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February 28, 2008

Mr. Denis Brown Shell Oil Products US 20945 S. Wilmington Ave. Carson, CA 90810-1039

Mr. Richard Burge Burge-Pacific Enterprises, Inc. 490 Grand Avenue, Suite 200 Oakland, CA 94610

Subject: Fuel Leak Case No. RO0000505 and Geotracker Global ID T0600102237, 7-Eleven #20009, 2350 Harrison Street, Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Brown and Mr. Burge:

Alameda County Environmental Health (ACEH) staff has reviewed the fuel leak case file for the above referenced site including the recently submitted document entitled, "Site Investigation Work Plan," dated February 7, 2008 and prepared by Conestoga-Rovers & Associates on behalf of Shell Oil Products. The work plan proposes a scope of work that includes soil and groundwater sampling at six locations. The proposed scope of work may be implemented provided that the modifications requested in the technical comments below are addressed and incorporated during field implementation. Submittal of a revised Work Plan is not required unless an alternate scope of work outside that described in the Work Plan and technical comments below is proposed.

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

#### TECHNICAL COMMENTS

- 1. Soil Sampling. We concur the proposal in the Work Plan to collect continuous soil sampling for lithologic screening and screening from 5 feet bgs to the bottom of the boring. Field screening is to be conducted by a qualified field geologist using visual observations, odor, and measurements using a field photoionization detector (PID) fitted with an appropriate lamp and calibrated for the chemicals of concern. Soil samples are to be extracted from the continuous cores at frequent intervals and placed in sealed jars or plastic bags for measurement and recording of VOC concentrations in the headspace using the PID. Soil samples are to be collected for laboratory analysis from any zones where visible staining, odor, or elevated PID readings are observed. If no visible staining, odor, or elevated PID readings are observed, the collection of soil samples at the proposed fixed intervals of 5 feet bgs from each boring is acceptable.
- 2. Laboratory Analyses. We request that ethylene dibromide and 1,2-dichloroethane be included as analytes using EPA Method 8260b for all soil and groundwater samples. We also request that the soil samples collected from proposed boring S-2, which is adjacent to



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the former waste oil tank, be analyzed for chlorinated solvents using EPA Method 8260B, metals (Cd, Cr, Pb, Ni, Zn) using EPA Method 6010, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) using EPA Method 8082, and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) using EPA Method 8270 with selective ion monitoring in addition to the proposed analyses. For proposed monitoring wells S-1 and S-2, we request that the initial groundwater samples from the wells be analyzed for chlorinated solvents using EPA Method 8260B in addition to the proposed analyses.

### **TECHNICAL REPORT REQUEST**

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

July 11, 2008 – Site Investigation Report

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**

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. Instructions for submission of electronic documents to the Alameda County Environmental Cleanup Oversight Program ftp site are provided on the attached "Electronic Report Upload (ftp) Instructions." Please do not submit reports as attachments to electronic mail.

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. Submission of reports to the Geotracker website does not fulfill the requirement to submit documents to the Alameda County ftp site. In September 2004, the SWRCB adopted regulations that require electronic submittal of information for 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 monitor wells, and other data to the Geotracker database over the Internet. Beginning July 1, 2005, electronic submittal of a complete copy of all necessary reports was required in Geotracker (in PDF format). Please visit the SWRCB website for more information on these requirements (http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/ust/cleanup/electronic reporting).

#### 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:

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"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) 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

Enclosure: ACEH Electronic Report Upload (ftp) Instructions

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