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I talked about this project  
a few days ago.  
I did not have this w-plan  
inside the folder.  
I have already  
approved this.  
Ravi*

*SHD #401*

Subject: Request for Approval of Workplan for Excavation of Contaminated  
Soil at Ballena Isle Marina, Alameda. 94501,  
1100 Ballena Blvd

Dear Mr. Arulanantham:

ENSR Consulting and Engineering is requesting approval from the Division of Environmental Health to proceed with the excavation of contaminated soil at the Ballena Isle Marina. ENSR has been retained by Ballena Isle Marina to assist with the general cleanup requirements as specified by the Alameda County Health Care Services Agency, Department of Environmental Health. Ballena Isle Marina is located at 1150 Ballena Boulevard in Alameda, California (Figure 1). The site contact is Mr. Jerry Green, dockmaster at Ballena Isle Marina.

A 250-gallon underground tank was excavated and removed from this site in 1991 by the owner (Figure 2). The tank was used to temporarily store waste oil from the engines of the boats that are docked at the marina. Analysis of soil samples collected during the tank removal revealed the presence of diesel, gasoline, xylene, ethylbenzene, toluene, and oil & grease, as well as chromium, lead, nickel, and zinc in the soil. Attached is our scope of work which describes our basic approach to investigate the extent of contaminated soil. Presently, the site of investigation consists of an open pit in a secured area. The pit is approximately 6 feet deep, and 6 to 7 feet in diameter. There is no groundwater in the bottom of the pit.

The two soil samples that will be collected will be analyzed for the following:

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|----------------------------|----------------------|
| TPH (gasoline)             | EPA Method 8015      |
| TPH (diesel)               | EPA Method 8015      |
| Total Oil & Grease         | EPA Method SMWW 5520 |
| Volatile Organic Compounds | EPA Method 8240      |
| Metals:                    |                      |
| Cadmium                    |                      |
| Chromium                   |                      |
| Lead                       |                      |
| Nickel                     |                      |
| Zinc                       |                      |



Excavation of soil will be accomplished with a backhoe. Soil samples will be collected from the bucket of the backhoe. The samples will be collected with thin-walled brass tubes. The tube ends will be capped with aluminum foil followed by plastic end caps. The end caps will be sealed with tape to ensure air-tightness. Soil samples for metals analysis will be collected with stainless steel hand trowels and placed into glass jars with screw-on lids.

Also attached is a site safety plan. The excavated soil will be stockpiled at the site. The stockpile will be placed on visquine sheets and covered by visquine while awaiting the laboratory results.

ENSR would like to proceed as soon as possible in as much as Ballena Isle Marina would like to install a new aboveground waste oil tank in the same location (as the pit area) as soon as possible.

We will call you within the week to seek approval of this workplan. If you have any questions or comments, please give me a call at (510) 865-1888.

Very truly yours,  
ENSR Consulting and Engineering

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Brian Ho'.

Brian Ho  
Project Geologist

Attachments



## **Ballena Isle Marina Scope of Work**

- ENSR will provide a geologist to supervise the excavation of contaminated soils. The project will be supervised by a California-certified engineering geologist.
- The excavated soil will be monitored for volatile organic compounds (VOCs) using an HNu Photoionization Detector. When visually contaminated soil is no longer encountered, and the HNu readings of the residual soil approaches background levels, excavation will cease and 2 soil samples will be collected - one from the bottom of the excavation, and one from the side wall. The samples will be analyzed by a certified laboratory to verify that the contaminated soil has been removed both vertically and laterally.
- The soil samples will be placed in a cooled ice chest, and transported to a California-certified laboratory for analysis under chain-of-custody protocol. The samples will be analyzed as required by the Tri Regional Board Staff Recommendations (Regional Water Quality Control Board).
- If groundwater is encountered before the clean limits are met, excavation will cease. The need to evaluate the groundwater quality will be discussed with the Alameda County Department of Environmental Health after the results of the soil samples are obtained.



Site Location

REFERENCE: USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES  
 OAKLAND WEST QUADRANGLE  
 CONTOUR INTERVAL: 20 FEET  
 DOTTED LINES REPRESENT 5-FOOT CONTOURS  
 PHOTOREVISED 1980



0 2000 Feet  
 Scale

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SITE LOCATION MAP  
 BALLENA ISLE MARINA  
 1150 BALLENA BOULEVARD, ALAMEDA, CALIFORNIA

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FIGURE NO.: 1

Marina (docks)

Shoreline

Concrete Utility  
Vaults

Embankment

Asphalt-Paved Walkway

Storage  
Area

Open Pit  
(Tank Excavation Pit)

Maintainance  
Building

Asphalt-Paved  
Parking Lot

Explanation

● Soil Sample Location

BALLENA BOULEVARD

Shoreline

Embankment

SAN FRANCISCO BAY

Not to Scale



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SITE PLAN  
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FIGURE NO.: 2