and benzene and ethylbenzene concentrations exceeded ESLs in SVP-3 and SVP-6. The laboratory reporting limits were above ESLs for benzene, ethylbenzene, and naphthalene in SVP-1 due to the presence of other hydrocarbons in the soil vapor

Screening for Environmental Concerns at Sites With Contaminated Soil and Groundwater, California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Interim Final – November 2007 [Revised May 2008]

samples. CRA's September 24, 2010 Soil Vapor Probe Installation and Sampling Report details this investigation.

2011 Soil Vapor Investigation: In January 2011, CRA installed one near sub-slab soil vapor probe (SVP-7). Soil vapor samples collected from 1 fbg in SVP-7, 3 and 5 fbg in SVP-6, and 5 fbg in SVP-1 and SVP-3 contained up to 32,000,000  $\mu$ g/m³ TPHg (SVP-1), 7,600  $\mu$ g/m³ benzene (SVP-3), 340  $\mu$ g/m³ toluene (SVP-7), 31,000  $\mu$ g/m³ ethylbenzene (SVP-3), and 600  $\mu$ g/m³ xylenes (SVP-7). All soil vapor concentrations in SVP-7 were below ESLs. TPHg concentrations exceeded ESLs in SVP-1, SVP-3, and SVP-6, and benzene and ethylbenzene concentrations exceeded ESLs in SVP-3 and SVP-6. The laboratory reporting limits were above ESLs for benzene, ethylbenzene, and naphthalene in SVP-1 due to the presence of other hydrocarbons in the soil vapor sample. Investigation results are provided in CRA's April 4, 2011 *Soil Vapor Probe Installation and Sampling Report*.