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FUGRO WEST, INC.

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> Proposed Soil Vapor Extraction Alameda Housing Authority Site 1916 Webster Street Alameda, California

Dear Ms. Chu,

This letter describes details of the proposed soil vapor extraction (SVE) system at the Alameda Housing Authority site located at 1916 Webster Street in Alameda, California (Subject Property). The use of SVE as a remedial option to address the presence of petroleum hydrocarbons in soil at the Subject Property was proposed in the Revised Corrective Action Plan (RCAP), dated November 9, 1994, prepared by Fugro West, Inc. (Fugro).

In the RCAP, Fugro proposed to install and utilize two SVE wells at the Subject Property, one south of the former underground storage tank (UST) cavity, and one east of the former UST cavity (Figure 1). After further review of available site data, Fugro proposes to install both of the SVE system wells south of the former UST cavity. The wells will be located inside the existing site building. Well SVE-1 will be installed approximately 20 feet south of the former UST cavity, and is intended to function as the primary vapor extraction well. Well SVE-2 will be installed approximately 20 feet south of well SVE-1, and will be used to assess the effectiveness of vapor extraction from well SVE-1. Both wells will also act as additional upgradient groundwater monitoring wells.

The proposed location of well SVE-1 is expected to enable remediation of the limited area of known soil contamination south of the former UST cavity, including soil beneath the building. When a vacuum is applied to well SVE-1, it is likely that the area of vacuum influence will be significantly influenced by the peagravel backfill in the former UST cavity. Air drawn from the backfill area to well SVE-1 will pass through and entrain hydrocarbon vapors from the area of known contamination. In addition, pumping of groundwater from monitoring well MW-4 will lower the water table and expose additional impacted soil to vapor flow.

The actual area of influence will be calculated using data from an SVE pilot test to be performed following well installation. During the pilot test, a vacuum will be applied to well SVE-1. Flow rates and effluent gas concentrations will be measured using a flow meter and a portable photoionization detector (PID). Induced vacuum at SVE-2 and other wells will be measured using pressure gauges. Additional details regarding the SVE pilot test, and other details of soil and groundwater remediation at the Subject Property, are included in the RCAP.

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If you have any questions concerning the contents of this correspondence, or if you need additional information, please contact us at (415) 296-1041.

Sincerely,

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